



British Showjumping Selection Process and advice for Para Equestrian Riders

APPLICATIONS & SELECTION PROCESS

1. Applications are to be made to the British Showjumping Office using the following timetable:
 - Competition Date minus 2 months; Applications of intention to compete to reach British Showjumping Office
 - Competition Date minus 1 1/2 months; Confirmation of wish to compete to reach British Showjumping Office
2. Selection decisions will be made as soon as is practicably possible after the one and half month point detailed above.
3. Late application will only be accepted at the discretion of the Para-Equestrian Selectors.
4. The Selectors will consider all applications and will select using the following (non-exhaustive) list of criteria:
 - Number of quota places available
 - Soundness of horse
 - Support of Para Development
5. The Selectors decision is final. The Appeal Process is through the Chief Executive of British Showjumping. Appeals must be lodged with the Chief Executive of British Showjumping within 48 hours of the rider concerned being informed of the Selectors decision.
6. All entries will be made by British Showjumping.

REQUIREMENTS

7. All horse must be registered with British Showjumping.
8. All riders must be registered with British Showjumping.
9. All riders must be classified and have either a current valid FEI or RDA card.
10. FEI Passports and Vaccinations

All horses must have a passport, must have had the correct initial/booster vaccinations and must have been vaccinated within 6 months of the competition. All riders should familiarise themselves with the rules regarding Passports and Vaccinations; information is available from British Showjumping or from a Veterinary Surgeon with FEI Experience.

SUPPORT, CONDUCT & LOGISTICS

11. If a number of GB riders are competing at an International competition, a Chef d'Equipe may be appointed. If a Chef d'Equipe is appointed he / she will be the official representative of British Showjumping and BEF at the competition. All riders and their support staff agree to respect any decisions made or instructions given by the Chef d'Equipe (in line with the accepted role of a Chef d'Equipe of an International Competition).
12. All GBR Riders, their staff, owners and connections are, when competing at events, expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will promote the good name of the sport and themselves. This includes maintaining a high standard of cleanliness and organisation within the stable area.
13. All riders are expected to familiarise themselves with the requirements of FEI Equine Anti-Doping & Medication rules. Riders are strongly urged to seek advice from a Veterinary Surgeon with experience of The FEI Rules and Medicine box. Useful Website is;

<http://prohibitedsubstancesdatabase.feicleansport.org/>
14. All riders are expected to familiarise themselves with the FEI Human Anti-Doping Regulations. Riders who require to take medication banned under these Regulations will require a Therapeutic Use Exemption Form; advice is available through the BS office. Useful website:

<http://www.bef.co.uk/Detail.aspx?page=Human-A-D>
15. All riders should contact the Chef d'Equipe ahead of a competition to discuss which support staff and owners will be accompanying them to the competition. At some competitions accreditation may be limited and it may be necessary to restrict access to the stables in order to ensure the stables do not become over crowded.
16. All riders and their staff / connections need to ensure they have adequate insurance. This may include; travel / medical / vehicle / equine / 3rd Party etc.
17. Riders who are self-funding will need to consider the following:
 - Method of transport; comfort for the horse; is the horsebox up to a long journey; can they share with another rider; does the horsebox meet the necessary requirements for Ferries; DEFRA Transportation Regulations
 - Paperwork for exporting / importing the horse. Riders are strongly advised to retain the services of a reputable Equine Shipping agent
 - Journey Length and rest time. How early to arrive at the competition
 - Horse feed / forage / bedding (is suitable bedding available at the competition) Mucking out kit, water and feed buckets.
 - Human Accommodation / transport / catering
 - Support staff requirements
 - Research the climate where the competition is taking place; have sufficient rugs / numnahs / bandages.

- Storage space will be limited next to the horse's stable; ensure everything is neatly in as few boxes as possible.
- Veterinary Kit, do not pack anything that contains a banned substance – but do remember humans may need medication too!
- Have plenty of cash in the local currency!!!