

# The Pony Club Mounted Games Royal Windsor Horse Show 2026

England – Northern Ireland – Scotland – Wales



The Pony Club has once again been invited to run the Home International Competition at the **Royal Windsor Horse Show** from **Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th May 2026**. Branches and Centres are invited to nominate eligible Members to attend a **Selection Trial**. A Member may be nominated by their Branch/Centre any number of times for the Selection Trial.

## Eligibility for Nomination

- Members must have reached their **12th Birthday before 1st January 2026** and must not have had their 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
- All nominated Members must have attained their **C Test** before the nomination deadline of **23:59 on 1st February 2026**. A copy of the certificate must be uploaded with the nomination.
- The pony ridden at the trial must be the one the Member will ride at Windsor, and any other International competitions.
- The nominee should be a skilled games player, a team player, and a representative of their Branch/Centre and Country. They should also have a high standard of stable management and riding.
- Members must be free from any restrictions imposed under the Transfer Rule by the nomination closing date.

*Please note that from 2027, Members who have transferred within the last three years of the nomination closing date will not be eligible for nomination. This is **advanced notice** of a 2027 rule change.*

## Nominations Process

Nominations must be submitted via Entrymaster, along with a **£38.00 entry fee** towards the trial costs.

**Confidential Reference:** Each nomination must include a **Confidential Reference** completed by the District Commissioner or Centre Proprietor. Within the confidential reference, DCs/CPs should answer the following questions:

- *What qualities of this Member's character led you to nominate them?*
- *Why do you think this Member is a strong representative of The Pony Club and Mounted Games?*
- *Can you provide examples of when this Member demonstrated that they are a good team member?*
- *What skills or attributes make this Member suited for the team?*
- *Do you think this Member would contribute well to a team made up of Members from other Branches/Centres?*
- *Is this Member open to advice and guidance from unfamiliar coaches or chaperones?*
- *Would this Member be able to travel and manage independently without their parents or guardians nearby?*

**Attendance Record:** Please include a copy of the Branch/Centre Programme, clearly marking the rallies and events the nominated Member has attended in the last two years. This must be uploaded with the nomination form.

## Country Representation

The Home International competition will feature four teams representing **England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales**, alongside an additional team from the **Republic of Ireland**,

selected separately by The Irish Pony Club.

## England

- Branches/Centres in England may nominate **one eligible Member** for the trials; however, if a Branch/Centre has **two or more Members in their last year** of Senior Mounted Games, then **two of those members** may be nominated for the trial. However, only one Member from a Branch/Centre can be selected to ride at Windsor.
- A Member can represent England only once as a riding member, although any Member who has previously represented England as a non-riding reserve may be re-nominated.

## Scotland & Wales

- Branches/Centres in **Scotland and Wales** may nominate **two eligible Members** for the trials. Additionally, Branches/Centres that entered more than one team in their **2025 Area competition** may nominate **two more Members** for each team they entered.
  - **For clarity:** *The nominated Members do not need to have competed in the Area teams. For example, if a Branch/Centre had two teams in the Area competition (A & B), they may nominate up to **four Members**. If they had three teams (A, B, & C), they may nominate up to **six Members**. Nominated Members can be from any team at the Area competition, or even a Branch/Centre Member who did not compete in the 2025 Area competition.*

## Northern Ireland

- Each Branch/Centre in Northern Ireland may nominate any eligible Member to take part in the trial.

*Any Member who has previously represented **Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland** as a riding member of the team can be re-nominated but may only represent their country **twice**.*

## Trial Instructions

The Selection Trial will bring together some of the best riders from across the country. The trials are physically demanding for both pony and rider, so ensure that both are fit and well-prepared.

- The Pony Club Mounted Games height and weight rules will apply at the selection trials and at Windsor.
- Each selected rider's pony will be checked for eligibility, including a valid vaccination record and microchip.
- Riders must wear **plain clothing** (white jumper, plain saddle cloth, plain browband, etc.) during the trial, with no identifying clothing or Branch logos. This ensures impartiality from the selectors. A number bib may be provided by The Pony Club.

## Costs

Each selected riding team Member will be required to contribute an entry fee of **£280.00** (non-riding reserve Member £200.00). Additional costs may apply for team clothing, equipment and generator expenses.

Although the Royal Windsor Horse Show runs from **14th to 17th May 2026**, selected Members may be required to arrive as early as the Monday or Tuesday of that week for practice and rehearsals.

## Other International Competitions

Selected riders for the Royal Windsor Horse Show may also be invited to represent The Pony Club at other international competitions throughout the year, including events in Ireland. However, the Committee reserves the right to select other Members if required.

The same pony used at the Windsor trial must be ridden at any subsequent competitions. If the rider or pony becomes unavailable, the next available combination from the trials will be invited.

### **Nomination Deadline**

All nominations must be submitted via Entrymaster by 23:59 on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**.

For any queries, please contact **mountedgames@pcuk.org**.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman, Mounted Games

### **Royal Windsor Horse Show – Selection Trial Dates**

<b>Nation and Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>
Wales - Dyffryn Farm Berriew	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
England – Dallas Burston	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Scotland – Morris Equestrian	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Northern Ireland – Danescroft Equestrian	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February

### **Long list of Trial Races**

Ball and Cone  
Bending  
Bottle  
Old Sock  
Pyramid  
Rope  
Stepping Stones  
Quoits and Cone  
Two Mug  
Tyre  
2 Flag  
5 Flag