

Rules for Qualifying and Championships

141. General

a) Eligibility for qualifiers

- i. Horses and riders must be eligible for all qualifiers at the close of entries
- ii. **Riders must be members of British Dressage in order to gain qualification, except for Combined Training (see rule 169) and Area Festivals (see rule 143).**
- iii. Horses may continue to take part in Qualifiers once they have qualified (except Potential International Dressage Horse Championship and Young Horse Championships) but owners/riders must notify the Organiser accordingly.
- iv. If a class is oversubscribed, preference will be given to those not already qualified.
- v. Any class designated as a Championship of any sort may not be used to provide part qualification towards a Summer/Winter Regional Championship.
- vi. Once a rider has been placed in the top 10 with 65% or above in a Prelim or Restricted Novice or Elementary class or placed in the top 5 with 66% or above in a Restricted Medium **or Advanced Medium** class at the National Championships/Winter Championships they may not qualify in the Restricted section for that level or below that level in future years. This is effective immediately on gaining a top ten placing and will require any pre-existing qualification to be switched to the Open section at the Winter/Summer Regional Championships.

b) Eligibility for Summer/Winter Regional Championships and Area Festivals

- i. All horses attending **any Championship (including Area Festivals from Novice upwards)** must be registered with British Dressage.
- ii. **Riders must be members of British Dressage in order to compete at any Championship, including Area Festivals.**
- iii. Having qualified, horses and riders may compete in all Championships even if they have subsequently upgraded except for Preliminary level (see rule 145) and unless indicated to the contrary by any other qualification rule.
- iv. Entries for the Summer and Winter Regional Championships will only be accepted with a copy of the notification of qualification attached to the entry form.
- v. Riders qualifying one horse for both the Open and Restricted sections at the same level may choose which section they wish to compete in at the Summer and Winter Regional Championships but may not compete in both sections.
- vi. Riders qualifying multiple horses at the same level and having one or more in the Open section must compete them all in the Open section.
- vii. Competitors may choose at which Summer and Winter Regional Championship they compete and may compete in different Regionals if they have qualified more than one horse. The same horse may not compete at the same level at more than one Regional Championship in any one season.
- viii. Restricted riders may not ride in an Open section at a Regional Championship at a higher level than they ride in a Restricted section. This does not apply to Freestyle to Music Classes.
- ix. Riders may not ride at Summer/Winter Regionals or Area Festivals at two restricted levels. Those who have qualified at two restricted levels must compete in the Open section at the lower qualified level.
- x. Horses which have qualified directly for the National Championships may not go to the preceding Regional Championships at the same level that year.

- xi. **Any rider who qualifies for the Open section of a Winter Regional 2008 between June – November 2007, but is eligible to revert to a lower group and ride in the Restricted section after 1 December, will still be required to ride in the Open section at the Regional.**

c) Eligibility for National/Winter Championships

- i. To qualify from a Summer or Winter Regional Championships to the National Championships eligible combinations must gain 65% or above unless awarded a wild card.
- ii. A Rider may not be changed following qualification from Regional Championship to National/Winter Championships or where qualification is direct (eg. Wellington Freestyle Championships) **except for all Young Horse classes.**
- iii. In the event of a horse being unable to compete **at a Championship Show**, and providing that the Dressage Office is informed a week before the close of entries for the Championship concerned **and wild cards have not yet been issued**, the next highest placed competitor from the relevant qualifying Championship will be invited to compete.
- iv. The starting order for Championship Finals will be drawn, and may be drawn in multiple sections depending on the qualification %.
- v. British Dressage reserves the right to offer further places on a “wildcard” system for any British Dressage Championship.
- vi. A horse is only eligible to compete in a maximum of 2 levels at the National/Winter Championships (excluding Young Horse classes). In combined training classes combinations are not allowed to compete in all 3 combined training levels but they may compete in a combined training class and two dressage classes at the Championship.

d) Other

- i. Whips are not permitted for any Championship classes, including Area Festivals, other than 4 year old Young Horse classes.
- ii. Commanders are not allowed at any Championship, including Area Festivals.
- iii. No-one other than the competitor may school the horse from the saddle for the duration of the entire show at any Championship, except Area Festivals but including Area Festival Finals, with the exception of Para Dressage classes for Grade 1 & 2 riders. Ridden exercise given by means of walk on a long rein by a rider other than the competitor is permitted.

142. Championships

Cut off dates

There are a series of competitions at all levels which qualify for Summer/Winter Regional Championships (including PSG and Intermediare I).

