

HOME INTERNATIONAL & CELTIC CHALLENGE SELECTION CRITERIA 2019

To be held at

RED DRAGON FESTIVAL OF ENDURANCE

Builth Wells, Powys, Royal Welsh Show Ground,
LD2 3SY.

Friday 4th, Saturday 5th
and
Sunday 6th October 2019.

Information

The Home international and Celtic Challenge aims to encourage riders at all levels to compete for their country at a national level as well as developing team spirit.

This competition is run annually in each of the four countries and this year we will be travelling to Wales with two teams of 6 riders; one team will compete in the Home International competition while the other will compete in the Celtic Challenge competition. Both teams are made up of riders competing at different levels from Novice (40km/25miles) to 160km (100 mile) race; with all members playing a vital role within the team.

Ideally aspiring competitors should have completed the following qualifications but in exceptional circumstances alternative qualifications may also be considered.

Qualification

Those interested in being considered for selection for this year must:

1. Complete at least 5 CTRs prior to the selection closing date and at least 1 must be of a qualifying distance. In the case of the 160km and 120km rides, 2 qualifying rides must be of the qualifying distance. (See table below for qualifying distance).
2. Rides may be completed at any Leinster or Ulster Branch ride.

Home International Team Distance Qualifying Distance

1x 100mile/160km over 2 days 50mile/80km – 1 or more

1 x 75mile/120km over 2 days 50mile/80km – 1 or more

1 X 50mile/80km Endurance Race 1 day 50mile/80km

1 X 50mile/80km over 2 days 40mile/64km

1 X Novice 25mile/40km 1 day 25mile/40km (No ride over 30mile/48km)

1 X Junior 30mile/48km 1 day 30mile/48km 1 day

Celtic Challenge Team Distance Qualifying Distance

1 x 100mile/160km over 2 days 50mile/80km – 1 or more

1 X 50mile/80km Endurance Race 1 day 50mile/80km

1 X 50mile/80km over 2 days 40mile/64km

1 X Junior 50mile/80km over 2 days 40mile/64km

1 X Novice (Horse) 25mile/40km 1 day 25mile/40km (No ride over 30mile/48km)

1 X 30mile/48km 1 day 30mile/48km 1 day

3. Riders must put their name and the name(s) of their intended horse(s) forward to the chef by the 17th August 2019 indicating which classes/ride distances they are eligible for, what position they wish to be considered for and all rides completed to date. This can be done via post or email.

4. Should be prepared to ride if selected. They should be actively building their own fitness as well as their horses towards the event and be sure they are available for the event dates (30th September – 5th October 2019).

5. Should notify the Chef immediately if their circumstances change and they (or their horse) become unavailable for selection.

If more applications are made than team places available the selection may involve:-

1. Consideration of the horse and rider combination best meeting the criteria set out in 1 – 4 above.

2. Consideration of the log books of each horse being considered. Preference will be given to

consistently low heart rates for riders being considered for CTR places.

3. Consideration of the past history of the horse and rider combination over previous years at local, national and international rides.

Riders with more than one horse

1. Riders who wish to use a 'back - up' horse should put the names of all potential horses forward.

2. Should the specified horse become unavailable, then that rider's second horse does not automatically take the first horse's place. (It may do so, but if an alternative reserve combination is preferable then the selectors may take that choice.)

If insufficient names are put forward the selectors reserve the right to approach other riders. However this will only be done when the place concerned cannot be filled from within the list of applicants who submitted their names.

Both teams will be chosen by 24th August 2019. This will allow chef time to discuss sponsorship, travel arrangements, clothing etc. with team members. The team lists will be made available after selection on ILDRA's web site.

Travelling to Wales

Details on travel arrangements will be circulated nearer the departure date. But as an indication it is ideal to travel over on the Wednesday before the event (2nd October) and return on the Monday after the event (7th October). We can explore the possibility of a lorry to take some of the team but each team member will need a crew and crew vehicle to travel as well so it is likely to be more economical to double up and share trailers.

