



Northern Dressage Group Teams Policy

The following document sets out regulations and procedures for members of the Club representing Northern Dressage Group at area or National competitions. It hopes to clarify areas such as eligibility, entry procedure and qualification for championships. We are very happy to answer any questions!

NDG is affiliated to British Riding Clubs (BRC) and our members can ride as individuals or part of a team at Area qualifiers. These are run by a committee representing the 28 North West clubs in Area 3 called the Northern Liaison Group (NLG). Winners may qualify for National BRC finals.

NLG organise Area Qualifiers throughout the year for several dressage classes Prelim – Adv Medium as well as Freestyle, Riding Tests (equitation dressage), show jumping, combined training and Horse Trials. See our fixture list, website and Facebook page for details and ask our Team Manager or Secretary for information. Dates of Nationals and more information also on BRC website.

www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs

1. ENTRIES:

Details and a schedule for each area competition will be posted on NDG website and Facebook approx 2 months in advance as there is a one month early closing date. Riders are asked to contact the Team manager to volunteer and give their preferred classes. Payment will be requested by cheque or via Horsemonkey.

2. CLOSING DATE:

BRC require a preliminary entry fee in addition to the class entry fee - this is due a month before the show date which gives our team manager time to put teams together, check eligibility and also give the NLG organiser advance warning of numbers.

3. WITHDRAWALS:

Unless a replacement is found we are unable to refund entry fees once paid.



4. ELIGIBILITY:

BRC rules and criteria apply – their handbook is on their web page but the Team Manager will need these details from you:

- A. Your name and NDG membership number (current for closing and competition date) and BD rider group if applicable
- B. Horse competition/BD name and current BD points/level
- C. Horse passport name and number
- D. Your last three competition results/scores and where. We prefer you to have ridden at two NDG shows at that level or above and gained 60%+. Jumping experience will be discussed. Committee discretion to be used in all cases.
- E. Team Selection- We will try to meet rider preference on test/class. However the Team manager will check results and eligibility and may ask you to ride a different level or an extra test/class if entries dictate. If any late withdrawals the Manager may have to swap riders between teams to ensure at least 3 in a team.

5. OTHER CRITERIA:

Horse vaccinations must be correctly started then annual on horse passport which must be brought to the qualifier. Class/Team winners will have passports checked by Area Official and if incorrect may be disqualified. Rules on BRC web site or ask Team manager or Dianne Wood to check your vaccination dates in advance of entry. All riders will have a tack check in collecting ring and riding hats must be tagged to show BRC standard checked – this can be done by Dianne or on the day when you collect your number (bridle numbers can be worn). No jewellery to be worn and whips may be carried. Commanders allowed at area dressage but not at finals. Be aware that these area qualifiers attract large entries.

6. QUALIFICATION

Rosettes to top six teams and top six individuals in each arena. Winning teams and highest individuals (team riders also count as individuals) should qualify for National final – this is to be verified by the Area Official and by letter from BRC after checks done as withdrawals may pass down. Team manager will keep riders informed.



7. HELPERS

At each area comp and some finals each Club has to send several helpers (NDG helpers fee applies) as people are needed to steward/tack check/write /score etc. If you can bring someone to help please let the team manager know.

8. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NDG is proud of its riders' results and National Champions. The Club supports riders qualifying and currently pays the Nationals entry fee and £20 towards the stabling costs. We want everyone to do well at every level and enjoy the experience.