01 Dec 07 – 30 Jun 08	Qualification for the Summer Regionals 2008
01 Jul 08 – 30 Nov 08	Qualification for Winter Regionals 2009
01 Jan 08 – 31 Dec 08	Qualification for Winter Music Regionals 2009
01 Feb 08 – 31 Jan 09	Qualification for Combined Training Championships 2009

The cut off date for PSG-GP direct qualifications is the 8 August 2008

143. Area festivals

- a) Scope of Area Festivals
 - i) These Festivals will be run between **August** and October inclusive
 - ii) Classes will be from Preliminary to Prix St Georges level, with Restricted and Open sections from Novice to **Advanced Medium** level.
 - iii) Freestyle to Music Qualifiers will be held at the Area Festivals.
 - iv) Area Festivals carry grading points but do not count as qualifiers in anyway (except for the Festival Final).
- b) Eligibility for Area Festivals
 - i) Qualification for an Area Festival is restricted to individual horse/rider combinations.
 - ii) Once qualified for the Area Festival, combinations may compete even if they subsequently upgrade.
 - iii) Combinations competing at Winter/Summer Regional Championships will not be eligible for any Area Festivals at that level or below in the same calendar year with the exception of Freestyle to Music classes when they will only lose their eligibility to compete in Area Festivals if they compete at the Winter Championships or Wellington Championships.
 - iv) Group 4-8 riders may compete in Area Festivals up to and including Advanced Medium level, depending on their eligibility. Only Group 7 & 8 riders may compete at Prelim level. Group 3 riders may only compete at Novice and above. Group 2 riders may only compete at Advanced Medium level and above. Group 1 **and 2A** riders may not enter Area Festivals at any level.
 - v) **Once a rider has ridden at the National or Winter Championships, they cannot compete at that level or below on another horse in Area Festivals in that year or the following year.**
 - vi) Non members may qualify at Preliminary level in Preliminary classes that are in the Omnibus schedule. They must be a Group 7 or 8 rider when qualifying ie. not have won **more than 14** points at Elementary level or above since 1st April 1994. They must however join British Dressage before entering the Area Festival.
 - vii) Horses/ponies need not be registered to enter an Area Festival at Preliminary level but must not have more than **49** points when qualifying. All must be fully registered by the Festival Final.
 - viii) Non members may qualify using sheets gained on Class Tickets and Training Classes but both horse and rider must be registered before entering the Area Festival from Novice upwards.
- c) Means of qualifying for Area Festivals
 - i) All qualifying scores must be gained between 1st January of the calendar year up to the close of entries for the relevant Area Festival
 - ii) Qualification at Preliminary to **Elementary** levels will be by achieving 2 affiliated scores at **62% and above** at the same level.
 - iii) Qualification from Medium to PSG levels will be by achieving 2 affiliated scores at 60% and above at the same level.
 - iv) Competitors in the Channel Islands ~~and Scotland~~ will be able to qualify with 1 score sheet with the required percentage.
 - v) The original sheets must have the date and venue of the class written on them by the competitor and be sent with the entry form as proof of qualification. They will not be returnable. Score sheets from Training sections may be used. Qualifying sheets may only be used once. HC Sheets and freestyle sheets cannot be used.

d) Qualification for Area Festival Finals

- i) The top 2 combinations with 62% and above in **Elementary – PSG** classes at the Area Festivals will qualify for the Festival Finals. If classes are split then first place from each section will qualify
- ii) **For Preliminary and Novice, the top 4 combinations with 62% and above will qualify. If the classes are split then the first and second place from each section will qualify.**
- iii) **Wildcards will be issued after close of entries for the Area Festival Finals to the next highest qualified percentages across all Area Festivals for any class which has not been filled. Entries received after the closing date from pre-qualified combinations will not be accepted once wildcards have been issued.**

144. Summary tables for championships qualification

a) Qualification requirements for Summer or Winter Regionals

Preliminary	65%
Novice Restricted	65%
Novice Open	66%
Elementary Restricted	64%
Elementary Open	66%
Medium Restricted and Open	63%
Advanced Medium Restricted and Open	63%
PSG and Intermediare I	6 points in qualifiers with 63%+

b) Qualification requirements for Direct Qualifiers to the National Championships.

For further details see Rules 150-154.

Qualifiers for PSG – GP at Premier Leagues will have special status. At each level there will be two combinations from the show who will qualify directly if they get 65%+. If there is only one qualifier at a level the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two qualifiers each winner will qualify. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or higher.

Likewise the two top placed British Dressage members scoring 65% or more in UK located CDIs will qualify direct to the National Championships.

Otherwise in any qualifiers combinations will have to gain:

Inter II	6 points in qualifiers with 64% +
GP	5 points in qualifiers with 63% +

145. National preliminary qualifiers

See rule 155 for Special Rules for Scotland, Jersey, Guernsey, IOM and IOW.

- a) Each affiliated competition appearing in the Schedules is entitled to hold up to two Preliminary Qualifiers, and if these classes are over subscribed Organisers may run additional sections.
- b) In order to qualify for the Summer/Winter Regional Championships horses must be placed **1st in one qualifier and 1st or 2nd in another qualifier** with 65% or above, ridden by a Group 7 or 8 rider.
- c) Riders must be members of BD to compete in these qualifiers.
- d) Horses need not be registered for qualifiers but must not have won more than **49** points at the close of entries. Horses must be fully registered if entering the Summer/Winter Regionals or Area Festival Finals.
- e) Having qualified, horses may compete at the Summer/Winter Regional Championships, even if they have subsequently gained further points.
- f) Riders must remain as Group 7/8 riders at the close of entries of their Regional Championship.

