



PARA REGIONAL SELECTION POLICY 2020

OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

The prime objective of the Para Selection Policy is to guide selection of Regional teams in a fair, equitable and transparent way. Selection for Para Teams is open to all British Dressage members aged 12 or over.

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:

- Para Home International

ELIGIBILITY / AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Only combinations fulfilling the criteria stated in the Selection Policy 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 deem to be automatic acceptance of the published competition dates.

It is the parents'/riders' responsibility to ensure that riders & ponies/horses are eligible for selection at their nominated level, according to the rules and schedule at the close of entry. Only rider & pony/horse combinations fulfilling the criteria stated in the Selection Policy will be considered for selection.

Riders may only represent their region in one category each calendar year, i.e. BD Youth or Seniors. Para riders may go forwards for the Para Home International and one other competition; either BD Youth or Senior Inter-Regionals.

PARA ELIGIBILITY

British Dressage 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. Engaging with regional training will help build team spirit, new friendships and help you reach your next dressage goal.

- Riders are required to attend **two** regional training events. At least **one** of the events must be ridden and can be accrued by attending a regional activity or a BEF Para Entry programme training day. 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** 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 ridden 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 record will be an online application and must be submitted by the required deadline.
- The Para Home International is open to Para riders aged 12 years and over.
- One rider on each team may have competed in a CPEDI 3* since January 2016. Riders who have competed at European or Olympic Championships are not eligible.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

Riders will be asked to submit their highest three scores at affiliated para dressage competitions (including BD Para Intro Classes and PARA PYO classes) in the 12 months preceding selection. Only scores achieved at the relevant grade can be considered.

Those riders who have only competed in RDA competitions may submit qualifying RDA Championship scores in their relevant Grade for the current year, plus scores from the previous RDA Championships, for consideration. Freestyle scores cannot be considered

Scores achieved at the Para Home International can be included provided that they were achieved in the 12 months preceding selection.

The 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 2% between them) the selection panel will review the competition record and any additional information and 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.

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 & results	Teams Verified	Teams announced	Entries Close
1-3 May 2020	PARA HI	1 April 2020	8 April 2020	10 April 2020	18 April 2020

ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSES

For the Para Home International there is additional information about which horses or riders are eligible to take part in each class. **Please also check rules 16 – 22 & rule 172 in the BD members Handbook 2020.**

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 trained any rider who is being considered for selection they must not take part in the selection decision involving that individual.

The **Para Selection Panel** will comprise the following:

- Para Representative
- Regional Chair
- One other individual considered to have suitable experience and no perceived conflict of interest

In the event of the Para Representative and / or the Regional Chair being a Para Coach in that region they must step down from selection and be replaced by a second non-involved individual. In the case of the Para Representative they may still participate in the selection process in an advisory but non-voting capacity.

Final team selection will be independently verified by a senior representative of British Dressage before the teams are announced and riders notified.

CHANGING REGION

Riders are eligible for regional teams in the region relevant to their home postal address or region the rider has opted to represent. If a rider wishes to be considered for selection in a region which is not that of their postal address, they must inform the Para Rider Representative and RDO prior to submitting their team application form. Once a rider has represented a region, they are not able to ride for another region without express permission being granted by Head Office

SUBSTITUTION

The Selectors may substitute a team member for a reserve between the announcement of the team up to one hour before the Veterinary Inspection. However the reason for a substitution must only be because either there is a strong rider health or veterinary case.

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 PARA Home International 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 Home International.

Please refer to the Welfare and Conduct section in the Members handbook

FINANCE

All competitions will be entirely self-funded by riders.

RULES

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

CHANGES IN POLICY

The Para 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 squad 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 Para 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 sent in writing to the Chief Executive of British Dressage within 48 hours of the team announcements. If the Chief Executive is not able to satisfy the appellant's concerns then the appeal may be escalated to the BEF for independent review. Full details on the processes and procedures of the BEF Appeals Process can be found on the BEF website.

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