



THE PONY CLUB

WINTER LEAGUE

DRESSAGE RULES

For Novice, Intermediate and Open Levels

Valid for 2015/2016 Series

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Except where varied below, this competition will be judged in accordance with the current Pony Club Dressage Rulebook.

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL Preliminary Rounds will be run in accordance with the 2015 Pony Club Dressage Rule Book and Dengie Dressage Rules 2015/2016.

Area Competitions and the Championships will be run in accordance with the 2016 Pony Club Dressage Rule Book and Dengie Dressage Rules 2015/2016.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in a sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules.

NOTE: Rules which differ from those of 2014/2015 appear in bold/italic type and sidelined (as this note).

RULES FOR NOVICE WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Pony Club Branch and Centre Members that fulfil the following criteria:

Combination of rider and pony/horse are not eligible if they have represented a Branch or Centre at Open or Intermediate Area qualifiers for The Pony Club Summer Dressage Championships.

Riders are not eligible:

1. If they have competed at The Pony Club Open or Intermediate Summer Dressage Championships
2. If they have won any BD (or DI) points at Novice level or above

Horses are not eligible if they have won points at BD (or DI) Elementary level or above in the current calendar year.

TESTS

The Pony Club Novice Dressage Test 2009 shall be used at the **Preliminary Rounds and Area Competitions**.

The Pony Club Novice Dressage Championship Test 2012 shall be used at the **Championships**.

Please also refer to General Rules Applicable to all Levels.

RULES FOR **INTERMEDIATE WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE**

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Pony Club Branch and Centre Members that fulfil the following criteria:

Combination of rider and pony/horse are not eligible:

1. If they have represented a Branch or Centre at Open Area Qualifiers for The Pony Club Summer Dressage Championships
2. If they have competed at the Summer or Winter Open Championships
3. If they have won BD (or DI) points at Elementary level or above, or competed at Medium level

Horses must not have won points at BD (or DI) Elementary level or above in the previous calendar year.

TESTS

The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Test 2013 shall be used at the **Preliminary Rounds and Area Competitions**.

The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Championship Test 2014 shall be used at **the Championships**.

Please also refer to General Rules Applicable to all Levels.

RULES FOR OPEN WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Pony Club Branch and Centre Members.

Horses which have competed at Advanced Medium level or above during the current year are not eligible. This includes Hors Concours entries.

TESTS

The Pony Club Open Dressage Test 2015 shall be used at the **Preliminary Rounds and Area Competitions.**

The Pony Club Open Dressage Championship Test 2014 shall be used at the **Championships.**

Please also refer to General Rules Applicable to all Levels.

GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL LEVELS

At **Area Competitions**, horses and/or riders who qualify for more than one level of the Winter League Championships in the same year must nominate which class they wish to compete in on the day they qualify so that the qualification can be passed down the line. **Riders can only compete at one level at the Championships.**

PASSING DOWN THE LINE - In the event of a competitor being placed in a qualifying position at a Preliminary Round when they have already qualified for the Area Competition, the place may pass down the line.

If a competitor who qualifies for the Championships at their Area Competition subsequently discovers that they are unable to compete at the Championships, then the qualification will pass down the line.

MULTIPLE HORSES – Competitors may qualify a maximum of 3 horses for the Area Competition. In the event of a rider qualifying more than one horse for the Championships, they may only take one horse to the Championships and must nominate which one they will take at the Area Competition. The other qualifying place will be passed down the line.

SUBSTITUTIONS – Substitutions of horse/pony or rider will not be accepted at Area Competitions or at the Championships.

SADDLERY AND DRESS - The Pony Club saddlery and dress rules apply at the Area Competitions and at the Championships. Preliminary Rounds may be run under British Dressage Rules *or* 2015 Pony Club Rules.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Preliminary Rounds run from **1st July 2015** until **28th February 2016**. *All classes must be registered with The Pony Club Office by the Show Organiser at least 4 weeks in advance of the competition.*

The first 4 at each Preliminary Round and any tying for these places will qualify for one of 19 Area Competitions.

A Member may compete at Preliminary Rounds in any Area, but they must go to their own Area Competition, no exemptions will be given.

Please note non-Members of The Pony Club are allowed to compete in any Preliminary Round but must become fully paid up Members to compete at their Area Competition.

AREA COMPETITIONS

The dates for Area Competitions will be published on www.pcuk.org. If there are more than 30 competitors in the Area Competitions the class will be divided into sections, with one judge for each section.

Qualification at Area Competitions will work on a ratio basis:

NOVICE		INTERMEDIATE		OPEN	
No. of competitors	No. to qualify	<i>No. of competitors</i>	<i>No. to qualify</i>	No. of competitors	No. to qualify
1 – 10	1	1 – 6	1	1 – 4	1
11 – 20	2	7 – 12	2	5 – 8	2
21 – 30	3	13 – 18	3	9 – 12	3
31 – 40	4	19 – 24	4	13 – 16	4
41 – 50	5	25 – 30	5	17 – 20	5
And pro-rata		And pro-rata		And pro-rata	

These competitors will qualify for The Pony Club Dengie Winter League Dressage Championships.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

If numbers permit, there will be more than one section/arena at the Championships. In this case there will be a ride off. The first 2 competitors in each section will qualify for the ride off.

JUDGES

The Show Organiser shall appoint Judges (one per Arena) from the British Dressage Judges Panel Lists 1 - 6 for the Preliminary Rounds and Area Competitions. Championship Judges shall be appointed by The Pony Club Office who must be on Lists 1 – 4.

ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES

Preliminary Rounds – Entry fee set by organiser

Please contact the relevant Show Secretary for details.

Area Competitions – Entry fee set by organiser

Entries for competitors who have qualified for the Area Competitions should be sent on the Entry Form provided, together with the Entry Fee to the Secretary of the Area Competition at least 7 days before the date of the competition. Organisers may use their discretion in accepting a late entry.

Championships – Entry fee: £18

Entries for competitors, who have qualified for the Championships, should be made via the Online Event Entry System (details will be provided within the qualifier pack).

Details of all Preliminary Rounds, Area Competitions and the Championships will be found at:

www.pcuk.org/index.php/disciplines/dressage/dressage_competitions_and_events/dengie_winter_league_dressage/