146. Novice qualifiers

See rule 155 for Special Rules for Scotland, Jersey, Guernsey, IOM and IOW.

- a) If a Novice Qualifier is over subscribed Organisers may run additional sections.
- b) Group 1 **and 2A** riders may not take part in qualifiers.
- c) In order to qualify for the Open or Restricted Summer/Winter Regional Championships horses must be placed as follows:

Open

1st in two qualifiers. Both wins must be in the Open section and 66% or more

Restricted

1st in two qualifiers. Both wins must be in the Restricted section and 65% or more.

Horses who have started in Inter I classes or above may not compete in Novice – Medium Qualifiers (unless they have been downgraded).

147. Elementary qualifiers

Rules as for Novice Qualifiers except:

- a) **Group 2A riders are eligible.**
- b) the qualifying percentage for Elementary Restricted will be 64% and Open will be 66%.

148. Medium qualifiers

Rules as for Novice Qualifiers except:

- a) Group 1 **and 2A** riders are eligible.
- b) Both wins must be in the same section with 63% or more.

149. Advanced medium qualifiers

Rules for Novice qualifiers except:

- a) Group 1 **and 2A** riders are eligible.
- b) Horses may not have started in Intermediaire II and above.

- c) In order to qualify for the Summer/Winter Regional Championships horses must be 1st in one qualifier with a score of 63% or above.

150. Prix St Georges qualifiers for the National Championships

- a) Open to horses that:
 - i) Have won fewer than **450** grading points
 - ii) Have not won more than a total of 6 points in Grand Prix.
 - iii) **Are at least 7 years old.**
- b) There are two routes to qualify for the National Championship.
 - i) In PSG qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65%+. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or higher.
 - ii) To qualify for the Regional Championships combinations must gain 6 grading points at 63% and above in Qualifiers (up to 3 of these points may be gained at Internationals). Qualification for the National Championships will be on a per starter basis and with wild cards as per Preliminary – Advanced Medium level with a minimum score of 65%.
- c) Qualifiers for the National Championships may be run in 2 sections – section **a) non-qualifying section open to any horse** b) For combinations eligible to qualify.

151. Prix St Georges Young Horse Championship

- a) Open to horses who are 7, 8 or 9 years old in the year of the championship and registered with British Dressage.
- b) To qualify horses must gain two results at 62% or above in National Qualifiers in the 12 months preceding the Championship. The original score sheets must accompany the entry form.
- c) To be held at the BD Young Horse and Breeding Championships.
- d) The first round will be held on the first day of the championships with the **top combinations** going through to the final during the Gala evening.

If this class is over subscribed, combinations with the highest average percentages will be accepted.

152. Intermediaire I qualifiers

- a) Open to horses that have not won more than 6 points in GP.
- b) **Horses must be at least 7 years old.**
- c) There are two routes to qualify for the National Championships.
 - i) In Intermediaire qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65%+. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or higher.
 - ii) To qualify for the Intermediaire I Regional Championships combinations must gain 6 grading points at 63% and above in Qualifiers (up to 3 of these points may be gained at Internationals). Qualification for the National Championships will be on a per starter basis and with wild cards as per Preliminary – Advanced Medium level with a minimum score of 65%.
- c) Horses who have started in Intermediaire I classes may not compete in qualifiers up to and including Medium unless they have been downgraded.

Intermediaire I Freestyle Championship

- a) The top combinations in the Intermediaire I Championships will qualify but marks will not be carried forward.

153. Intermediaire II qualifiers

- a) To qualify directly for the National Championship horses must gain 6 grading points at 64% or above at Qualifiers. (They may win up to 3 of these points from Internationals Inter II classes). In Intermediaire II qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65% or above. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or higher.
- b) Combinations which have qualified directly for the Grand Prix Championship and the Intermediaire II Championship will only be eligible to compete in both if they have not competed at Grand Prix CDI/CDIO level abroad. Combinations who have competed at Grand Prix level at a CDI/CDIO abroad will be eligible to compete in the Grand Prix Championship only.
- c) Horses who have started in Intermediaire II classes may not compete in qualifiers up to and including Advanced Medium unless they have been downgraded.
- d) **Horses must be at least 7 years old.**

154. Grand prix qualifiers

- a) To qualify directly for the National Championships, horses must gain 5 grading points in Grand Prix Qualifiers at 63%. (They may win up to 3 of these points from International Grand Prix classes). In Grand Prix qualifiers at Premier Leagues and Home Internationals, two combinations from the show will qualify directly with 65% or above. If there is only one qualifier the top two combinations will qualify. If there are two the 2 winners will qualify. If a qualifying place is taken by a pre-qualified horse, the qualification will pass down to the next highest placing at 65% or higher.
- b) At the championship all horses will ride the Grand Prix but only the top combinations in this class will go forward to ride the Grand Prix freestyle.
- c) The percentage from both sections will be added to determine the National Champion.
- d) Horses may not compete in more than one Grand Prix class each day.
- e) **Horses must be at least 7 years old.**

155. Special rules for Scotland/Jersey/Guernsey, Isle of Man and Isle of Wight

To qualify for Regional Championships, horses must win one qualifier at the required percentage the qualification will be passed down to **2nd place** if all above have already qualified. This rule only applies to residents in these areas who are competing at venues located in these areas.

