

INFO - TEAMS

The British Riding Clubs organisation is split into a number of different geographical regions. The south and west of Scotland, of which Polnoon is part, is Area 1 out of 22 areas covering all of Britain. The Riding Clubs movement runs a number of official competitions (Dressage, SJ, Riders Test etc) for which each Area holds a qualifying competition between all the clubs in that Area. A number of teams and individuals qualify at those competitions to take part in the finals which are held at Lincoln Showground on the 1st or second weekend in September. Horse Trials, Hunter Trials and Dressage to Music Finals are at other venues.

The competitions are intended to provide opportunities for all Riding Club members, from the most novice to the most experienced, to represent their club. You do not have to be competing at a high level to be able to take part.

Polnoon has done particularly well recently with many teams taking the long trip to Lincoln and everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves representing the club at such a major event. Whilst we obviously like to be successful and do try to enter our 'best' team for the qualifiers we have also always taken the view that as many members as possible should have the chance to represent the Club, if they want to. As long as a member and their horse are reasonably capable of performing at the required level and are willing and able to travel to the finals if they are on a qualifying team then we are happy to enter a number of teams for each competition. Team members have to pay their own entries for qualifiers but the club will try to help out with costs if a team qualifies for the Championships.

Sheona McNeill is in overall charge of organisation of teams although Chef d'Equipes are appointed for each individual competition.

If you are interested in competing on a team you have to contact Sheona McNeill as soon as possible so that she knows you are available. She will also take information from the membership forms but do not rely on this if you are keen to have a go.

Do not be shy about contacting any Sheona, any other committee member, or Chef d'Equipe, if you would like to be involved. Please do not feel that you 'are not good enough' – you are probably a lot better than you think and there are a range of competitions so that everyone competes against others at the same level. Being part of a team is great fun and makes the competition something different from the usual. If you do feel unsure about taking on the responsibility of being a team member you can compete as an individual but still be part of the 'Polnoon Team' on the day.

QUALIFIER COMPETITION DATES AND DETAILS - 2010

Competition	Restrictions	Level	Qualifiers 2008
Novice Team Dressage	Horses: no BD points Riders: no qualifications higher than BHSAI Only group 7 & 8 BD	Prelim tests	3-4/07/10 @ Greenfields of Avondale, Drumclog
Open Team Dressage	Horses: 74 BD points or less for Novice test 149 BD points or less for Elementary	Novice or Elementary tests	3-4/07/10 @ Greenfields of Avondale, Drumclog
Riding Test	Horses: Test 6 – Max 5 BD points Test 8 – Max 50 BD points; Max 20 BE points Riders: Test 6 – No BHSAI or above Test 8 – BHSAI & BHSII allowed	This is a test of the rider rather than the horse. The judges are looking for a correct position and use of the aids Test 6 is straightforward – just basic movements. Test 8 includes turn on the forehand & simple changes	3-4/07/10 @ Greenfields of Avondale, Drumclog
Equitation Jumping	Horses: Max £100 BSJA winnings Max 10 BE points Riders: up to BHSII	Judged over 1 round of fences up to 2ft9ins (85cms). Style is taken into account as well as faults.	20/06/10 @St Boswells, Jedburgh
Novice SJ	Horses: No BSJA winnings. Not placed 1-6 in Pre Novice horse Trials	1 st round: 2ft6ins (75cms) 2 nd round: 2ft9ins (85cms) Jump off: 3ft (95cms)	20/06/10 @St Boswells, Jedburgh
Intermediate SJ	Horses: Max £150 BSJA	1 st round: 3ft (95cms) 2 nd round: 3ft 3ins (1m) Jump off: 3ft6ins (1.10) Horse/rider combination should be jumping British Novice/Discovery	20/06/10 @St Boswells, Jedburgh
Open SJ	Horses: Max £500 BSJA	1 st round: 3ft6ins (1.10) 2 nd round: 3ft9ins (1.20) Jump off: 4ft (1.30) Horse/rider combination should be jumping Discovery/Newcomers	20/06/10 @St Boswells, Jedburgh
Novice Horse Trials	Horses: No BE points; not placed 1-6 in Pre Novice; not to have completed Pre Novice in current year; not placed in top 10 at previous RC Championships	Fences up to 3ft (95cms) Horse/rider combination should be jumping Intro level horse trials	11/07/10 – Area 1 not hosting qualifiers- competing with area 2 @ Beamish, Co. Durham
Intermediate Horse Trials	Horses: Not placed 1-6 in Pre Novice; no BE points	Fences up to 3ft6ins (1.10m) Horse/rider combination should be jumping Pre Novice level horse trials	11/07/10 – Area 1 not hosting qualifiers- competing with area 2 @ Beamish, Co. Durham