IRISH LONG DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION

SELECTION CRITERIA

FOR

HOME INTERNATIONAL

AND

CELTIC CHALLENGE

TEAMS FOR 2010

Successful 2009 Team

Home International Celtic Challenge

General Information

Would you like to be a member of a team representing your country in the sport of endurance riding? Each year ILDRA sends two Irish teams made up of riders from both the north and south of Ireland to compete on their behalf in Scotland or England or Wales. One team competes in the "Celtic Challenge" competition and the other team competes in the "Home International". Each team is made up of a lot of different levels of endurance riders.

The teams have had various levels of success, but have always had good fun.

In 2010 the competitions are scheduled to take place at Burgie near Inverness in Scotland during the weekend of 28th / 29th Aug and ILDRA is looking for riders who would like to be on the teams travelling to Scotland.

We need team players, able to perform at the appropriate level and able to produce their mount at an appropriate level of fitness

Qualification for a Place on the Team

1. At least 5 CTRs must be completed prior to the competition and at least 1 must be of a qualifying distance. (qualifying distance shown in table below).

Home International Team	
Distance	**Qualifying Distance**
1 x 100m / 160km over 2 days	50m / 80km – 2 or more
1 x 75m / 120km over 2 days	50m / 80km – 2 or more
1 x 50m / 80km ER 1 day	50m / 80km
1 x 50m / 80km over 2 days	40m / 64km
1 x Novice – 25m / 40km 1 day	25m / 40km No Ride over 30m / 48km
1 x Junior 30m / 48 km 1 day	30m / 48km 1 day

Celtic Challenge Team	
Distance	**Qualifying Distance**
1 x 100m / 160km over 2 days	50m / 80km – 2 or more
1 x 50m / 80km ER 1 day	50m / 80km – 2 or more
1 x 50m / 80km over 2 days	40m / 64km
1 x 50m / 80km over 2 days Junior	40m / 64km
1 x Novice (Horse) 25m / 40km 1 day	25m / 40km No Ride over 30m / 48km
1 x Novice - 30m / 48 km 1 day	30m / 48km 1 day

2. They must put their name and the name(s) of their intended horse(s) forward to either the chef or the team selectors by 30 June 2010 and they will need to indicate which class they wish to be considered for.

3. They should be prepared to ride if selected (they should be actively building fitness towards the event and have ensured that they are available for the event dates.)

4. They are to notify selectors immediately if any 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 – 5 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.

Riders with more than one horse

1. Riders who wish to use a 'back-up' horse should put the names of all their 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 a 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 on time.

Both teams will be chosen by 1st July 2010. This will allow chefs and members to discuss sponsorship, travel arrangements, clothing etc. The team lists will be made available after selection.

Funding for Team Members

ILDRA will pay for the entries and the stabling at the competition for the two teams. All other costs will be borne by the competitors. An effort will be made to obtain competitive travel rates. Sponsorship will be sought and suggestions in this area are welcome. There may be some costs refunded by ILDRA. This will depend on the financial situation.

Travelling to Inverness

Details on travel arrangements will be circulated nearer the departure date.