156. General rules applicable to all freestyle to music qualifiers

- a) Riders must provide their own tape or disc, timed to run from the move off from the halt at the start of the test, until the final halt. Halts must be on the centre line facing the Judge. **No more than 20 seconds of introductory music may be played before entering the arena at A.**
- b) British Dressage members and riders with Music Membership may compete a registered or unregistered horse in Music competitions and Qualifiers at any level. Riders must upgrade to full membership and register the horse to compete in a Regional or Championship.
- c) All tests must include the compulsory movements for the relevant level and may also include additional movements at that level or below.
- d) All music must be licensed. See Appendix 9.

157. Novice Winter Freestyle Championship

A 4 to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to music in a 20 x 60 arena at the Regional Championship and Championships. The qualifiers may be held in a 20 x 40 arena at the Organisers Discretion.

- There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations, gaining 60%+, qualifying for Winter Regionals. From there the three highest placed combinations **in both the Open and Restricted sections** will then go forwards to the Winter Championships providing they achieve 65% (or are allocated wild cards).
- Open to horses that have won fewer than **125** points.
- Not open to Group 1 **and 2A** Riders.

158. Elementary Winter Freestyle Championship

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to music in a 20 x 60 arena at the Regional Championship and Championships. The qualifiers may be held in a 20 x 40 arena at the Organisers Discretion.

- There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations, gaining 60%+, qualifying for Winter Regionals. From there the three highest placed combinations **in both the Open and Restricted sections** will then go forwards to the Winter Championships providing they achieve 65% (or are allocated wild cards).
- Open to horses that have won fewer than **200** points.
- Not open to Group 1 Riders.

159. Medium Winter Freestyle Championship

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to taped music in an arena 20 x 60m at Medium standard.

- There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations, gaining 60%+, qualifying for Winter Regional Championships. From there the three highest placed combinations will then go forwards to the Winter Championships providing they achieve 65% (or are allocated wild cards).
- Open to horses that have won fewer than **300** points and have not started in Intermediaire I or above.

160. Advanced Medium Freestyle to Music Championships

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to pre-recorded music in an arena 20x 60m at Advanced Medium Standard.

Qualification to the Winter Championships

There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations, gaining 60%+, qualifying for the Winter Regional Championships. From there the two highest placed combinations will then go forwards to the Winter Championships providing they achieve 65% (or are allocated a wild card).

Qualification to the Wellington Championships

The highest placed non-qualified combinations will qualify directly for the Advanced Medium freestyle championships at Wellington Riding (Hants) providing they achieve 65%+. Wild cards may be given to non-qualified combinations with the highest % gained in direct qualifiers.

Open to horses that at the time of qualifying, have not started at Intermediaire II level and have fewer than **375** points.

161. Prix St Georges Freestyle to Music Championships

A 4½ to 5 minute freestyle test ridden to music in an arena 20 x 60m at Prix St Georges Standard using the FEI Young Rider Freestyle test.

Qualification to the Winter Championships

There will be an unlimited number of qualifiers with the three highest non-qualified combinations, gaining 60%+, qualifying for the Winter Regional Championships. From there the two highest placed combinations will then go forwards to the Winter Championships providing they achieve 65% (or are allocated a wild card).

Qualification to the Wellington Championships

Winners of direct qualifiers will qualify for the Prix St Georges Freestyle Championship at Wellington Riding (Hants) providing they achieve 65%+. Wild cards may be given to non-qualified combinations with the highest % gained in direct qualifiers.

Open to any horse which has not won more than 6 points in a Grand Prix.

Horses must be at least 7 years old

162. Pas de Deux or freestyles with more than one competitor

Please refer to the rules relating to the freestyle championship appropriate to the level.

163. Wild card allocation

Wild cards are a means of qualifying for a championship other than gaining qualification at the Winter or Summer Regionals **or direct from a Premier League.**

- Immediately after the final Winter or Summer Regional Championships those qualified at Preliminary – Advanced Medium are listed and the remaining places in the relevant championship class are filled by the non-qualified competitors with the next highest percentages from across all of the regionals. Wildcards are only distributed after all Championship places have been allocated to those who qualify by right.
- For Prix St Georges and Intermediaire I, percentages gained at Premier League shows will also be taken into account when determining the highest non qualified percentages.**
- The Board Reserves the right (Rule 141 (c) v)) to offer places for any BD Championship or Regional Championship. This system is used mainly for the higher level classes at the National Championships and for horses that the selectors would like to see in top class competition.

