

National Sport Team Selection Rules and Objectives 2015

Team Selection Objectives

The purpose of GB participating in the World Championships is to strengthen the IHSGB by more British riders being motivated to improve their sport riding and widen their influence in the British equestrian scene.

Team members will therefore be active members of the Society and fully complying with the selection rules and requirements.

To maintain a balance and to keep open an adequate opportunity for UK based riders, the maximum number of non-resident riders in the team will be 2.

The total number of places in the team will be in accordance with the current FIPO

Team Selection Board

The team will be selected by a Team Selection Board of 3 or 5 individuals. Suitable candidates shall be proposed by the IHSGB Sport Group at least six weeks before the qualifying event to the Trustees.

The Team Selection Board will use the following to aid the selection of the team:

Team Selection Rules

1. Minimum Standard

Riders who achieve the following minimum mark/time in the preliminary round of a qualifying competition will be considered for team selection.

4.1 6.0

5.1 5.5

T1 6.0

T2 6.0

P3 17 seconds (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

PP1 5.5 (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

Speedpass 9 seconds (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

Qualifying competitions for team selection will be run in GB and be clearly described as such. Classes will follow FIPO and IHSGB rules. It is accepted that for practical reasons oval and pace tracks available will not always comply exactly with the drawings/measurements specified in the FIPO.

The times specified for pace events are based on electronic timing.

2. Selection based on results achieved abroad

Combinations may achieve the qualifying minimum standard on the basis of results achieved at competitions held abroad provided that the competitions were run according to FIPO and were held in the current calendar year. Riders wishing to be considered on this basis should provide the relevant information to the Sport Leader before the British Championships.

3. Team Selection Board Discretion.

Because of the limited opportunities for UK based riders to compete in the UK, the selection of the team for the WC is based on the performance at one IHSGB qualifying competition, or a FIPO competition abroad.

The idea of discretionary team places is to deal with the implications of this situation e.g.

- a normally high performing combination makes a mistake in the preliminary round and does not achieve the qualifying mark;

- a normally high performing combination misses the qualifying competition because of ill health or accident;

- other situations occur that the Team Selection Board feel are relevant

It is appreciated that this is a potentially difficult area that will have to be dealt with sensitively. The Team Selection Board may be challenged by a rider who has not been selected for the team. Riders may appeal in writing to the Board of Trustees within 48 hours of the team being announced.

The Team Selection Board will be able to select up to 2 UK based combinations (wildcards) that do not fulfil the criteria specified in points 1 and 2 above but comply with all other aspects of the rules and objectives set out above.

4. Personal Qualification

In addition to the requirements set out in the Team Selection Objectives above, persons wishing to be considered for selection for the British Team must comply with FEIF/IHSGB rules for National Teams and be

- members of IHSGB and have

- British nationality, or have been resident in the UK for not less than 3 years prior to the WC.

Furthermore, they must:

- register with the Sport Leader for the team training programme by 15 January in the WC year

- attend the designated team training events

- compete at the British Championships and any other designated qualifying competition on the horse(s) they wish to qualify on

5. Horse Qualification

5.1 Horses must be registered on World Fengur.

5.2 Horses must comply with the FIPO vaccination requirements.

Note: FEIF rules specify that horses must be registered in World Fengur and comply with FIPO vaccinations. The IHSGB requires these rules to be fulfilled by the time of the BC in order that the Selection Team selects horses eligible to compete at WC.

6. Riders' conditions on accepting a place in the team

Riders must:

- agree to comply with the written conditions in the Riders' Agreement

- contribute towards team leader's travel and accommodation costs in connection with the WC. These costs will be announced in advance of the signing of the Riders' Agreement

- pay all other costs imposed by the organisers/FEIF as soon as they are due or announced

7. Warnings

Any warnings on record or given at the qualification show should be taken into consideration.

9. Multiple combinations

Where a rider has qualified on more than 1 horse, the Team Selection Board may select their preferred combination but may allow the rider the option to take another "qualifying" horse in the event that the preferred horse is unable or unfit to compete at the WC. The Team Selection Board will make their preferences clear to the rider.

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