

## **Members Wanting to Take Part in Area Qualifiers**

Our main aim as a Riding Club is to encourage people to progress, whatever level you are riding or competing at but most importantly to have fun doing it!

If you want to take part in an Area Qualifier, we will try to accommodate you wherever possible but please note that it is your responsibility to express your interest through the appropriate channels. Failure to do so may result in you missing out!

Please make yourself familiar with both the Area Qualifier dates located here; <http://southerndownridingclub.sharepoint.com/Pages/AreaEvents.aspx> and the Championship Dates located here; <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs>

There are a number of criteria that Riders 2000 Riding Club would like you to comply with to ensure that you are eligible to represent our Riding Club.

- ❖ You must be a current member of Riders 2000 Riding Club.
- ❖ Your horse's passport must be up to date with all vaccinations – Please approach any member of the committee to check if you are unsure. If one vaccination is out by even just a day this could prevent you from taking part and your horse will need to re-start their vaccinations.
- ❖ You must be an active club member –this means you must do at least your minimum number of helps throughout the year (we are always grateful if you wish to do more!).
- ❖ You must either attend club lessons or private lessons with Nick, so that he can assess you and your horse's performance to make an informed decision of which level you are competent for. We will never put you forward for a level that you are not comfortable with.
- ❖ You must ensure that you and your horse are eligible for the discipline in which you would like to compete – with regards to British Dressage Points, British Eventing Points or BSJA Notional Winnings all being a key factor for Area Qualifiers eligibility. The BRC Rule Book is available to download for free on the website, alternatively you can ask a committee member if you are unsure.
- ❖ You must be available to attend Championship Competitions if you are fortunate enough to qualify.
- ❖ If you wish to take part in the Horse Trials Qualifier, you will need to provide a helper on the day of the competition. Running the cross country section of this competition is very labour intensive and it is a condition of the entry. If we do not provide the required number of helpers on the day, our teams will be eliminated. The same also applies to Championship Competitions across all disciplines.

## **The Process for expressing an interest**

- ❖ For any upcoming Qualifiers, there will be a form on the notice board at Alps Park, you can either complete your name on this form or alternatively Juniors need to notify Claire Williams and Seniors are to notify Julie Rooney – Please do not approach any other Committee Members or the Chairpersons.
- ❖ The closing date of Preliminary Entries for Area Qualifiers is 4 weeks prior to the competition, therefore you need to express your interest a minimum of six weeks before the competition date so that we know in advance how many Team/Individual entries we need to make.
- ❖ If you have notified Claire and Julie that you wish to take part, they will send you a letter as confirmation which will enclose details of the qualifier and the required entry fee. Once received, you will need to complete the attached slip and return with the full entry fee to the correct person by the allocated date – Claire for Juniors/Julie for Seniors. Do not return to any other Committee Members or Chairpersons as this may result in you losing your position and an alternative taking your place.