Accommodation and Stabling

Accommodation at the venue (the Neuadd Henllan Residential Centre) will be limited due to the size of the event, we suggest you get booked in early if you wish to stay on site but do not wish to camp. You may contact 01982552116 for more information. All camping at the venue is available free of charge for the rider and crew provided that stabling or overnight corralling has been booked for your horse, but only for the same number of nights. Toilet and shower blocks are available free of charge for all riders and crews for the duration of event.

There are plenty of hotels, B&Bs and Self-catering close to the venue, see table below for more details. **Name Website Phone**

Bron Wye Guest House, Builth Wells 01982 553587

Cedars Guest House, Builth Wells www.cedars.co.uk 01982 553356

Cwm Ffillo, Rhulen, Builth Wells www.cwmfillo.co.uk 01982 570355

Cwm Moel, Aberedw, Builth Wells www.cwmmoelcountryholidays.co.uk 01982 570271

Disserth Mill, Builth Wells 01982 553217

Dol Llynwydd Farm, Builth Wells 01982 553660

Gaer Farm, Hundred House, Builth Wells www.gaerfarmholidays.co.uk 01982 570208

Greyhound Hotel, Builth Wells www.thegreyhoundhotel.co.uk 01982 553255

Griffin Inn, Llyswen, Brecon www.griffininnllyswen.co.uk 01874 754241

Gromaine Cottage, Erwood, Builth Wells www.gromaine.co.uk 01982 560360

Hafol-y-Garreg, Erwood, Builth Wells www.hafodygarreg.co.uk 01982 560400

Hendre, Llanynis, Builth Wells 01982 551070

Highland Moors Guest House, Llandrindod Wells www.highlandmoors.co.uk 01597 825151

Lion Hotel, Builth Wells www.lionhotelbuilthwells.com 01982 553311

Llanelwedd Arms Hotel, Builth Wells www.llanelweddarmshotel.com 01982 553282

Llangoed Hall Country Hotel, Llyswen, Brecon www.llangoedhall.co.uk 01874 754525

Llwyn Farm, Aberedw, Builth Wells www.secretwales.com/farms/Llwyn 01982 570328

Lower Farm, Llandrindod Wells,
B&B, Camping & Stabling www.silversun-enterprises.webs.com 01547 550670

Maes Gwaelod, Llanwrtyd Wells B&B & Stabling www.llanwrtydbandb.co.uk 07849 768974

Old School House, Llandeilo Grabam, Builth Wells 01982 560478

Old Vicarage, Erwood, Builth Wells www.oldvicwyevalley.co.uk 01982 560680

Pantpyllau, Builth Wells www.pyenterprises.co.uk 07711 037625

Park Hotel, Builth Wells, 01982 553338 www.pencerrig-gardens-pencerrig-gardens-hotel.co.uk

Pencerrig Gardens Hotel, Builth 01982 553226 Wells hotel.co.uk

Plasnewydd, Llanwrtyd Wells www.plasnewydd90.co.uk 01591 610293

Pwllgwilym, Cilmeri. Builth Wells 01982 552140

Seven Stars, Aberedw, Builth Wells www.7-stars.co.uk 01982 560494

The Yat Guest House, Hundred House, Builth Wells www.theyat.net 01982 570339

Trecoed Farm, Builth Wells www.trecoedfarminbuilthwells.co.uk 01982 552557

Tregare Farm, Erwood, Builth Wells 01982 560624

Trericket Mill Vegetarian Guest House, Builth Wells www.trericket.co.uk 01982 560312

Ty Isaf Farm, Erwood, Builth Wells 01982 560607

Tyddu Farm, Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, with camping & caravanning 01597 851783

Bron Wye, Builth Wells 01982 553587

Gaer Farm, Hundred House, Builth Wells www.gaerfarmholidays.co.uk 01982 570208

Llewelyn Holiday Park, Cilmeri, Builth Wells www.berkeleyparks.co.uk 01982 551268

Pwllgwilym Cottages, Cilmeri Builth Wells www.pwllgwilym-cottages.co.uk 01982 552140

Penrheol Farm, Llanynis, Builth Wells www.penrheol.co.uk 01982 553075

Upper Llwyn Tudor, Rhulen (Sleeps 8) 01982 570209

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