164. Potential International Dressage Horse Championship Qualifying Classes

Qualifying Classes

- There will be approximately fifteen qualifying competitions. In the first rounds, horses will ride in groups of three and their natural paces will be assessed. The top 6-10 (in order of the first round marks) will then return for final Judging. Horses will not be stripped or ridden by the Judges.
- There will be separate sections for four years olds and five year olds.
- The 1st and 2nd **with scores of 6.5 or over** from each section will go forward to the Final at the National Dressage Championships where they will be pre-judged in the morning and the top 10 will go through to the final judging in the main arena.
- Once a horse has qualified it may not start in any further Qualifiers.
- To enter horses must exceed 14.2 h.h. and be 4 or 5 years old. For the qualifying classes horses need not be registered with British Dressage.

- f) Horses which have, at the close of entries, won grading points at Medium level are not eligible to compete in these qualifiers.
- g) Owners and Riders must be members of British Dressage. There will be no lower age limit for riders.
- h) Saddlery, Dress and Equipment. The same rules apply as for affiliated Novice Dressage Competitions.

The final

- a) Before entering for the Final, horses must be registered with British Dressage.
- b) The rider does not have to be the same as for the qualifier.
- c) Horses may be ridden by the Judges at the Championship.

For the list of approved Judges for this class see Appendix 1.

165. Young horse class rules

General rules relating to all young horse classes (except for potential international dressage horse classes, rule 164)

- a) These will be held in a 60 x 20 metre arena. The arena boards must be continuous around the arena.
- b) Open to British Dressage Members riding registered or un-registered horses but horse must be registered to compete in semi-finals or championships. Riders who have represented GB in a Grand Prix team in a CDIO, Europeans, World Games or Olympic games, that have qualified a horse for both the National and International young horse classes, may only compete **that horse** in the International class **at the Championship**.
- c) Horses must be ridden in snaffle bridles.
- d) Horses must exceed 14.2hh unless in the pony sections.
- e) There are no grading points awarded in these classes.
- f) The jury will consist of a BD judge on List 2 or above and a trainer, see Appendix 1.
- g) Additional judges may be invited for Regionals or championships.
- h) Horses can compete in both 5 year old or both 6 year old classes on the same day.
- i) Once qualified the rider should inform the organiser before entering further qualifiers.
- j) In qualifiers the top three non-qualified horses with a score of 6.5 or above will go through to the Championships (or Regionals where these are held).

Tests to be used:

- 4 yr horses and ponies the BD Basic Test for 4 year olds.
- 5 yr National level the BD Novice Young Horse Test 2004 YHN5 2004.
- 6 yr National level the BD Elem Young Horse Test 2004 YHE62004.
- 5 yr International/FEI level the FEI Preliminary Test for 5 yrs FEI YHP5 2004.
- 6 yr International/FEI level the FEI Preliminary Test for 6 yr FEI YHP6 2004
- 5 yr International/FEI level the FEI Finale Test for 5 yr FEI YHF5 2004
- 6 yr International/FEI level the FEI Finale Test for 6 yr FEI YHF6 2004

For the Championships:

The 4, 5 and 6 year old National levels will use the same tests as for the qualifiers.

5 yr International/FEI level will use the FEI Finale Test for 5 yr FEI YHF5 2004

6 yr International/FEI level will use the FEI Finale Test for 6 yr FEI YHF6 2004

166. Rules relating to the British Young Horse Championships at Hickstead

The qualifiers for these championships are co-ordinated by British Dressage in association with The British International Trainers Foundation and Dressage at Hickstead. A panel consisting of representatives of the above committees will deal with any problems with these rules. Entrants in these classes must accept the decisions of this panel. Enquiries about them should be directed to the Dressage at Hickstead Secretariat. Tel: 01444-882150. There will be 10 qualifying rounds but additional rounds may be added at the discretion of DAH in association with BD. At each qualifier there will be separate qualifying classes for National 5 year olds, International 5 year olds, National 6 year olds and International 6 year olds.

Combinations may qualify for and compete in both International and National Finals.

National level

- a) The Championships will be held at Hickstead on **23rd July 2008**.
- b) The test for the Championships will be the same as for the qualifiers.

