



SENIOR REGIONAL SELECTION POLICY 2017

OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

The over-riding objective of the Selection Policy is to guide selection of Regional teams in a fair, equitable and transparent way. Selection for Teams is open to all British Dressage members.

Selection is subject to compliance with British Dressage, BEF and FEI Rules on doping and medication control for Human and Equine.

The Selection Policy applies to the selection of riders / teams for the following:

- Senior Home International
- Senior Inter-Regional Competition

ELIGIBILITY / AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

The RDO is responsible for ensuring that all riders and horses available for selection have current full British Dressage membership.

Only riders fulfilling the criteria stated in the Selection Policy and the competition schedule will be considered for selection.

Riders applying for consideration for selection MUST ensure their availability for the dates of the respective competition they are applying for. Received applications will be deemed to be automatic acceptance of the published competition dates.

Riders will be required to apply for each competition individually. Senior Inter Regional Applications will be invited at the beginning of the year and Senior Home International competition applications will be invited early summer.

Riders may only represent their region in one category each calendar year, ie: BYRDS or Seniors. Para riders may go forwards for the Para Home International and one other competition; either BYRDS or Senior Inter-Regionals, or Sheepgate Under 25's team competition.

SENIOR ELIGIBILITY

BD is keen that everyone involved in dressage has the opportunity to get support and guidance, and to benefit from good quality training from BD accredited Coaches and BD listed Judges to help improve their performance and help them get the most enjoyment from their sport. We hope that engaging with regional training will help build team spirit, new friendships and help you reach your next dressage goal.

- Riders are required to attend **three** BD regional training events in the 12 month period preceding the final selection date. Attendance at Regional training in other regions may be included and riders should inform their RDO if they have attended training in another region.
- Residential camps will be counted as **two** BD regional training events.
- **One** non-ridden educational session will count towards eligibility (e.g. DVD evenings, veterinary talks etc). This list is not exhaustive. Events not mentioned may count as agreed with your RDO so please check.
- **One** unmounted session may be to ride as a guinea pig at an official BD event
- Riders will be required to complete a Competition and Regional Training Record for **each** competition. This should be sent by email to the relevant RDO or Senior Training Representative by the required deadline.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selectors reserve the right not to send a team or individual to any competition.

At levels from Preliminary to Advanced Medium Riders will be asked to submit their highest **four** scores at affiliated dressage competitions in the 12 months preceding selection. **AT LEAST TWO OF WHICH** are to be within 6 months of the deadline for submission of scores **and at least two scores must be from qualifier tests**. At PSG riders should submit their highest **three** scores from affiliated dressage competitions in the preceding 12 months, two of which should have been within the last six months preceding the submission deadline.

Only scores achieved at the relevant level can be considered (i.e. the level at which the rider is hoping to compete). Freestyle scores cannot be considered at any level.

A rider may present more than one horse at more than one level for selection although only one rider and one horse will be selected (see additional information below).

Scores achieved at Inter-regional competitions or the Home International can be included provided that they were achieved in the 12 months preceding selection.

The scores submitted should be from a minimum of two (or more) different judges

The mean average score of each combination will be calculated and selection will be based on the highest average scores at each level.

Where scores are very close (less than 1 % between them) the selection panel will review the competition record, and any additional information, in order to make decisions based on consistency and **recent** form. Past form at major events and team events may be taken into consideration.

A list of selected combinations will be published on the regional pages of the BD website following selection.

Due to the limited number of spaces available at the Senior Inter-regional and Senior Home International riders may only be selected with one horse per competition. However, in exceptional circumstances (e.g. the region has too few riders who meet the required eligibility levels), this restriction may be waived with the approval of the Training Committee.

Selection Dates

Competition scores and regional training being used for selection should be achieved in the 12 months prior to the cut off date in the table below.

Date	Event	Cut off date for training and results	Teams announced	Entries Close
13/14 May	Senior IR	13 th April	24 th April	2 nd May
6/8 Oct	Senior HI	31 st August	11 th Sept	20 th Sept

Eligibility for Classes

For the Senior Inter-Regional and the Senior Home International there is additional information about which horses or riders are eligible to take part in each class. **Please also check rules 73, 74 and 75 in the BD Members Handbook 2017. Group 1 riders are not eligible for either of the senior team competitions.**

Senior Inter-Regional

- Preliminary – Bronze or Silver combinations
- Novice – Bronze or Silver combinations
- Elementary – Bronze or Silver combinations
- Medium – Bronze or Silver combinations

Each team will comprise of four riders and every team must have 1 rider at each level.

