



PARA REGIONAL SELECTION POLICY 2018

OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

The over-riding objective of the 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:

- 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 riders fulfilling the criteria stated in the Selection Policy and the competition schedule 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 will only be considered for **two** team competitions in any one calendar year. However, 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 relevant Technical Committee.

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, or Sheepgate Under 25's team competition.

PARA ELIGIBILITY

BD 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. We hope that 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 days. At least **one** of the days 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 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 should be sent by email to the relevant RDO or PARA Representative 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 2014. Riders who have competed in a CPEDI 4* or above are not eligible.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

Selection will be based on results from BD competitions.

Riders will be asked to submit their highest three scores at affiliated para dressage competitions (including BD Para Intro Classes and scores from Rider Development) 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

The mean average score of each rider will be calculated and selection will be based on the highest average scores at each level.

Where scores are very close (less than 1 % 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 and results	Teams announced	Entries Close
27/29 April	Para HI	18 th March	3 rd April	16 th April

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 72 and 78, pages 88 and 91, in the BD members Handbook 2018.**

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 **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

NB: Subject to budgetary constraints, Regional Committees are encouraged to consider using the third selection position for an individual from outside the region. Where this is not possible, it is vital the selector should have no connections to individuals being considered.

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 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.

If the decision is made to change a Team member for a reserve then this issue must be handled in a very sensitive and sympathetic manner.

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.

FINANCE

All Home Internationals will be entirely self-funded by riders in 2018. Regions may conduct fund-raising activity to assist riders with the funding of attendance at the competition. Details will be available via the RDO.

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 made in writing within 48 hrs 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.