



IHSGB National Sport Team Selection Criteria 2025

Team Selection Objectives

- The purpose of Great Britain participating in the World Championships is to strengthen the IHSGB by having more 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 number of non-resident riders will be carefully considered, and may be limited.
- The total number of places in the team will be in accordance with the current FEIF Rules and Regulations

Team Selection Process

The following elements will be used 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 in June 2025.

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 (i.e. obtained more than once). Please note that the achievement of the minimum standard is only one element of the selection criteria.

V1 6.2

F1 5.7

T1 6.2

T2 6.2

P1 25.0 seconds (+0.4 sec if hand stopped time)

PP1 5.5 (+0.4 sec if hand stopped time)

Speedpass 9.0 seconds (+0.4 sec if hand stopped time)

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 IHSGB team coordinator 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 IHSGB Team coordinator teamgb@ihsgb.co.uk by 15 January in the World Championship year
- attend any designated team training events
- Attend the IHSGB Summer Festival and British Championships
 - UK residents should compete at this as a qualifying event
 - Non-resident riders should volunteer at this event
- 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

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

6. Horse Qualification

Horses must:

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

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

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

Reserve horses may be considered by the selection panel, if this is considered to be appropriate for the team and individual selected.

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 considered for selection.

11. Selection Panel

The Selection Panel will be made up of a small group of people, appointed by the Sport Group and will liaise with the IHSGB director of Sport and the sport group during the selection process. This panel will be announced prior to the IHSGB Summer Festival and British Championships.

When the Board of Trustees approves the decision of the Selection Panel, any member of the Board who has also applied for selection or has a close family member being considered, shall 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 announced. The Trustees will reply within one week, giving their findings and instructing the Sport Group as required.

Young Rider Selection

Riders need to show that they can consistently achieve the following minimum mark or time in the preliminary round of a competition (i.e. obtained more than once). 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 hand timed)

PP1 5.5 (+0.4 sec if hand timed)

Speedpass 9.0 seconds (+0.4 sec if hand timed)

- 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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