International level

- a) The semi-final for both 5 and 6 year olds will be held at Hickstead on **23rd July 2008**.
- b) The top combinations from each semi-final will go forwards to the Championships to be held at Hickstead on **26-27th July 2008. The number to go forward will be advised at the semi-final.**
- c) The Tests for the semi-finals and the Championships will be the FEI Finale test for 5 years – FEI YHF5 2004 and the FEI Finale test for 6 yrs, FEI YHF6 2004

167. Rules relating to the British Dressage Young Horse and Breeding Championships

- a) There will be approximately 12 qualifying competitions.
- b) At each there will be separate qualifying classes for 4 year olds, National 5 year olds, FEI 5 year olds, National 6 year olds, FEI 6 year olds
- c) The tests to be used at the Championships for the National 4, 5 and 6 yr olds will be the same as for the qualifiers. The test for the FEI 5 year olds will be the FEI Finale Test for 5 year olds , FEI YHF5 2004 and for the 6 yr olds the FEI YHF6 2004.
- d) **A horse** may qualify for the National and International classes, but the rider must choose which section they wish to compete in at the final.
- e) At the Championships there will be classes for ponies (not exceeding 14.2hh) divided into 4, 5 & 6 year old sections with semis if necessary. Tests used will be the BD Basic Test, BD Elem Young Horse test and the BD Novice Young Horse test.
- f) The highest placed Amateur Owner/Rider in each Championship will win an award, those who are eligible must declare this on their entry form.
- g) There will be a supreme championship at the BD National Dressage Championships at Stoneleigh in September for the winners of the 5 horse championships. Each horse will perform the same test as they did at the Championships.

168. Combined training qualifiers and championships, and non-qualifiers

Preliminary

- a) There will be approximately 20 qualifiers with the 2 highest placed non-qualified horses in each going forward to the Championship.
- b) To be eligible to compete, horses must have won 0 points in Eventing, fewer than **125** points in Affiliated Dressage and 0 points in Combined Training Competitions. For Non-Qualifiers only horses must have won fewer than 20 points in Combined Training Competitions.
- c) Dressage Tests: Any Preliminary Test to be ridden in Qualifiers
- d) There will be no combined training points awarded for preliminary level.
- e) Once a Rider has gained open points at Combined Training they may not ride in Preliminary Combined Training classes.

Novice

- a) There will be approximately 20 qualifiers with the 2 highest placed non-qualified horses in each going forward to the Championship.
- b) To be eligible to compete, horses must have won fewer than 21 points in British Eventing, fewer than **200** points in Affiliated Dressage and fewer than 20 points in Combined Training Competitions. For Non-Qualifiers only horses must have won fewer than 30 points in Combined Training Competitions.
- c) Dressage Tests: Any Novice test to be ridden in Qualifiers/Non-Qualifiers.

Open

- a) There will be approximately 20 qualifiers with the **2** highest placed non-qualified horses in each going forward to the Championship.
- b) Open to any horse registered with the British Dressage, except those that have started in a C.D.I. or C.D.I.O.
- c) Dressage Tests: Any Elementary test to be ridden in Qualifiers.

169. General rules on combined training qualifiers and championships

- a) Combinations may compete and qualify on a class ticket however they must be a member of British Dressage and the horse must be registered with British Dressage to take part in the Championship.
- b) If eligible a horse may compete in Preliminary and Novice or Novice and Open Qualifiers on the same day.
- c) Horses may continue to compete in qualifiers after they have qualified provided that the class is not oversubscribed.
- d) Where qualifiers take place at a British Eventing competition, competitors must abide by the Rules relating to general behaviour at the event.
- e) Horses must be ridden in the Championship by the same person who qualified them.

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- f) Grading. Horses will be graded as follows for Novice and Open classes:

Place	Qualifiers & Non-Qualifiers	Championships
1st	10 points	20 points
2nd	8 points	16 points
3rd	6 points	12 points
4th	4 points	8 points
5th	3 points	6 points
6th	2 points	4 points
7th	1 point	2 points

g) **Composition**

The dressage and jumping phases, which make up this competition, must be ridden in that order. The same horse and rider must complete both phases, and elimination from one phase involves elimination from the whole competition.

h) **Judges**

There must be one or more Dressage Judges, drawn from the Official Panel and one B.S.J.A. Judge.

i) **Qualifications**

The eligibility of both horse and rider is governed by British Dressage Rules.

j) **Dressage Phase**

The Dressage Phase is conducted according to British Dressage Rules.

k) **Jumping Phase**

The Jumping Phase will consist of one round of the course, judged under B.S.J.A. Rules, except where modified below. There will be approximately 8 to 12 numbered obstacles, including at least one double, as solid and imposing in appearance as available materials allow. N.B. The height of practice fences must not exceed the maximum height of the fences in the competition arena.

l) **Obstacles**

Preliminary – The first two fences will be 2'6". All other uprights and ascending fences will be 2'9". Spread fences will not exceed 4'6" and parallels will not exceed 3'3" in spread.

Novice – The first two fences will be 3'0". All other uprights and ascending fences will not exceed 3'3". Spread fences will not exceed 5ft and parallels will not exceed 3'6" in spread.

Open – The first three fences will be 3'3". All other uprights and ascending fences will be 3'6" in height. Spread fences will not exceed 5'3" and parallels will not exceed 4ft in spread.

A water jump should not be included in any Combined Training competition.

