



SOUTH & EAST REGION
Inter County Challenge
2025
SELECTION CRITERIA

Open to all! Members and non-Members

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



REGIONAL & COUNTY TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Inter County Challenge

Classes at Intro, Prelim, Novice and Elementary

Two rounds – one on Saturday and one on Sunday – different tests each day

Conditions of Entry:

- Riders must be paid members of British Dressage by the close of entries of the final (either Club or Full).
- Horses must be 4 years or over.
- Riders and horses (individually and combination) must be eligible to compete in accordance with BD rules in the correct rider group/level as at the date of close of entries – all combinations to be eligible for **Bronze** only.
- If a combination has ever competed at the Youth, Senior or Para Home Nations they may take part, but this must be at the level above if they are eligible.
- This competition is open to Intro, Preliminary, Novice and Elementary riders only.
- If a combination has competed at the Winter Championships, Summer National Championships or the Area Festival Finals (not including FSM classes) they are **not** eligible for the Inter County Challenge.
- Riders can try out for the county of their choice, but ideally either they or their horse should reside in that county. London will incorporate those inside the M25, and the riders this affects can choose to ride for either London or any other of the S&E counties. Riders may ride in different counties if they have friends there or connections.
Riders are permitted to apply at more than one level and with different horses if they meet the criteria. However only one combination will be selected. In extreme circumstances dispensation may be given for a rider to ride two horses. This is done by application to the DO's and Regional Chair.

Selection

- Selection will be made by the county holding a competition over one day or at a Test Riding Day. Scores will be posted on the day for transparency.
- Counties will keep a full record of all riders results and the level they rode at including the horse ridden which will be submitted for verification before the teams are announced.
- Interested riders may come forward for a variety of training days where organised to register interest however these are not compulsory. Counties will run a minimum of 2 training days and one test riding day.

General

- Days within your county will be advertised on social media.
- At a competition day you may be warmed up by your County Coach and ride your test in front of an accredited BD Judge.
- Entries will be via our official booking system Horse Monkey.
- Teams will be selected based on results gained at test or competition days.
- Normal BD rules apply. Whips and commanders **are** permitted in any test.

- Grading points will **not** be awarded.
- Riders must be eligible to ride at the level which they intend to compete in accordance with the rules above.
- The highest scoring riders at each level at the county competitions or test riding days or a combination of both will be selected to go forward to the grand final at Bury Farm on the 12-13 July 2025
- All test shows will be run under full BD rules. The British Dressage handbook can be accessed online at [BD Members Handbook](#)
- Competition clothing must be worn with headgear in accordance with British Dressage rules. Stocks/saddle cloths etc in county colours may be worn for this competition. Each county has been allocated a colour to represent their region.

Code of Conduct for Horse Welfare and Members

There must be commitment from all riders to adhere to British Dressage Code of conduct for Horse Welfare and members, upholding the highest standards at all times. Please refer to the relevant sections in the 2025 BD members' handbook for full details.

In the first instance please contact your County Co-ordinator to register your interest

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Please note – all training and test riding days will be available to book via Horse Monkey so do check out what is going on in your county!