

Area Competitions – Wilton Selection Policy

The Selection Process Selection will be undertaken by the Wilton District Commissioner (DC), the appropriate Instructor and Team Manager ONLY

Whenever the Wilton branch makes entries for AREA competitions, the individuals and team will be selected in accordance with the following policy:

1. All team selection will be done as fairly and openly as possible.
2. At the beginning of the selection phase, all Wilton members will be invited to express their interest in representing their branch at Area Competitions. Please use the 'google form' that is on the Team page of the Wilton website. Only those who have expressed an interest via the forms will be invited to training sessions.
3. Please Note: The Pony Club Area 14 Rules state that 'all competitors entered for AREA and NATIONAL competitions must be active members of branch at the time of both entry and the competition. All horses must have participated at a minimum of three rallies since the 1st July in the previous year, one of which must have been in the current year, with the current rider as a combination. Each full day at camp can be counted separately as a qualifying rally'.
4. Selection will take into account both the commitment of the individual and their performance in previous competitions, at rallies and in training.
 - You must be able to demonstrate evidence of regular competitions, at the appropriate level, on the horse / pony you are proposing to enter. Competitions can be affiliated, unaffiliated or Pony Club Competitions. Your results at these competitions can be used for evidence of your suitability to compete at AREA.
 - You must attend Team Training during the assessment phase and in preparation for AREA.
5. Other selection criteria will include evidence that you are an active and loyal member of the Wilton Branch and are involved in a wide range of PC activities including supporting branch events.
6. If you are selected to represent the Wilton at any of these competitions. You will be expected to attend team training and course walks, before and at the event. Your behaviour will reflect on the branch. You are expected to stay, regardless of your results, for the prize giving. This is usually at the end of the day.
7. All AREA and NATIONAL competitions require that your horse / pony has been vaccinated against influenza (Flu) correctly and that they have had a Flu booster within 6 months of the competition. Please familiarise yourself with the Pony Club Flu Vaccination policy that can be found on the home page of the PCUK website.

We seek to manage expectations during the team selection process. Disappointment is inevitable; however we hope that those who fail to meet the selection criteria will have a plan for how to achieve it the following year.

Sally Lefroy DC

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