Preliminary Final. The maximum height of the fences will be 3'0". Triple bars or staircase-type fences will not exceed 5'0" in spread and parallels will not exceed 3'9" in spread. A combination or two doubles must be included.

Novice Final. The maximum height of the fences will be 3'6". Triple bars or staircase-type fences will not exceed 5'6" in spread and parallels will not exceed 4'3" in spread. A combination or doubles must be included.

Open Final. The maximum height of the fences will be 3'9". A combination or two doubles must be included.

Speed. The speed for Preliminary, Novice and Open Classes is 350 yards per minute (325 metres per minute).

The time taken by each competitor must be recorded, even if it is within the time allowed, as this may be the deciding factor in the event of a tie.

m) **Penalties**

First Disobedience	4 penalties
Second Disobedience in whole test	8 penalties
Third Disobedience in whole test	Elimination
Knocking down an obstacle	4 penalties
First fall of competitor	8 penalties
Second fall of competitor	Elimination
First fall of horse	Elimination
For every commenced second in excess of the Time Allowed	_ penalty
Exceeding the Time Limit	Elimination

n) **Scoring**

The marks for the Dressage Phase are totalled in the normal manner, but if there is more than one Judge, their scores are averaged.

Any faults incurred in the Jumping Phase are deducted from the marks awarded for the Dressage Phase.

o) **Equality**

If the final score gives equality of marks to two or more competitors, the classification is decided by the highest marks for the dressage test. If there is still equality, the fastest time in the jumping test determines the result.

p) **Saddlery**

Dressage – According to Dressage Rules.

Jumping – According to B.S.J.A. Rules except that standing martingales and Market Harboroughs are not allowed.

q) **Dress**

According to British Dressage Rules, except during the show jumping phase a hard hat of BSI standard must be worn, with its harness correctly fastened and with a black or navy blue cover, or alternatively a PAS5015. This rule also applies when jumping practice obstacles.

170. The Sheepgate Young Rider Dressage Championship For Under 25s, to be held at Sheepgate Eq. Centre, Lincs.

Copies of score sheets (with a large S.A.E, for return) clearly stating date and venue, to be forwarded to Karen Ryder at British Dressage in order to obtain a Qualification card which must be forwarded with your entry to Sheepgate or handed to the secretary on arrival at Sheepgate.

Under 21's preliminary qualifiers

- To qualify for the Preliminary Championship riders must attain 58% or above in any two Preliminary Classes during the current Summer season before the close of entries.
- Horses and ponies may be of any height. They do not have to be registered with British Dressage but must have fewer than 49 dressage points at the close of entries.

- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 21st birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage **and a Group 7 or 8 rider at the close of entries.**

Under 21's novice qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Novice Championship riders must attain 65% or above in any two affiliated Novice Classes during the current Summer season before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and **have won less than 124 dressage points.**
- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 21st birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.

Under 25's elementary qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Elementary Championship riders must attain **65%** or above in any two affiliated Elementary Classes during the current Summer season before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and **have won less than 199 dressage points.**
- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 25th birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.

Under 25's medium qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Medium Championship riders must attain 63% or above in any two affiliated Medium competitions during the current Summer season before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and **have won less than 299 dressage points.**
- c) There is no lower age limit, and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 25th birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.

Under 25's advanced medium qualifiers

- a) To qualify for the Advanced Medium Championship riders must attain 60% or above in one affiliated Medium competition during the current Summer season and before the close of entries.
- b) Horses and ponies may be of any height. They must be registered with British Dressage and **have won less than 374 dressage points.**
- c) There is no lower age limit and riders may take part until the end of the year of their 25th birthday. Riders must be members of British Dressage.

171. National and international rankings

Points are awarded for National and International results throughout the year rolling from month to month (12 months prior).

Big tour ranking points are awarded at Premier Leagues, National Championships and International shows. Qualifying scores can be gained in the following classes at the above events: Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special, Grand Prix Freestyle. Each riders 8 highest results (on any number of horses) are counted (a maximum of 2 may be in Grand Prix Freestyles).

Small tour ranking points are awarded at Premier Leagues, National Championships and International shows. Qualifying scores can be gained in the following classes at the above events: Prix St Georges, Prix St Georges Freestyle, Intermediare I, Intermediare I freestyle. Each riders 8 highest results (on any number of horses) are counted (a maximum of 2 may be in PSG and Inter I Freestyles).

Points are awarded as follows, current rankings are shown on the British Dressage website.

	71%+	69-70.9%	67-68.9%	65-66.9%	63-64.9%
Premier League	10	9	8	6	4
National Championships	17	15	12	10	7
CDI, CDIW	34	30	25	20	15
CDIO	45	39	32	26	19
Europeans & World Cup Finals	52	45	37	32	20
Olympics & World Games	59	51	42	34	25

172. Steele Salver Award

The Steele Salver Award is presented at the National Convention to the combination who have gained the most Steele Salver points between 1 December 2006 – 12 August 2007.

