



Finals to be held at the Bates National Dressage Championships 2-5 February 2017

The term “Amateur” is connected to rider category status and bears no reference to the term amateur vs professional in terms of earning income in the sport.

Eligibility

1. Riders may have not gained grading points at more than one level above the championship they are contesting.

National Amateur Championship Eligibility		
<i>Competition Level</i>	<i>May have grading points in</i>	<i>May not have grading points in</i>
Level 1	Level 1/Level 2	Level 3 or above
Level 2	Level 2/Level 3	Level 4 or above
Level 3	Level 3/Level 4	Level 5 or above
Level 4	Level 4/Level 5	Level 6 or above
Level 5	level 5/Level 6	Level 7 or above
Level 6	Level 6/Level 7	Level 8 or above
Level 7	Level 7/Level 8	Level 9

2. Combination of horse and rider must have attained one qualifying score as set out below at the level of Championship entered at a Regional or Island Championship between 1st January 2016 and 30th January 2017.
 - Levels 1-2 63% and over
 - Levels 3-5 60% and over
 - Levels 6-7 57% and over
3. Qualification after close of entries. Riders who intend to qualify at Regional or Island Events after close of entries must still enter the Bates national Championships by the closing date and notify Event Secretary of qualification within 48 hours of achieving qualification.
4. Proof of qualification is the responsibility of person responsible or competitor.
5. Eligible combinations may only enter one level of Amateur Championship.

Conditions

1. All Amateur Championship tests rounds 1 and 2 must be ridden from memory.
2. Eye opener tests may be called.
1. Combinations contesting National Amateur Championship may not contest a Bates National Championship
2. Combinations contesting Bates National Championship may not contest a National Amateur Championship
3. Riders may contest a Bates Championship on a mount not entered in an Amateur Championship.

Championship Points

1. To be eligible for Championship points in round 2, competitors must have started in Championship round 1.
2. Championship points are allocated 20 for 1st, to 1 for 20th in Round 1, points awarded x 1.5 in Round 2.
Champions and Reserves: The horse with the highest aggregate allocated points from specified classes will be the Championship winner. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest place in the final qualifier is the winner. If there is still a tie, the combination with the highest aggregate collective marks in the final qualifier will be the winner. If there is a further tie, the combination with the highest average % in two qualifiers will be the winner.
3. All Amateur Champions receive a presentation rug and sash. Sashes for Reserve Champions

