



# IHSGB National Sport Team Selection Criteria 2023

## Team Selection Objectives

- The purpose of Great Britain participating in the World Championships is to strengthen the IHSGB by having more UK-based riders motivated to improve their sport riding and widen our influence in the British equestrian scene
- Team members will therefore be active members of the Society and fully comply with the selection requirements
- All qualifying riders will be considered for selection. 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 qualifying 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 Rules and Regulations

## Team Selection Process

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. The team selections will be announced as soon as possible, following the British Championships.

### 1. Minimum Standard

Riders need to show that they can consistently achieve the following minimum mark or time in the preliminary round of a competition. Please note that the achievement of the minimum standard is only one element of the selection criteria.

V1 6.0

F1 5.5

T1 6.0

T2 6.0

P1 25.0 seconds (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

P3 17.0 seconds (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

PP1 5.5 (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

Speedpass 9.0 seconds (+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

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## 2. Qualifying Events

Any UK qualifying events for team selection will be clearly advertised as such. Tests will follow FEIF Rules and Regulations and IHSGB rules. It is accepted that for practical reasons oval and pace tracks available will not always comply exactly with the drawings and measurements specified by FEIF. The times specified for pace events are based on electronic timing.

## 3. Selection Based on Results Achieved Abroad

Combinations may attain the qualifying minimum standard on the basis of results achieved abroad at any FEIF World Ranking competitions held within the period starting twelve months before the World Championships and ending on the last day of the British Championships.

## 4. Performance Record

All prospective team members must complete a 'Performance Record' in the year of selection, and submit this to the Sport Group before the British Championships. Riders are encouraged to include all their results for all qualifying events. Tölt Online results may be used to help demonstrate consistency (when offered alongside results achieved at qualifying events) but they will not count as 'qualifying marks' in their own right.

## 5. 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 World Championships;
- must register their desire to join the team for potential selection with the Sport Leader ([sport@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:sport@ihsgb.co.uk)) by 15 January in the World Championship year;
- attend any designated team training events;
- make a meaningful contribution towards the IHSGB and Icelandic horse scene in the UK.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- competing or volunteering as a steward at the British Championships
- running clinics or offering training in the UK
- other activities deemed suitable by the trustees (TBC).

The Sport Group will take into account the activity, motivation and team participation of the riders applying to join the team when making their decision.

## 6. Horse Qualification

Horses must:

- be registered on World Fengur;
- comply with the FEIF Rules and Regulations vaccination requirements.

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NB: These rules must be fulfilled by the time of the British Championships in order that the Sport Group can select horses eligible to compete at the World Championships.

## **7. Riders' Conditions on Accepting a Place in the Team**

Riders must:

- agree to comply with the written conditions in the Riders' Agreement;
- contribute towards the travel and accommodation costs of one externally appointed Team Leader or Team Trainer (TBC) in connection with the World Championships. 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.

## **8. Warnings**

Any warnings on record or given at the qualification events will be taken into consideration.

## **9. 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.

## **10. Discretionary Team Places for UK-Based Riders (Wildcards)**

Because of the limited opportunities for UK-based riders to compete in the UK, the selection of the team for the World Championships is based on the performance at a limited number of qualifying competitions, or a World Ranking competition 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 a 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.

## **11. Selection Panel**

The selectors will normally include the Head Judge from the British Championships, the Team Leader, and the full-time members of the Sport Group. To avoid conflict of interest, any member of the Sport Group who has also applied for team selection shall withdraw from the meeting where the selection is made. In addition, when the Board of Trustees considers the recommendation of the Sport Group,

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any member of the Board who has also applied for selection shall likewise be excluded from the process.

## **12. 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 in writing within one week of the team being selected. The Trustees will reply within one week, giving their findings and instructing the Sport Group as required.

## **Young Rider Selection**

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

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