THE PONY CLUB SPRING FESTIVAL: ENGLAND & WALES 2022

DRESSAGE RULES

For Novice, Intermediate and Open Levels

(For Scotland & Northern Ireland see Regional Rules)

Valid for 2021/2022 Competitions

Final to be held at Arena UK
8th – 10th April 2022

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Except where varied in these rules, this competition will be judged in accordance with the Pony Club Dressage Rule Book as per below:

**Preliminary Rounds** will run in accordance with The Pony Club Dressage 2020 Rule Book and The Pony Club Spring Festival 2022 Rules.

**Area Competitions** and the **Championships** will run in accordance with The Pony Club Dressage 2020 Rule Book and The Pony Club Spring Festival 2022 Rules.

*Rules which differ from those of 2020/2021 appear in bold/italic type and are side-lined (as this note).*

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

**SADDLERY & DRESS**

At **Preliminary Round Competitions** either The Pony Club or British Dressage rules apply.

At **Area Competitions** and the **Championships**, The Pony Club Saddlery and Dress Rules apply.

**COMMANDERS**

Commanders are permitted at Preliminary Rounds but not at Area Competitions or the Championships.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**

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

NOVICE ELIGIBILITY

Riders are NOT eligible:

- If they have represented a Branch/Centre at Open Area Dressage or above (this includes summer and/or winter Area Competitions)

At Preliminary Rounds riders are NOT eligible:

- If they have won any BD (or DI) points at Novice level or above.
- If they have competed at more than two Novice My Quest/Team Quest competitions.
- If they have competed at BD Novice Music competitions

At Area Competitions and Championships riders are NOT eligible:

- If they have won more than 10 BD (or DI) points at Novice level or above.

INTERMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY

Combination of horse/pony and rider are NOT eligible:

- If they have represented a Branch/Centre at Open Area Dressage or above (this includes summer and/or winter Area Competitions).

OPEN ELIGIBILITY

Horses/ponies are NOT eligible:

- If they have won more than 10 points at Advanced Medium level or above during the current year (this includes Hors Concours entries).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Multiple Horses – competitors may qualify a maximum of three horses for the Area Competition and two horses for the Final in any one class. In the event of a rider qualifying more than two horses for the Final, they must nominate which two they will take at the Area Competition. The other qualifying place will be passed down the line.

Multiple Riders – horses may be ridden by up to two different riders at a Preliminary Round but by only one rider at Area Competitions and the final.

Multiple Levels – subject to eligibility, riders may qualify for both the Novice and Intermediate Championships OR the Intermediate and Open Championships but cannot ride the same horse at both levels.

If a combination qualifies for more than one level for the Championships, they must take the higher level forward, i.e. if they qualify for both the Novice and Intermediate Championships they must take the Intermediate place and pass the Novice place down the line.
Preliminary Round Rules

Held in England and Wales (Scotland and Northern Ireland have a separate Spring Festival) from April 2021 – 28th February 2022.

Preliminary Round dates can be found on The Pony Club website.

Pony Club members and non-members may compete at Preliminary Rounds in any Area. Non-members must become fully paid up members to compete at their Area Competition.

JUDGES

The Show Organiser shall appoint Judges (one per arena) from the British Dressage Judges Panel Lists 1 - 6 for the Preliminary Rounds.

DRESSAGE TESTS

Novice – The Pony Club Novice Dressage Test 2020

Intermediate – The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Test 2013

Open – The Pony Club Open Dressage Test 2020

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY

The first FOUR at each Preliminary Round and any tying for these places qualify for their Area Competition.

In addition, Members who had qualified for the cancelled 2021 Spring Festival Area Competitions (and are recorded with the office) will keep their places for the 2022 Spring Festival Area Competitions.

All Preliminary Round qualifiers will go forward to an Area Competition held in March 2022. Members must compete at their own Area Competition; no exemptions will be given.

PASSING DOWN THE LINE

In the event of a competitor being placed in a qualifying position when they have already qualified for the Area Competition the place may pass down the line.

PRELIMINARY ROUND COMPETITION RESULTS

All Preliminary Round competition organisers must submit the results of their competition, including the combinations in a qualifying position as soon as the competition has finished. If the competition is cancelled or there are no qualifiers, please ensure the office is notified.

Results can be submitted, and entry levy paid online.
Area Qualifier Rules

Held in 19 Areas throughout the country in March 2022. Areas 1, 17 and 19 will qualify for a separate final. Area Qualifier dates can be found on The Pony Club website.

Non Pony Club members who qualified at a Preliminary Round must become fully paid up members to compete at an Area Qualifier.

All members must attend their own Area Qualifier, no exemptions will be given.

Substitutions of horse/pony or rider WILL NOT be accepted at Area Qualifiers.

If there are 30 competitors or less the section will be held in one arena. If there are more than 30 competitors, the section may be split into two arenas.

JUDGES

The Show Organiser shall appoint Judges (one per arena) from the British Dressage Judges Panel lists 1 – 6 for the Area Competitions.

DRESSAGE TESTS

Novice – The Pony Club Novice Dressage Test 2020

Intermediate – The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Test 2013

Open – The Pony Club Open Dressage Test 2020

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY

Novice:
The first FOUR in each section and any tying for these places qualify for the Final.

Intermediate:

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PASSING DOWN THE QUALIFICATION

On the day - If a competitor is unable to go to the final then the qualifying places will be passed down the line. Please ensure every competitor confirms to the organiser/steward that they are intending to enter the final.

After the Area Qualifier – If a competitor is unable to go to the Final, they must notify The Pony Club Office as soon as possible so that their qualifying place can be passed down the line. This will only be done up until five days prior to the Final.

AREA QUALIFIER COMPETITION RESULTS

All Area Qualifier organisers must submit the results of their competition, including the combinations in a qualifying position as soon as the competition has finished

Results can be submitted, and entry levy paid online.

The Pony Club Spring Festival – Championship Rules

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

JUDGES

Judges for the Championships shall be appointed by The Pony Club Office who should be on the British Dressage Judges Panel on Lists 1 – 4.

DRESSAGE TESTS

Novice – The Pony Club Novice Dressage Championship Test 2017
Intermediate – The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Championship Test 2014
Open – The Pony Club Open Dressage Championship Test 2018
Dressage Tests

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS & AREA COMPETITIONS

Novice
The Pony Club Novice Dressage Test 2020

Intermediate
The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Test 2013

Open
The Pony Club Open Dressage Test 2020

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Novice
The Pony Club Novice Dressage Championship Test 2017

Intermediate
The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Championship Test 2014

Open
The Pony Club Open Dressage Championship Test 2018

Test sheets are available to download from: The Pony Club Website

Score sheets are available to purchase from: The Pony Club Shop
Entry Fees

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
Entry fee to be set by the organising Branch/Centre or Venue.
Please contact the relevant Show Secretary for details, these can also be found on The Pony Club website.

AREA QUALIFIERS
Entry fee to be set by the organising Branch/ Centre or Venue.
Please contact the relevant Show Secretary for details, these can also be found on The Pony Club website.

CHAMPIONSHIPS
Entry Fee: £25.00
Entries for competitors, who have qualified for the Championships, should be made through the online entry system no later than 3 days after their Area Competition or on the day of their Area Competition if it is held on the weekend before the Championships.