

IHSGB Youth Cup Qualification Criteria

The purpose of the criteria is to ensure that Young Riders representing the Icelandic Horse Society of Great Britain (IHSGB) demonstrate commitment, experience, and positive contribution to the Society and its events.

1. Eligibility

- Riders must fall within the IHSGB Young Rider age category as defined by FEIF/IHSGB rules.
- Riders must hold a current IHSGB youth or family membership.

2. Event Contribution & Support Requirements

To qualify, Young Riders must demonstrate active involvement in the IHSGB community by completing at least three contributions during the qualification year (January–December).

Accepted forms of contribution include:

2.1 Volunteering at IHSGB Events

- Assisting with stewarding, gate duties or arena support.
- Helping with equipment setup or takedown.
- Supporting judges, writers, or timing teams (where appropriate for age).

2.2 Supporting Regional Groups

- Assisting at regional training events, clinics, fun shows, or pleasure rides.
- Helping to promote participation (e.g., inviting other young riders or supporting newcomer activities).

2.3 Community & Outreach Support

- Contributing to IHSGB newsletters, blogs, or social media (e.g., event write-ups, training insights).
- Participating in Young Rider meetings or youth-development initiatives.

3. Competition Participation Requirements

Young Riders must demonstrate experience in competition to ensure preparedness for representing the Society.

Qualification requires:

3.1 Minimum Competition Experience

- Participation in at least two IHSGB-affiliated competitions within the qualification year.

These may include:

- British Championships
- Sport or gait competitions run by IHSGB or regional groups
- Virtual competitions recognised by the IHSGB
(Virtual participation may count for one of the two events.)

3.2 Demonstration of Skills and Sportsmanship

- Riders must show safe, competent awareness appropriate for their class, ie - competition rules and understanding of the expectations within each FEIF class.
- Riders must demonstrate good horsemanship, sportsmanship, respect for horses, volunteers, officials, and fellow competitors.

4. Evidence & Verification

Young Riders must submit a simple record of their activities, including:

- Events volunteered at, with brief description of tasks
- Competitions entered, including class/es and dates
- Signature/confirmation from event organiser or trainer (where applicable)
- Submit at least 1 tölt class and 1 gait class through Tölt Online.

A short reflective statement (max 250 words) on what they learned during the year may be requested to support development.

5. Review & Approval

- The youth trustee (or designated committee) will review all submissions.
- A rider meeting the above criteria will be confirmed as a qualified IHSGB Young Rider for the upcoming season.
- Exceptional contributions may be acknowledged with additional awards or recognition.

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