



National Sport Team Selection criteria 2019

Team Selection Objective

The purpose of GB participating in the World Championships is to strengthen sport riding in 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 comply with the selection requirements.

Team Selection process

All qualifying riders will be considered for selection by the IHSGB Sport Group. 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 normally be 2. However, if there are insufficient resident riders to fill the available places, any remaining team places can be offered to other non-resident riders

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

The Sport Group will use all of the following elements to aid the selection of the team. Once the team has been selected, the Trustees will be asked to approve the selection.

1. Qualifying Standard

Riders need to show that they can consistently achieve the required minimum total mark for their test in the preliminary round of a competition.

The World Championship oval track competitions are in T1, T2, V1 and F1. Riders therefore can attain the required minimum total mark in any of the following tests at a qualifying competition.

T1 or T3; T2 or T4; V1 or V3; F1 or F2.

Evidence of consistency can also be provided by recording the results from any non-qualifying competition, including indoor events, that is judged by a FEIF National or International judge and where a tack check has been made. Riders using IHSGB Tolt online results will not have to complete a tack check.

Riders wishing to qualify in pace events need to show that they can consistently achieve the time/mark by competing in qualifying competitions.

Please note that the achievement of the qualifying standard is only one element of the selection criteria.

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Minimum qualifying marks and times

V1/V2 6.0

F1/F2 5.5

T1/T3 6.0

T2/T4 6.0

P1 25 seconds (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

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 events

All world ranking competitions in the 12 months prior to the WC are qualifying events. Any qualifying events in GB for team selection will be clearly described as such. Tests will follow FEIF Guidelines 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 FEIF Guidelines. The times specified for pace events are based on electronic timing.

2. Selection based on results achieved abroad

Combinations may attain the qualifying minimum standard on the basis of results achieved at competitions held abroad provided that the competitions were run according to FEIF Guidelines and were held in the twelve months preceding the WC.

3. Performance record

All prospective team members must complete a 'Performance record' in the year of selection and communicate the results to the Sports Group when requested. Riders are encouraged to enter their results for all of the events they compete in.

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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
- have British nationality, or have been resident in the UK for not less than 3 years prior to the WC.
- must register their desire to join the team with the Sport Leader for potential selection by 15 January in the WC year
- attend the designated team training events
- Compete at the British Championships and any other designated qualifying event. In order to show the prospective team to non team members and spectators, it is expected that riders will compete on the horse(s) they wish to qualify on. Due to the lack of suitable pace tracks in GB, a rider wishing to be selected to ride P1 and having achieved the required time in accordance with the rules, does not need to present the qualifying horse at the BC. However, the rider must compete at that competition.

The IHSGB activity, motivation and team participation of the riders applying to join the team will also be taken into account.

5. Horse Qualification

- Horses must be registered on World Fengur.
- Horses must comply with the FEIF Guidelines vaccination requirements.
- Note: 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 events will be taken into consideration.

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8. Multiple combinations and substitute horses

Where a rider has qualified on more than one horse, the Sport Group will state their preferred combination but will allow the rider to choose.

Qualifying riders may ask to take a substitute horse. This will be treated as an exceptional situation and the Sport Group will need to be shown that the new combination would achieve the qualifying standard and that no other prospective team member's opportunities were compromised.

Discretionary team places for UK based riders.

UK based riders have very few opportunities to compete in the UK. Therefore, those seeking selection have to rely on their performance at a limited number of qualifying events or travel abroad. The idea of discretionary team places is to deal with the implications of this situation e.g.

- a normally high performing combination does not achieve the qualifying mark at a qualifying event;
- a normally high performing combination misses the qualifying event because of ill health or accident;
- other relevant situations occur. It is appreciated that this is a potentially difficult area that will have to be dealt with sensitively.

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, may be selected.

Appeals

Riders may appeal to the Trustees if they feel that the selection process has not been fairly and appropriately applied. Any appeal has to be lodged within one week of the team being selected. The Trustees will reply within one week, giving their findings and instructing the Sport Team as required.

Young Rider Selection

Young riders will normally qualify on the same terms as adult riders.
The number of Young Riders in the team will be determined by FEIF.
The IHSGB may ask for a responsible adult to accompany the young rider.

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