

**Flint & Denbigh Hunt Branch**

**Pony Club Area 5 Dressage Competition including Regional Area 5 Dressage Qualifier**

**Saturday 20th July 2019**

**Glan y Wern Farm. Llandyrnog Nr Denbigh. LL16 4HL**

**Entries to be made by Team Managers Only Team Entries by Mon 8th July 2019**

**Individual Entries close Friday 5th July 2019**

**Declaration of team members by Monday 15th July 2019**

**DRESSAGE** **SHOW OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PONY CLUB IN AREA 5 BRANCHES AND CENTRES**

**DRESSAGE TIMES AVAILABLE ARE 5 website THURSDAY 18th July 2019**

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**Entry Fee: £20 per competitor. Class 5 Grassroots Regional qualifier test may be commanded. Whips can be carried in all classes.**

**Class 1a: Team Qualifier and Class 1b: Individual Qualifier: Area 5 Open Qualifier - The Pony Club Open Dressage Test 2019**

**Class 2a: Team Qualifier and Class 2b: Individual Qualifier: Area 5 Intermediate Qualifier – The Pony Club Intermediate Dressage Test 2013**

1. represented any Branch or Centre in Open Area Dressage or above in previous years.
2. won any British Dressage (or Dressage Ireland) points at Elementary level or above.
3. competed at BD (or DI) Medium level or above (BD Team / My quest competitions do not count for the purpose of this rule).

**Class 3a: Team Qualifier and Class 3b: Individual Qualifier: Area 5 Novice Qualifier - The Pony Club Novice Dressage Test 2019**

**Riders are NOT eligible if they have: -**

1. competed an Open Area level or above competition in Dressage in the current year or have done so in previous years.
2. won any BD (or DI) points (BD Preliminary points do not count for the purposes of this rule).
3. competed at BD (or DI) Elementary level or above (BD Team / My quest competitions do not count for the purpose of this rule)

**Class 4: Open Novice Individuals only Qualifier- The Pony Club Novice Dressage Test 2019**

Competition at the Area Competition as individuals only.

1. Open to all Members **who are not eligible for the Novice.**
2. Open to any Horse.
3. Eligibility is subject to points 1 – 8 in the Dressage Rule Book.

# The Open Novice is to be run as an additional section to the Novice competition. Area Competitions may run up to two Open Novice sections if they have more than 20 competitors. If two sections are run, only the 1st placed competitor in each section will qualify for the Championships. If one section is run the 1st and 2nd placed competitors will qualify for the Championships.

**Class 5a: Team Qualifier and Class 5b: individual Area 5 Regional - The Pony Club Grassroots Dressage Test 2018**

1. Riders are NOT eligible if they have: -
2. previously represented their Branch or Centre at PC Novice level or above in any Dressage or Eventing Area Competitions.

b) Combination of Horse & Rider are NOT eligible if they have: -

1. competed above Prelim level with British Dressage (or DI).
2. previously competed in the Dengie Winter League Area Competition.

**Additional Competition Classes**

**Tests can be commanded in these classes, entries will be restricted, entries accepted in order of receipt/correct payment**

**Entry Fee: £16.00 per competitor.**

Classes 6 and 7 are **not qualifiers** for The Pony Club Championships.

**Class 6: PC Introduction to Dressage Test 2019**

**Class 7 : PC D Level Dressage Test. Walk & Trot.**

**All tests run under The Pony Club Dressage Rulebook 2019 which can be found on the Pony Club website and downloaded**

<http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/sports/dressage/dressage_rules>

**The Pony Club Dressage tests can be found on the website and downloaded free of charge**

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Rules and Conditions:

1.The classes will be judged in accordance with the 2019 Pony Club Dressage Rule book <http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/sports/dressage/dressage_rules>

2. Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organizers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other personal property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.

3. The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present at this event. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents. They must obey the instructions of the organizers and all officials and stewards.

4. The Surrey Union Branch of The Pony Club and the organisers of this event are not legally responsible for non-Members and their insurance will not cover you.

5. Preferred entries on [www.equo-events.co.uk](http://www.equo-events.co.uk) Postal entries will also be accepted

6. In the event of cancellation, £3.00 of the entry will be retained to defray costs.

7. While every care will be taken, the organisers hereby give notice that, to the extent permitted by law, they accept no responsibility for any injury, damage loss or expense whatsoever or howsoever caused, arising out of or in any way connected with this event.

8. The decision of the judge is final. Objections are to be made to the Chief Steward in writing, within half an hour of the disputed event, together with a deposit of £25 which will be refunded should the objection be upheld.

9. Horses must not be left tied to outside of lorry/trailer, this is a condition of the showground.

10. Horses or ponies must be over four years old on the day of the competition.

11. No horse or pony may be ridden more than once in any class.

12. No galloping or lunging anywhere on the showground, riders must only walk their horses/ponies in the car park.

13. No fees will be refunded without a vet’s or doctor’s certificate.

14. Vaccination certificates must accompany all horse/ponies attending this event, see Pony Club Dressage Rulebook 2019, Page 32-34. Vaccination certificates must be presented for inspection when collecting numbers.

15. Dogs are allowed but must be kept on short leads.

16. The Official Steward has the absolute discretion to forbid the use of any bit, gadget or spur which the Official Steward considers cruel or misused.

17. The Official Steward can eliminate any competitor.

COMPETITORS AT AREA DRESSAGE COMPEITIONS

Competitors will assist Stewards in the efficient running of area competition:

* Competitors are required to report their presence to the Tack Steward while riding 20 minutes before their starting time, and being on hand nearer the time to receive the Steward’s signal to go to the arena.
* Competitors should ride where directed close to arena, as soon as the previous competitor has made his exit.
* Competitors should ensure that they are conforming to all the rules of The Pony club, particularly regarding dress and saddle.
* Competitors should begin their test without delay on receiving the judges’ signal to start.
* On a signal being given for error of course, the judge shows the competitor if necessary, the point at which he must take up the test again and the next move to be executed.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor is required to certify the eligibility of horse and rider as follows. Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Dressage Committee may disqualify the offending competitor. Members must fulfil all the following eligibility rules on the day of the Area Competition.**

**APPLICABLE TO OPEN, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE AND REGIONAL Championships -see dressage rulebook 2019 for list of full rules / eligibility.**

* Horses which have won more than 10 points at Advanced Medium level or above during the current year are not eligible. This includes HC entries.
* Horses must be 4 years of age or over and there is no height limit.
* Combination of horse and rider cannot compete at two different levels at the area competition or at the Championships.
* Stallions may only be ridden by members if written permission is obtained from their District Commissioner and they must wear identifying discs on their bridles in the interests of safety.
* All horses and ponies must have genuinely participated at a minimum of three working rallies since 1st July 2018, one of which must be in current year with a member of The Pony club. The District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor has discretion in the case of those who are working or in further education. Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to date of rally.
* All riders must be an active member of The Pony Club.
* Regional Championships – riders must be fully paid up Members of The Pony Club but with **NO** restriction on time of joining.
* In case of transfer of branch/centre since the previous years’ competition, the Transfer Rule in the current Pony Club Rulebook will be enforced. This does not apply to regional qualifiers.