

To: All District Commissioners/ Centre Proprietors/ Area Representatives

### **Royal Windsor Horse Show 2024**

#### **England – Northern Ireland – Scotland – Wales**

The Pony Club has again been invited to run the Home International Competition at the Royal Windsor Horse Show from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Branches and Centres are invited to nominate a Member(s) under 15 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, who will be eligible to compete in their Area Competition in 2024, to attend a Selection Trial. Members may be nominated by their Branch any number of times for the Selection Trial.

**Members must have attained their 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

The nominee should be a good games player, team member and representative of their Branch or Centre and Country. They should be able to mix well and be of even temperament whilst having a high standard of stable management and riding.

**All Members must have attained their 'C' test before the nomination deadline of 4.00 p.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024** and a copy of the certificate must be uploaded using the online form. This requirement is set to highlight the standard of riding and horse care required for selection. The pony ridden at the Trial must be the one the member will ride at Windsor. Members must be free from any restriction imposed under the Transfer Rule by the closing date for nominations.\*.

*\* NB Please note that a member who transfers after the Mounted Games Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 will be ineligible to compete for the Branch/Centre to which they transfer for a period of 14 months from the date of transfer.*

### **Nominations**

All Nominations must be submitted via the online form and require a payment of £35.00 as a contribution towards the costs of running the trials. Payments must be made using PayPal via the online form.

With the Nomination Form, we ask District Commissioners or Centre Proprietors for a **Confidential Reference**. The Reference is to be completed using the form on the downloads section of the website which can be found on the Royal Windsor Horse Show page.

In addition, please include a copy of the Branch/Centre Programme or printout from the event website and clearly mark those rallies and events the nominated Member has attended during the last 2 years. This must be uploaded using the online form or the nomination will NOT be considered.

### **Countries**

The Home International will see four teams selected by The Pony Club to compete to represent England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In addition, a team from the

Republic of Ireland is invited, members of which are selected independently by The Irish Pony Club.

#### ENGLAND

If a Branch/Centre in England has more than **ONE Member** in their last year of Mounted Games then **TWO Members** from that Branch/Centre (who are both in their final year) may be nominated for the Trial, but only **ONE Member** from the Branch/Centre can be selected to ride at Windsor.

A member may only represent England once as riding member of the team, however any member who has previously represented England as a non-riding reserve can be re-nominated.

#### NORTHERN IRELAND

Each Branch/Centre may nominate any eligible member to take part in the Trial.

#### SCOTLAND & WALES

In the case of Branches/Centres in Scotland & Wales, each Branch/ Centre may enter two eligible members for the trials. In addition, any Branch/Centre which entered more than one team in their Area competition in 2023 may enter an additional two members for the trials for each team in addition to one that the branch entered in that competition but a maximum of **TWO Members** from any Branch/ Centre can be selected for the team.

Any member who has previously represented Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland can be re-nominated but may only represent their Country a **maximum of TWO** times.

#### **Trial Instructions**

The Trial will consist of some of the best riders in the country. Trials are long and physically demanding on both pony and rider so please ensure ponies are fit and riders well practised.

The Pony Club Mounted Games Height/Weight rules will apply at the selection Trials and Windsor. Selected Members and their ponies from each Country will be confidentially checked at their Trial and again at Windsor. The pony will need to have a valid Vaccination Record and Microchip.

**Please instruct your members that there is to be NO identifying clothing, colours or Branch Logo on the pony OR rider.** This includes rugs and jackets worn during warm up, tack and turnout inspection and selection breaks. Please wear a white jumper, plain black or white saddle cloth, plain browband, etc. This is so that there may be no influence on selectors. A number bib may be provided by The Pony Club to aid selectors.

There may be stabling available at some of the trial venues. Please instruct your members to make their own arrangements direct with the venue at their own cost.

Each selected riding Team Member will be asked to contribute an entry fee of £275.00 (Non-riding reserve member £190.00). There may be additional costs for matching team clothing, equipment, etc.

Although the Royal Windsor Horse Show runs from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 selected members may be required to arrive as early as the Monday or Tuesday of that week to take part in practices and rehearsals.

Please ensure that all the above information is conveyed to the nominated Member and their parents/guardian and that have clearly understood this.

### **Other International Competitions**

In addition to the Royal Windsor Horse Show, national teams may be invited to other international competitions throughout the year (including Ireland). It is normal for the members selected to ride at Royal Windsor Horse Show also to be invited to take part in these competitions. However, the Committee reserves the right in its absolute discretion to select other members to take part. In all cases, the pony used must be the one on which the rider was selected for Royal Windsor Horse Show. If either the rider or the pony is unavailable for any reason, the next pony/rider combination from the trial will be invited. For this reason, combinations at the trials are selected down to 9<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Deadline**

All Nominations are to be submitted via The Pony Club events page by **4. 00 p.m. on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

If you have any queries please contact [mountedgames@pcuk.org](mailto:mountedgames@pcuk.org).

Yours sincerely



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NATION	TRIAL DATE	VENUE ADRESS
England	10th March 2024	Dallas Burston Polo Club, CV47 2DL
Northern Ireland	24th February	Silverwood Arena, BT67 9HJ
Scotland	10th March 2024	Morris Equestrian Centre, KA3 6AY
Wales	3rd March 2024	Dyffryn Farm, SY21 8AE

LONG LIST OF TRIAL RACES
2 Flag 5 Flag

Ball & Cone  
Bending  
Bottle  
Old Sock  
Spell PONY CLUB  
Pyramid  
Rope  
Stepping Stone  
Quoits & Cone  
Two Mug  
Tyre