

Amendment to Rule 25 of the Horsemanship Rulebook:

If a Branch has a Member/s who are not included in a team, they may combine with one or more Branches in a similar situation to form a team to compete at the Area Competition.

If a Centre has a Member/s who are not included in a team, they may combine with one or more Centres in a similar situation to form a team to compete at the Area Competition.

Members may only combine with the permissions of their District Commissioners / Centre Proprietors and the Area Representative; fair and objective criteria must be applied when selecting these Members.

Area teams are to enable smaller Branches **or** Centres to field teams of Members who otherwise would be unable to do so.

Area Teams must be either all Branch members, or all Centre members.

This team shall be eligible to qualify for the National Final. Should an Area Team qualify for the National Final as the 'Highest Placed Branch or Centre', then the next placed eligible Branch or Centre Team shall also qualify.

Should an Area Team qualify for the National Final as an 'Extra qualifying space', then only they will receive that qualifying space.

An Area Team must comprise of 3 or 4 members from 2 or more Branches or Centres. e.g. 4 Branches with one individual each. 3 Centres with one pair, and two individuals etc. Branches and Centres should communicate with their Area Representative or Area Centre Coordinator to form area teams.

The spirit of this rule is to allow Branch/Centres to field a team where they otherwise would not have been able to, it is not to allow large Branch/ Centres to enable extra competitors to take part or to create potential "super teams".