

Area 19 Area Dressage Qualifier Morris Equestrian - Sunday 31st May 2026

Eligibility for all classes:

1. Horses must be 4 years of age or over and there is no height limit. In their first eligible year, they must NOT be less than 48 months old. (4 actual years old). Thereafter, a horse or pony shall be deemed to reach the age of 5 on the 1st of January and shall be deemed to become a year older on each successive 1st January. e.g. A horse born on 1st August 2020 is 4 years of age on 1st August 2024. From this date, they may then attend pony club events. They will be deemed 5 years of age on 1st January 2025.
2. Horses/ponies can be ridden in three tests in one day, with up to two riders.
3. Combination of Horse and Rider can compete at two adjacent levels of the same Sport at the Area Competition or at the Championships, i.e., combinations can compete at Preliminary PC70 and Grassroots PC80, Grassroots PC80 and Novice, Novice and Intermediate or Intermediate and Open. Should a combination qualify at two levels, a further place should be passed down at the lower level.
4. 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.
5. All competitors must be Members of The Pony Club both at the closing date for entries to the competition and at the date of the relevant competition to be eligible to compete at Area qualifying competitions and the Championships (including Regional Championships).

The Area competition comprises:

- a) **The Individual Competition** – the scores for all competitors in the Competitions automatically count for this competition. In addition, Branches/Centres may enter individuals, irrespective of whether they have entered a team or not.
- b) **The Team Competition** – Teams must consist of three or four different Members from each Branch/Centre of The Pony Club. One Member in a team of three different Members may ride two horses to make a team of four horses. Only the best three scores of each team are counted, but at least three members must complete the competition.
- c) **Area Teams** - if a Branch has a Member/s who are not included in a team, they may combine with one or more Branches/Centres in a similar situation to form a team to compete at the Area Competition. Area Teams may not contain three Members from the same Branch/Centre. This team shall be eligible to qualify for the Championships. Should an Area Team qualify for the Championships, then the next placed eligible Branch Team shall also qualify. Area Teams can only be put together by the Area Representative and/or Area Organiser. New Area Teams cannot be put together after the Area Competition, only Area Teams that have qualified can compete at the Championships.

Specific class eligibility:

Class 1. PC70 – WARM UP : Foundation PC70 Dressage Test 2026

Class 2. PC70 – Team and Individual : Foundation PC70 Dressage Test 2026

FOUNDATION PC70 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Area Competitions and Championships: Riders must be aged 13 and under on 1st January of the current year. Combination of horse and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- ▶ completed a Novice Area level or above summer competition in Dressage or Eventing in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ▶ completed above Prelim level with British Dressage (or DI) or at BD Novice Team/My Quest.
- ▶ been placed 1st - 4th on more than two occasions at a previous Preliminary PC70 Regional Championships.

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY:

Foundation PC70 Regional Championships Teams:

- ▶ Open to the top 6 teams from each Regional Championship qualifying class.

Foundation PC70 Regional Championships Individuals:

- ▶ Open to the top 4 individuals in each arena (where four arenas are used) from each Area Competition.
- ▶ Where two arenas are used the 8 highest placed individuals from each arena will qualify.
- ▶ Where only one arena is used the 16 highest placed individuals will qualify.
- ▶ Where a qualifying individual is a member of a qualifying team the place should be passed down the line.

Class 3. PC70 PLUS – Individual only: Foundation PC70 Dressage Test 2026

FOUNDATION PC70 PLUS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS This is a class solely for individuals. There is no team competition. Members must be aged 14 and over on 1st January of the current year. Combination of horse and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- ▶ completed a Novice Area level or above summer competition in Dressage or Eventing in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ▶ completed above Prelim level with British Dressage (or DI) or at BD Novice Team/My Quest.
- ▶ been placed 1st - 4th on more than two occasions at a previous Preliminary PC70 Regional Championships.

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY:

Foundation PC70 Plus Regional Championships Individuals:

- ▶ Open to the top individual in each arena (where four arenas are used) from each Area Competition.

- ▶ Where two arenas are used the 2 highest placed individuals from each arena will qualify
- ▶ Where only one arena is used the 4 highest placed individuals will qualify.

Class 4. Grassroots PC80 – WARM UP: Grassroots PC80 Dressage Test 2026

Class 5. Grassroots PC80 – Team and Individual: Grassroots PC80 Dressage Test 2026

GRASSROOTS PC80 Area Competitions: Combination of Horse and Rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- ▶ completed an Intermediate Area level or above summer competition in Dressage or Eventing in the current year or have done so in previous years.
- ▶ completed above Prelim level with British Dressage (or DI) at BD Novice Team/My Quest
- ▶ been placed 1st - 4th in the ride-off at a previous Grassroots PC80 Regional Dressage Championships

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY:

Grassroots PC80 Regional Championships Teams:

- ▶ Open to the top 6 teams from each Grassroots PC80 Regional Championship qualifying class.

Individuals:

- ▶ Open to the top 4 individuals in each arena (where four arenas are used) from each Area Competition.
- ▶ Where two arenas are used the 8 highest placed individuals from each arena will qualify
- ▶ Where only one arena is used the 16 highest placed individuals will qualify.
- ▶ Where a qualifying individual is a member of a qualifying team the place should be passed down the line.

