



SENIOR REGIONAL SELECTION POLICY 2019

OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

The over-riding objective of the Senior 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 Inter-Regional Competition
- Senior Home International

ELIGIBILITY / AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

The RDO is responsible for ensuring that all rider's ponies and 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.

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

SENIOR 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 **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** 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 an online application and must be submitted by the required deadline.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

Due to the limited number of spaces available at the Senior Inter-regional and Senior Home International a rider may present more than one horse for selection or apply with one horse at more than one level. It must be noted and clear that a space on the team will be allocated to just **ONE combination** regardless of how many applications have been made.

Only, 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 Sports Operations Manager.

Requirements:

- 3 BD training sessions (as defined above)
- 4 scores at affiliated dressage competitions in the 12 months preceding selection.
- Minimum of 2 scores to be within 6 months of the submission deadline
- Minimum of 2 scores from qualifier tests (marked by an * and detailed on page 127 of the BD members handbook)
- Minimum of 2 different judges over the 4 scores
- Scores to be achieved at a minimum of 2 different venues.
- Only scores achieved at the relevant level can be considered (i.e. the level at which the rider is hoping to compete).
- Freestyle, Quest, Associated Championship and HC scores **cannot** be considered at any level.
- Scores achieved at the Inter Regionals competition or the 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 different riders' average scores are within 2%, selectors will review each rider's competition record and any other relevant information. Selection decisions will be finalised from the following:

- Consistency and recent form at the level for which the combination is applying
- Past form at major/team events
- Results gained in 20 x 60 arena
- Results gained from a panel of judges

A list of selected combinations will be published on the regional pages of the BD website and regional social media pages 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 and results	Teams Verified	Teams announced	Entries Close
11-12 May 2019	Senior IR Keysoe	9 April	15 April	16 April	30 April
19-20 October 2019	Senior HI Wellington	10 September	16 September	19 September	4 October

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 check the following rules; 166 (general rules) Rule 167 (Senior Inter Regionals) and Rule 168 (Senior Home International) in the BD Members Handbook 2019. 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. Bronze, Silver or Gold combinations are eligible.
- 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 for the team results however individual placings will be awarded.

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 consist of the following and will be chosen on the basis that they have no perceived conflict of interests;

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

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

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. A rider may only ride for one region in any calendar year.

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 Inter-regional or the Senior 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 designated Inter Regional or Home International competition.

FINANCE

All Inter Regional / Home Internationals competitions will be entirely self-funded by riders in 2019. Regions may conduct fund-raising activities to assist riders with the funding of attendance at the competition. Details will be available via the RDO.

HORSE WELFARE AND RIDERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There must be a commitment for all riders to adhere to the code of conduct for members and welfare standards. Please refer to the welfare and member code of conduct sections in the 2019 handbook for full details.

RULES

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

POLICY CHANGES

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 hours 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.

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