Points are calculated as follows:

Novice-Medium 1st place = 4 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 2 points,
Advanced Medium – Advanced 1st place = 3 points, 2nd place = 2 points, 3rd place = 1 point

173. Para competitions for riders with a classification of I-IV.

All competitions are run under FEI rules, unless otherwise stated.

- Commanders may only be used in accordance with the FEI/IPEC rules. Riders with intellectual impairment, visual impairment or head injuries may use a commander. **Commanders are permitted in the Restricted section of Para competitions, but are only permitted in the Open section if marked as a dispensation on the rider's card. Please refer to Rule 174 c) for details for blind riders.**
- For Para Competitors, a copy of the classification card/letter issued by IPEC/FEI/RDA must be sent with the entry. Riders must always compete with a current card/letter on their person in case of any query. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their cards are current and have all compensating aids listed.
- For BD able bodied competitions all current IPEC/FEI/RDA cards/letters are accepted to provide dispensation. These must be renewed each year e.g. January 2008. A copy of this must be sent with the entry form. Any rider not currently classified should in the first instance contact either the Paralympic Officer on 02476 698837
- Whilst all disabled persons are welcome to compete in affiliated competitions, it is the responsibility of the rider to ascertain (before entering) whether the venue's facilities are suitable for their individual requirements.
- Riders who have represented Great Britain in International competition or have competed in the KBIS National Championships in the past 2 years must compete in the Open section of the class. They may compete HC in the Restricted section with permission from the organiser.**
- The restricted section is open to any rider with classification, unless they have competed as above. Restricted riders may also compete in open classes.**

174. Visually impaired riders B1 – III

- a) Prior to the competition the horse may be led around the outside the arena with the organiser's permission and at a suitable time within the competition programme.
- b) Arena familiarisation – prior to beginning the test riders may choose to ride a circuit of the arena on both reins including one change of rein. If the bell for the commencement has not rung then the rider may halt or continue at any pace inside the arena. When the signal to commence the test is given the rider may start the test from inside or outside the arena.
- c) Commanders are permitted for Riders with visual impairment who are classified as B1 Grade III (totally blind riders). They are required to ride with blindfolds. If riders do not wear blindfolds they must ride in Grade IV.
- d) Riders may have up to nine callers with the senior caller communicating with the judge at C. Only one caller is allowed inside the arena, the others must stand outside. Callers must make sure they do not restrict the vision of the Judges. The rider is also allowed a commander in addition to the above.

175. Visually impaired riders B2 – grade IV

For those who are visually impaired and classified as Grade IV the arena may not be fully enclosed. Riders may use their own large letters if they wish but will be required to compete at the start or the end of the class. Riders wishing to do this must inform the organiser and are responsible for co-ordinating this with the organiser.

176. Horses used for para competitions

- a) Horses competed by Grade I and II riders may be trained/schooled by a designated rider other than the competitor for up to twenty minutes on the day of the competition but may only be ridden by the competitor in the 15 minutes preceding the test. However, these horses may be ridden on a comfortable safe rein for fifteen minutes at any time during the warm up period even if that period is within 15 minutes of the test, by the designated rider.
- b) Horses owned by BD members and loaned for the day for a disabled rider may be ridden in another affiliated class by its regular rider on the same day.
- c) All grades may use double bridles, with the exception of riders in Grade I and II in the restricted class.
- d) Riders may share a horse provided they are competing in different grades.

177. National qualifiers for para dressage riders

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There will be four regional competitions and the **four** riders with the highest percentages overall in each grade will qualify for the final BD National Championships (**Grade I will be split between 1a and 1b**). All riders must be a **minimum of 14 years old** and qualify with a minimum score of 60%. **If the numbers qualified for any grade fall below four, wildcards will be issued to the next highest qualifying percentage over the remaining grades.**

Should there be a space in the KBIS class the rider with the next highest percentage from across all qualifiers, regardless of grade, will be invited to compete.

The maximum number of riders competing in the Championships is 20. The competition is for International and future International riders. It is the rider who qualifies and the horse may be substituted. The qualifiers are open to all riders with IPEC/RDA classification cards. Riders at Championships must be members of BD. In the event of a rider being unable to compete at the Championships, BD must be notified a week prior to the close of entries, the next highest percentage will qualify.

178. Para winter qualifiers

The winner of each class will qualify for the Para Winter Championships, providing they achieve 60% and over. Wild cards will be allocated to the rider(s) with the highest percentage across all qualifiers regardless of grade.

Riders must inform the British Dressage office if they are not intending to compete in the Championships so qualifications can be passed to the next eligible rider. Wild cards may be given for the Para Winter Championship.

179. Para spring qualifiers

The top 20 riders with the highest percentages across all qualifiers will qualify for the Spring Championships. Riders will be notified of their qualification from the British Dressage office.

Riders must inform the British Dressage office if they are not intending to compete in the Championships so qualifications can be passed to the next eligible rider.