

# **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (30<sup>th</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cedars.co.uk) 01982 553356

**Cwm Fillo**, Rhulen, Builth Wells [www.cwmfillo.co.uk](http://www.cwmfillo.co.uk) 01982 570355

**Cwm Moel**, Aberedw, Builth Wells [www.cwmmoelcountryholidays.co.uk](http://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](http://www.gaerfarmholidays.co.uk) 01982 570208

**Greyhound Hotel**, Builth Wells [www.thegreyhoundhotel.co.uk](http://www.thegreyhoundhotel.co.uk) 01982 553255

**Griffin Inn**, Llyswen, Brecon [www.griffininnllyswen.co.uk](http://www.griffininnllyswen.co.uk) 01874 754241

**Gromaine Cottage**, Erwood, Builth Wells [www.gromaine.co.uk](http://www.gromaine.co.uk) 01982 560360

**Hafol-y-Garreg**, Erwood, Builth Wells [www.hafodygarreg.co.uk](http://www.hafodygarreg.co.uk) 01982 560400

**Hendre**, Llanynis, Builth Wells 01982 551070

**Highland Moors Guest House**, Llandrindod Wells [www.highlandmoors.co.uk](http://www.highlandmoors.co.uk) 01597 825151

**Lion Hotel**, Builth Wells [www.lionhotelbuilthwells.com](http://www.lionhotelbuilthwells.com) 01982 553311

**Llanelwedd Arms Hotel**, Builth Wells [www.llanelweddarmshotel.com](http://www.llanelweddarmshotel.com) 01982 553282

**Llangoed Hall Country Hotel**, Llyswen, Brecon [www.llangoedhall.co.uk](http://www.llangoedhall.co.uk) 01874 754525

**Llwyn Farm**, Aberedw, Builth Wells [www.secretwales.com/farms/Llwyn](http://www.secretwales.com/farms/Llwyn) 01982 570328

**Lower Farm**, Llandrindod Wells,  
**B&B**, Camping & Stabling [www.silversun-enterprises.webs.com](http://www.silversun-enterprises.webs.com) 01547 550670

**Maes Gwaelod, Llanwrtyd Wells B&B & Stabling** [www.llanwrtydbandb.co.uk](http://www.llanwrtydbandb.co.uk) 07849 768974

**Old School House**, Llandeilo Grabam, Builth Wells 01982 560478

**Old Vicarage**, Erwood, Builth Wells [www.oldvicwyevalley.co.uk](http://www.oldvicwyevalley.co.uk) 01982 560680

**Pantpyllau**, Builth Wells [www.pyenterprises.co.uk](http://www.pyenterprises.co.uk) 07711 037625

**Park Hotel**, Builth Wells, 01982 553338 [www.pencerrig-gardens-](http://www.pencerrig-gardens-pencerrig-hotels.co.uk)

**Pencerrig Gardens Hotel**, Builth 01982 553226 [Wells.hotel.co.uk](http://Wells.hotel.co.uk)

**Plasnewydd**, Llanwrtyd Wells [www.plasnewydd90.co.uk](http://www.plasnewydd90.co.uk) 01591 610293

**Pwllgwilym**, Cilmeri. Builth Wells 01982 552140

**Seven Stars**, Aberedw, Builth Wells [www.7-stars.co.uk](http://www.7-stars.co.uk) 01982 560494

**The Yat Guest House**, Hundred House, Builth Wells [www.theyat.net](http://www.theyat.net) 01982 570339

**Trecoed Farm**, Builth Wells [www.trecoedfarminbuilthwells.co.uk](http://www.trecoedfarminbuilthwells.co.uk) 01982 552557

**Tregare Farm**, Erwood, Builth Wells 01982 560624

**Trericket Mill Vegetarian Guest House**, Builth Wells [www.trericket.co.uk](http://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](http://www.gaerfarmholidays.co.uk) 01982 570208

**Llewelyn Holiday Park**, Cilmeri, Builth Wells [www.berkeleyparks.co.uk](http://www.berkeleyparks.co.uk) 01982 551268

**Pwllgwilym Cottages**, Cilmeri Builth Wells [www.pwllgwilym-cottages.co.uk](http://www.pwllgwilym-cottages.co.uk) 01982 552140

**Penrheol Farm**, Llanynis, Builth Wells [www.penrheol.co.uk](http://www.penrheol.co.uk) 01982 553075

**Upper Llwyn Tudor**, Rhulen (Sleeps 8) 01982 570209

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