Class 6. Novice PC90 – WARM UP: Novice PC90 Dressage Test 2026

Class 7. Novice PC90 – Team and Individual: Novice PC90 Dressage Test 2026, (Commanders are not permitted)

NOVICE Area Competitions: Combination of horse and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- ▶ completed an Open Area level or above summer competition in Dressage in the current year or have done so in previous years
- ▶ won any BD (or DI) points (BD Preliminary points do not count for the purposes of this rule)
- ▶ completed at BD (or DI) Elementary level or above (BD Team/My Quest competitions do not count for the purposes of this rule)
- ▶ competed in BD Novice Music classes

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY:

Novice Dressage Championships Teams:

- ▶ Winning team qualifies automatically
- ▶ 2nd team qualifies if 6 or more teams compete
- ▶ 3rd team qualifies if 10 or more teams compete
- ▶ 4th team qualifies if 14 or more teams compete Where a qualifying individual is a member of a qualifying team, the qualifying place should be passed down the line.

Individuals:

- ▶ Open to the winning individual in each arena (where four arenas are used) from each Novice Area Competition.
- ▶ Where two arenas are used the 2 highest-placed individuals from each arena will qualify and
- ▶ Where only one arena is used the 4 highest-placed individuals will qualify.
- ▶ Where a qualifying individual is a member of a qualifying team the place should be passed down the line.

Class 8. Intermediate PC100 – WARM UP: Intermediate PC100 Dressage Test 2026**Class 9. Intermediate PC100 – Team and Individual: Intermediate PC100 Dressage Test 2026 , (Commanders are not permitted)**

INTERMEDIATE Area Competitions: Combination of horse and rider are NOT eligible if they have:

- ▶ won any British Dressage (or Dressage Ireland) points at Elementary level or above
- ▶ completed at BD (or DI) Medium level or above (BD Team/My Quest competitions do not count for the purposes of this rule)

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY:

Intermediate Dressage Championships Teams:

- ▶ Top two teams qualify automatically
- ▶ 3rd team qualifies if 8 or more teams compete
- ▶ 4th team qualifies if 16 or more teams compete

Individuals:

- ▶ The winner of each section qualifies automatically
- ▶ 2nd in section qualifies if 8 or more competed in that section
- ▶ 3rd in section qualifies if 12 or more competed in that section
- ▶ 4th in section qualifies if 16 or more competed in that section
- ▶ Where a qualifying individual is a member of a qualifying team, the qualifying place should be passed down the line

Class 10. Open PC110 – WARM UP: Open PC110 Dressage Test 2026

Class 11. Open PC110 – Team and Individual: Open PC110 Dressage Test 2026, (Commanders are not permitted)

NUMBERS TO QUALIFY:

Open Dressage Championships Teams

- ▶ Top three teams qualify automatically
- ▶ 4th team qualifies if 6 or more teams compete

Individuals:

- ▶ The winner of each section qualifies automatically
- ▶ 2nd in section qualifies if 4 or more competed in that section
- ▶ 3rd in section qualifies if 6 or more competed in that section
- ▶ 4th in section qualifies if 8 or more competed in that section
- ▶ 5th in section qualifies if 10 or more competed in that section
- ▶ Where a qualifying individual is a member of a qualifying team, the qualifying place should be passed down the line.

Class 12. Novice Dressage to Music 2023

Class 13. Intermediate Dressage to Music 2023

Class 14. Open Dressage to Music 2023

Class 15. Pairs Dressage to Music 2023

Refund terms and conditions:

If a Branch or Centre withdraws a team or individual prior to the closing date for a competition, a full refund of entry and stabling fees will be made, less an administration charge. Withdrawals after the closing date for a competition will not be refunded.

Abandonment terms and conditions:

In the event of a competition being abandoned, for whatever reason, a refund of 50% of the entry fee will be given. In such an instance the refund process will be communicated and must be followed.

Substitutions:

Area Competitions – after the closing date for declarations, no substitutions may be made of horses or riders except in cases of illness, lameness or other unavoidable circumstances which must be certified in writing by the District Commissioner or his appointed representative. In such a case:

- i. If a horse has to be substituted an alternative rider may be nominated.
- ii. If a rider has to be substituted an alternative horse may be nominated.
- iii. If a Branch enters two teams under Rule 5, substitution may be made from one team to the other.

REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT

Reasonable Adjustment may be considered if required, please

see <https://pcuk.org/officials/equality-diversity/reasonable-adjustment/>. Reasonable Adjustment during the competition will follow the Pony Club Reasonable Adjustment policy, forms must be complete and submitted to the organisers by 17th May.

PONY CLUB RULES

The Pony Club Rules will apply.

SPURS 2026 RULE

All competitors wearing Spurs must present their yellow hat tag on entering the warm up. Anyone competing wearing spurs without a yellow hat tag will be asked to remove their spurs. Misuse of the spurs anywhere at this event will result in disqualification and the removal of yellow hat tag.

MAGNETIC STIRRUPS

Magnetic Stirrups are NOT allowed in any Pony Club discipline, at any rally or event this rule applies to this event.

STABLING

To be booked direct with Morris Equestrian, not guaranteed but if you specify your Area on booking Morris will try to group Area stables together. We recommend you book stabling early to avoid disappointment.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES:

Health & Safety Organisers of this event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers and all the officials and stewards.

Legal Liability 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 organisers 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 person or property whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis