

## **Young Horse Championships**

### **Shearwater Potential International Dressage Horse Championships**

If you have a four- or five-year-old who is more than 14.2hh, you have about 15 opportunities to qualify for the Shearwater Potential International Dressage Horse Championships, which are held at the National Dressage Championships at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, every September.

Owners and riders need to be BD members, but your horse does not have to be registered with BD to compete in the qualifiers. Registration is only mandatory for the final. You are not allowed to compete if your horse has won grading points at medium level at the time of the closing date for entries for the qualifiers.

There are no set tests for the qualifiers, as your horse will be judged on similar lines to showing hack classes, although horses will not be stripped or ridden by judges. The qualifiers will be held from May to July. There will be separate sections for four- and five-year-olds and the top two with a score of 6.5 or above will go forward to the final. Once your horse is qualified, he/she may not start in any more qualifiers.

**Please refer to the British Dressage website for qualifier dates:**

**[://www.britishdressage.co.uk/competitions/major\\_competitions](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/competitions/major_competitions)**

At the National Championships, the horses are pre-judged with the top 10 from each age group going through to the second round. At this stage, the judges may ride your horse.

**Please note that the information given here is a simplified guide and that you will need to refer to the current *British Dressage Rules* for full details.**

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Launched in 2003, the British Dressage (BD) Young Horse & Breeding Championships have been developed along the lines of the German Bundeschampionat as a showcase for British bred-horses and young horses and feature ridden classes for four, five and six year-olds.