Senior Home International

- Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium and/or PSG **from** Bronze, Silver or Gold combinations
- Each team of 4 riders must comprise the following levels: Novice, Elementary, Medium and 1 rider at either Advanced Medium or PSG level. Advanced Medium and PSG will be judged as one class.

SELECTION PANEL

All Selectors will be appointed by the British Dressage Regional Committee. They will have the knowledge and experience required to effectively select teams and will be as free from all vested interests / conflicts of interest as is possible. A register of Declarations of Interest will be maintained by the CEO of British Dressage and is available for inspection.

If any member of the Selection Panel would like to be considered for selection then they must stand down from the Selection Panel for the relevant event and should not take part in any of the selection processes for this event.

If any one of the Selectors has privately trained any rider who is being considered for selection they must not take part in the selection decision involving that individual.

The **Senior Selection Panel** will comprise the following:-

- Regional Chair
- A Senior Judge within the region
- 1 x other individual considered to have suitable experience and no perceived conflict of interest

NB: Subject to budgetary constraints, Regional Committees are encouraged to consider using the third selection position for an individual from outside the region. Where this is not possible, it is vital the selector should have no connections to individuals being considered.

CHANGING REGION

Riders are eligible for regional teams in the region relevant to their home postal address or in another region which the rider has opted to represent. If a rider wishes to be considered for selection in a different region (which is not that of their postal address) they may only be selected for a team on the basis they have attended the required regional training days in that nominated region. The rider must inform both the relevant RDO's prior to submitting their team application form.

SUBSTITUTION

The Selectors may substitute a team member for a reserve between the announcement of the Team and up to one hour before the Veterinary Inspection (at the Home International) or the start of competition (at the Inter Regionals).

CONFIDENTIALITY

It is vitally important for the integrity of the Selection Policy and those involved in its application both as riders, owners, selectors or other officials, that there is at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information, which may have a bearing on selection.

TEAM SPIRIT

Team spirit is of utmost importance and each region expects riders and their supporters to have good attitude and participate in all the required activities. A high level of commitment to all the varied aspects for the preparation process is important.

Riders selected to represent their region in the Senior Home International or Senior Inter-regional will be expected to attend a team information meeting before the event.

FITNESS

Although good results in competitions are important, the onus is on the riders not to over campaign their horses / ponies.

It is important that riders plan ahead so they and their horse / pony are in the best form for the designated Inter Regional or Home International competition.

FINANCE

All Inter Regional / Home Internationals competitions will be entirely self-funded by riders in 2017. Regions may conduct fund-raising activities to assist riders with the funding of attendance at the competition. Details will be available via the RDO.

RULES

All Selected riders agree to abide by the rules of the competition at all times.

CHANGES IN POLICY

The Training Committee will have the right to amend or change selection policies where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objectives of the Selection Policy as long as these changes and amendments are clearly communicated to all parties.

CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT

In the event of cancellation the relevant parties will be notified straightaway. In the event of postponement a situation might arise where a new and/or different team needs to be selected in which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.

FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond the NGB's control, e.g. disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, the British Dressage Board reserves the right to make the decision either to change the selection policy or procedure which might include withdrawing the Teams from competition or cancelling the competition.

VETERINARY / MEDICAL

Selected riders must notify their RDO or Senior Training representative of any change in their own health or fitness status, or their horse / pony health status or veterinary / medical management immediately.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries about the Selection Policy can be made by contacting the RDO in the first instance.

APPEALS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Riders have the right to appeal against the decision of the selectors. Appeals must be made in writing within 48 hrs of the announcements. Appeals must be sent to the Chief Executive of British Dressage. If the Chief Executive is not able to satisfy the appellant's concerns the appeal may be forwarded to the BEF. The processes and procedures of the BEF Appeals process are set out in the BEF Rule Book.