

Home Pony Selection Policy

OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

To choose the individuals and provide the preparation that will achieve the best possible results for their Nation at Home Pony competitions.

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To select a team capable of achieving their best at the Home Pony competitions.

SELECTION

The Chef d'Equipes and the Youth Team Manager (Selection Committee) will be responsible for all selections.

Eligibility/Availability for Consideration:

- 128cm Teams: Riders to be 12 and under at the end of the year
- 138cm Teams: Riders to be 14 and under at the end of the year
- 148cm Teams: Riders to be 16 and under at the end of the year
- Debut teams: Riders to be 16 and under riding 148cm ponies.

Please note a rider may only represent one Nation per year, if they are eligible for two Nations they must choose which one to represent for that year.

Selection for English Teams:

Wales and West (Welsh Home Pony)

- To be considered riders must declare their interest and availability for any Home Pony in writing to the BS Performance Team (performance@britishshowjumping.co.uk) at least 14 days before the start of the Home Pony Show.
- Selection will be based on overall consistency of clears and four faults across four pony Premiers (Arena UK, South View, Bicton and Bishop Burton) in the relevant HOYS qualifying classes – HOYS 128cm, HOYS 138cm, Pony Showjumper of the Year.
- The 5th team rider will come from a Wild Card selected by the Youth Team manager, if required
- The final four combinations for the team and reserve will be decided from the specific warm-up class at the show as identified in the schedule.
- Riders who have competed at a Pony European Championships are not eligible.

Selection criteria for English Teams at the South View Home Pony (English Home Pony):

- The highest placed English combinations at the below shows and classes will be the shortlisted team of five
- The final four combinations and reserve will be decided from the specific warm-up class at the show as identified in the schedule

128/138cm Teams:

- Royal International Horse Show from the respective pony height final (1)
- British Showjumping National Championship respective pony height final classes (1)
- Horse of the Year Show from the respective pony height finals and (1)
- SCOPE from the respective pony height Grand Prixes. (1)
- *The above places will not be awarded below 4th place (if there are no English riders or the English rider cannot take their place it reverts to be a wildcard based on the below criteria)*
- Wildcard for a combination who has shown consistency across all qualification classes and/or Home Pony competitions (1)

148cm Team:

- The British Showjumping National Championships 148cm Final (2)
- The HOYS 148cm Final (2)
- One combination who shows potential for selection for the 2024 Pony European Championship Team/Wildcard

If a rider is unable to accept their place at a Home Pony competition they are not automatically selected for another Home Pony competition.

Selection for Welsh Teams

To be considered riders must declare their interest and availability for any Home Pony Competition in writing to the BS Performance Team (performance@britishshowjumping.co.uk) or via their British Showjumping members online account at least 14 days before the start of the Home Pony Show.

Welsh Teams (128 and 138cm) at Wales & West

- Due to the clash of Hickstead and WHPI riders will be shortlisted prior to the Welsh Home Pony
- Shortlisted riders competing at Hickstead will be selected based on their performance here.
If they jump for 20 faults or more these slots will be filled based on result in the specific selection class on the second day at the WHPI.
- Any additional slots will be filled based on results in the specified selection classes at the Welsh Home Pony.

Selection Criteria for 148cm Welsh Teams at Wales & West and South View

- During the Home Pony shows, there will be two selection classes. These classes will be printed on the schedule (if not, please contact the Chef d'Equipe to confirm). The team of four jumping & one reserve at the show will be selected based on.
- The top two eligible riders from each class (20 faults or less) will be selected for the respective team.
- The reserve combination will be allocated based on the points system across the two viewing classes

*As at the WHPI there are HOYS Qualifiers on the same day as team, if you have been selected for the Welsh Team and intend to jump the HOYS qualifier please let the Chef d'equipe know before the day of the teams so the reserve rider can be ready if needed.

Selection for Scottish Teams

Wales & West and South View Home Pony

To be considered riders should declare their interest and availability for Home Pony competition in writing to the BS Performance Team (performance@britishshowjumping.co.uk) at least 14 days before the start of the Home Pony Show.

- A team of 4 plus one reserve rider will be pre-selected for each Home Pony.
- Successful applicants must have form on their record at the relevant height of the team competition and selection will be based on overall performance and consistency and their record of results.
- Riders must have expressed an interest in the Home Pony Teams and have submitted a code of conduct form prior to selection.

**teams may be subject to change*

Selection for Debut Teams for all Nations

- There is no pre-selection for the Debut teams, you just need to enter the selection classes at the show as specified in the schedule.
- Welsh & English Home Pony: The final four combinations will be the top 2 from each of the selection as identified in the schedule. The reserve will be the combination with the highest points over the two selection classes (disregarding combinations in the top two places of each classes).

Eligibility for all Nations:

- English and Irish Teams: Rider to never have competed on a Home Pony Team 148cm Team (excluding Cavan) Scottish and Welsh Teams: Combination never to have competed on a HP 148cm Team
- Rider to have never competed on an International Great Britain or Irish Pony Team (CSIOP).
- Combination to have never been placed (received prize money) in a Pony Showjumper of the Year First Round or Winter JA Classic first round.
- Combination to have never competed in the 148cm pony classes at Dublin Horse Show (excluding the 6 and 7 year 148cm classes).

English, Scottish and Welsh Debut teams will all be selected at each show from the specific selection classes as identified in each schedule.

**all selection criteria are subject to change*

Please note the Chef d'Equipe's decision is final.

MODIFICATIONS/EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The right is reserved that, in exceptional circumstances such as injury or illness, the Selection Criteria can be waived or modified in order to enhance the likelihood of achieving the stated aim and objective of the policy. This will be done by the Selection Committee in advance of an event and the Chef d'Equipe at the event as is practicable. Selectors are entitled, within this selection procedure, to use their discretion to select combinations onto teams.

SELECTION TIMETABLE

Dates for selection and announcement of the Teams will be at least two weeks prior to each competition or as published on the British Showjumping website.

CHANGES IN POLICY

The Youth Team Manager will have the right to amend or change Selection Policies, where necessary, at any time in order to fulfil the objectives of the Selection Policy.

APPEALS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Riders have the right to appeal against the decision of the Selectors. Appeals must be in writing within 48 hours of the announcements and must be sent to the British Showjumping Chief Executive alongside their substantiated reasoning for the appeal. If the Chief Executive is not able to satisfy the appellant's concerns the appeal will be forwarded to the BEF.

WEATHER

It is presumed that the weather conditions have been considered in the selection process. However, should there be a drastic change for some reason, there might be cause for alterations to be made to the team.

FORCE MAJEURE

If, for some reason beyond British Showjumping's control, including but not limited to examples such as collapse of funding, disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, unavailability of suitable ponies and/or riders, the British Showjumping Executive Board may make the decision either to change the selection policy or procedure, which might include withdrawing the British Team.

