

Date 27 Nov 2017 by conference call

**Present:** Mike Adams (MA), Kirsty Carson (KC), Andrew Nickalls (AN) Anne Savage (AS), Gundula Sharman (GS)

Agenda	
1. Actions from last meeting.	
2. Squad/ selection K&A	
3. Virtual tests G&M	
4. BC update	
5. AOB – Ported bits	
New member to join Sport Group	
1 Minutes – Actions from previous meeting	
(a) The revised How to competition is online (GS) and the link is now	
more prominent (KC)	
(b) <b>Team selection criteria MEM</b> – MEM sets qualifying mark for T1, T2, V1,	
and F1. No qualifier for group classes is necessary, and Sport group	
decided not to set any for GB riders. Selection criteria other than minimum	KC/AN
marks to be discussed at future meeting.	
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2. Squad/ selection	
KC and AN have put together a proposal (attached). With the marks as suggested	
below, there would only be 3-4 resident riders who would qualify to be in the High	
Performance Group. There is a danger that we unnecessarily create more	
schisms between riders. It is not clear how – with very limited resources – IHSGB	
could meaningfully support and promote the development of the High	
Performance group. We should find a different name for the "elite riders" so to get	
away from the elitist thinking. "Established Performance Group"? Should some	
coaching responsibilities be part of being the part of that select group? Should	
we (try to) attach some funding to that?	
→ organise 2 events in the GB. Keep the cost of "regional coaching" / "sport rider	
development events" down. Keep the events open, to include all members. The	KC /
focus is on talent spotting and encouragement of talent.	AN
KC/AN to rework the suggestion for the committee and publish something for the	
next Newsletter	
3 Virtual coaching	
<b>Name</b> do we need a new name for the initiative? Suggestions please.	ALL
	GS
<b>Classes</b> – FEIF Oval track classes, all are to be ridden individually, so we only need one of $T1(-T2, ato)$ , out out $V(4, CS, will complete the index)' footback$	65
need one of T1(=T3, etc), cut out V4. GS will complete the judges' feedback	
sheets.	
Size of school Some discussion on whether or not to insist on a 60x20 minimum	
track. If we allow smaller arenas, particularly for the Five gait class, is there a	
danger that we create the impression that if we condone it, we think it is possible,	
advisable, safe?	



MA will speak to Magnus S for advice. To be decided.	MA
Video hosting – youtube, or private? Agreed to go for youtube unlisted, or find	
out more about aprivate channel? (Use our limited resources for other things) AN	AN
to ask about how to set up a private youtube channel.	
<b>Privacy</b> Part of the agreement is to share the link with the other riders who	
submitted a test during that month.	
Closed fb group for participants. This will hopefully build community and	
encourage mutual support amongst participants. Members will be taken off the	
list, if they do not participate for 3 consecutive months (part of the agreement).	
<b>Cost</b> £15 per test, £10 to go to judges, the cost depends a bit on the quality of the	
feedback $\rightarrow$ MA to speak to judges about realistic level of payment. Once judges	MA
have been identified, MA will also send out a test video for feedback, so we can	
communicate a realistic level of the quality of feedback we expect from judges.	
Admin Judges are to be paid by IHSGB. We could offer a discounted package of	
say 3 classes for £40 to get initial funds and a level of commitment. We need a	
person with dedicated admin tasks once the project is running (monitoring returns	
from judges, looking after feedback send out monthly lists of participants for the	
the fb group, regular marketing of the initiative on fb and Sleipnir, updating the	
relevant webpage)	
<b>Judges</b> Aim to find 3-4 willing judges, suggested turn-around time is 7 days. In	
order for this to be not too much pressure on any one judge, it might be an idea to	
allocate one name to a given week in the month. Otherwise a 7day turn around	
could prove to be very fiddly.	
<b>4 BC update –</b> MA is actively recruiting judges, KC will publish which classes will	MA/ KC
be offered.	
5 AOCB	
(a) Letter(s) regarding ported bits Following Mette's letter, there was a	
discussion on fb, including a question as to the decision-making	
structures. The response letter from FEIF also added a few comments on	
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fb. The Group feels that the view expressed by FEIF is reasonable. A	
second question would be whether we should respond to the discussion on fb.	
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But for the next newsletter (deadline 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec) MA will write a general	MA
article on how decisions are taken at national level and at FEIF and how	
the processes work together.	
(b) New member to join Sport Group It was decided to invite Lu Crawford to	MA
join the group	
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# **IHSGB Sport Squad – KC and AN**

## Proposal (draft 11.17)

Collectively, the Sport Squad – to encourage performance, skill and understanding to attain high level sport performance at A and B sport.

# High Performance Group

Identified riders' who have attained the following in Sport A over a 12 month period prior to beginning of year:

T1, T2, V1 – 6.2 F1 – 6.0 PP1 – 6.0 P1 – P2 – Below 8.5 seconds

# Objective:

To take the pressure from this group about performance by;

- Offering support an open line to discuss all aspects of concerns, offer support in management of horse for competition,
- To assist in identifying events to perform at.
- Offer the keys to unlock further doors....

# **Talent ID Group**

Perceived to have talent either as: a rider, a horse or rider/horse combination Riders must be 15 years or older Horses should be 5 years or older

## Objective:

To support the missing links in their development to attain further progress.

- Assist in setting realistic goals
- Assist in setting a training plan: 6 months, 12 months
- Support the development of young horses perceived to have the ability to progress through B sport and beyond.
- Support the co-operation to assist identified individual riders to obtain a higher quality of sport horse.

## **Open talent ID for Sport**

- Host 2 events, one North, one South.
- Invite any IHSGB member to attend.
- Ambitious sport riders
- Talented sport horses
- Basic schooling knowledge must be displayed and will be observed to assist decisions.
- Show and tell performance on oval track / pace track to show understanding of track etiquette and understanding of high level performance requirements.
- Open discussion about sporting ambition and perception of developing as a sport rider.



- 2 or 3 identified people to observe and report at both events, then invitation made to join the Talent ID Group of Sport Squad. (KC to make suggestion)
- Not every attendee will be offered a place on the squad this in itself is an exercise in attitude to dealing with disappointment that can be inevitable in sport competition.

#### Collectively

All will be part of the 'sport squad'

- All will have access to an identified Trainer / coach / advisor (perceived to be more beneficial to the Talent ID group)
  - Names to be nominated asap
  - o 3 events within 12 months to help plan training plans and set realistic targets
- All will submit a performance record
- All will have access to an online discussion group
- High Performance Riders can have new / young horses in the Talent ID Group
- All will adhere to a privacy policy on the squad agreement
- Sport squad will be co-ordinated by Kirsty and Andrew on behalf of IHSGB sport group
- Supportership / sponsorship will be sought to assist the progression of the Sport Squad

Invitation to the general Sport Squad does not give any rights to selection to any National Team, selection to such is subject to compliance with published criteria by the IHSGB Sport Group.