

Subject: **Qualifications & Eligibility For Competition On Regional Teams At Championships**

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I. Philosophy

In order to provide an opportunity for Pony Club members to experience the highest challenges of teamwork, sportsmanship and horsemanship, and to encourage understanding and friendships among Pony Clubbers across the United States, the Regional Council endorses Championships in various designated horse sports and **Quiz**.

II. Policy Statement

The policy of the Regional Council is that the Midwest Region will establish criteria for participation on Regional teams at National Championships.

III. Amplifying Instructions & Guidelines

A. Only competitors who have submitted a Championship intent form are eligible to qualify for championships. An individual who has signed a Championship intent form and has actually qualified for a team in their discipline or division is obligated to pay the Championship entry fee even if they decide not to go to Championships. Championship intent forms are due by the rally organizer's designated deadline.

B. The RS and VRS will select the regional teams from qualified candidates. In addition to the criteria listed for each discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork and behavior will also be a determining factor.

All Disciplines: No more than 5 individual HM penalties per individual without factoring and without written tests

1. Quiz - the top four scoring individuals (based on percentage) in each division that meet age and rating requirements provided they rank in the top one third of their division.
 - a) Juniors competing as Seniors will be compared to Juniors
2. Show Jumping - top 4 individual score for riders having two clean rounds, one round with no more than 4 jumping penalties and no more than 5 HM penalties, who meet age/rating requirements and Top HM score for horse manager with no more than 5 individual HM penalties who meets age/rating requirements.
3. Dressage - top individual scores using the following criteria:
 - a) The first four qualifiers will be chosen on the basis of high individual scores in dressage with scores from musical freestyles included, with one score of at least 58% , and no more than 5 individual HM penalties. All must ride a musical or pas-de-duex at Championships. Top HM score for horse manager with no more than 5 individual penalties who meets age/rating requirements.
4. Eventing - top 4 individual scores for riders who meet age/rating requirements with no more than 5 individual HM penalties and having the required affidavits. Top HM score for Horse manager with no more than 5 individual penalties who meets age/rating requirements

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5. Tetrathlon - high point individual with a total score of 2400 points, with no more than 5 HM individual penalties and no more than 700 penalties in the riding phase and meeting age/rating requirements.
 6. Games – the 1st place team in junior, senior and advanced divisions, who meet age and rating requirements with no more than 5 HM penalties per individual. Vacancies on the team will be determined as games rally rules direct. The RS will have discretion whether to send the next higher scoring team.
 7. Polocrosse – the high point team in intermediate or advanced divisions, who meet age and rating requirements with no more than 5 HM per individual penalties. Vacancies on the team will be determined as polocrosse rally rules direct. The RS will have discretion whether to send the next higher scoring team.
- C. If qualifying out the region and all criteria given is equal, priority will be given to the competitor who competed in the Midwest Regional rally
- D. The region will pay ¼ of the team entry fee *provided* the combined balance in the operating fund is not less than \$10,000 at the time Championship entry fees are submitted. A refund check of ¼ the rider's fee will be sent to the member's club after participation in Championships.
- E. E. The Region will furnish teams with a Regional banner. Team members are responsible for damage or loss.
- F. F. The Region will furnish saddle pads for team members. Members may buy the pad if desired. A deposit for the cost of the pad is required and will be returned upon return of saddle pad less cleaning fee. PCers are responsible for damaged or lost saddle pads.
- G. G. PCers are responsible for reimbursing the Region for any fees charged to the region for stalls left dirty.
- H. A PCer will lose their regional member-in-good-standing until all damages or fees are received by the Region.
- I. The horse manger will pay a deposit of ½ the riders fee. This deposit will be returned after participation in Championships.

IV. Delegation Of Authority

The Regional Supervisor shall have the overall responsibility for enforcing this policy.

V. Enactment

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