



BYRDS NATIONAL AND SQUAD TRAINING VIEWING DAY FOR PONY RIDERS

Saturday 8 October 2011

at Vale View Eq Centre, Old Dalby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. LE14 3LX

A Viewing Day for Pony Riders will be held for BYRDS National and Squad Training on Saturday 8 October at Vale View. Riders will be assessed by the Trainers and Selectors to decide whether they fulfil the criteria to attend either BYRDS National or Squad Training. The fee for attendance at the Pony Viewing Day is £70.00.

Following the Viewing Day riders will be informed whether they have been successful in fulfilling the criteria for future training at either BYRDS National or Squad Training.

Riders will be asked to make clear on their application form if they only wish to apply for the Squad Training. If they elect to be considered for Squads only and are not accepted, they may not be re-considered for BYRDS National Training.

BYRDS National Training

Sunday 13 November 2011	The Unicorn Trust, Stow on the Wold
Saturday 3 December 2011	Vale View Equestrian Centre, Melton Mowbray
14 / 15 January 2012	TBC
11 / 12 February 2012	TBC
17 / 18 March 2012	TBC

You will be provided with an individual training session on each day. It is hoped a lecture / talk will also be arranged. Training Fees are £90.00 per day (stabling costs are not included).

Applicants must show their full commitment to being involved in Pony National Training and they must agree to attend a minimum of two of the five organised sessions. Applicants must confirm the days they are available for by sending a cheque post dated two weeks prior to each session they agree to attend. Payments may also be made by credit card. Refunds will only be given if a valid doctor's note/vet's certificate is produced to confirm why the rider/pony is unable to attend.

Selection for BYRDS will be based on progressive potential rather than necessarily current performance and riders may bring forward more than one pony.

Pony Squad Training Sessions

5/6 November 2011	The Unicorn Trust, Stow on the Wold
19/20 December 2011	The Unicorn Trust, Stow on the Wold
14/15 January 2012	The Unicorn Trust, Stow on the Wold
11/12 February 2012	The Unicorn Trust, Stow on the Wold
24/25 March 2012	The Unicorn Trust, Stow on the Wold

Training Fees for these sessions are £140.00 per weekend (stabling/catering costs are not included). We are fortunate to receive support towards Squad Training from World Class.

European Championship Team and Reserve combinations MUST commit themselves by writing to the Chief Pony Selector, Mrs Jenny Ward, stating their intention to continue to be part of the Squad. These combinations will not need to attend the Viewing Day once this has been confirmed.

All riders and ponies will be selected as combinations. There can be no change of pony (without prior approval) between the first Viewing Day and any further training. Riders must be riding the relevant sized pony and must be eligible for their age category for the season commencing 2012.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE VIEWING DAY:

Please apply in writing to **Mrs Jenny Ward**, Brampton Stables, Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8BH, including copies of two dressage score sheets from affiliated competitions at Elementary (62%) / Medium (64%) level (see criteria below). Upon acceptance you will be sent an application form from the British Dressage Office.

Last date for acceptance of Application Forms : Monday 19 September 2011

If you are unable to attend the Viewing Day and would still like to be considered, the Selectors have the right to consider videos and test sheets. Please send copies to the Chief Pony Selector, Mrs Jenny Ward (details as above).

Many past members of BYRDS National Training have progressed to Pony/Junior/Young Rider Squads and ultimately represented their country; it is a great opportunity to develop your knowledge and experience whilst enjoying an environment that allows you to learn from each other as well as the top quality trainers we have on board.

CRITERIA FOR PONY RIDERS

Riders / Ponies must meet the following criteria:

- ✿ Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year of their 12th birthday to the end of the calendar year of their 16th birthday and must be full members of British Dressage
- ✿ Ponies to be 6 years old and over and registered with British Dressage
- ✿ Riders should have a recommendation from their trainer

13 yrs and under

- ✿ Ponies to be competing at Elementary Level and showing considerable potential to Medium Level
- ✿ Riders must produce two score sheets of 62% or more at Elementary Level

14-16 yrs old

- ✿ Ponies to be competing at Medium Level
- ✿ Riders must produce two scores of 64% or more at Medium Level

***If you have any queries regarding the Viewing Day please contact
Karen Ryder at British Dressage on 02476 698840
or Ann Morton/Sharon Weir on 02476 698834***