

# 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.

## AIM

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.

## Irish Home Pony – Unofficial Home Pony Team competition

Riders wishing to compete in the Irish Home Pony must apply for authorisation to [performance@britishshowjumping.co.uk](mailto:performance@britishshowjumping.co.uk) two weeks prior to the final entries date of the show. The teams will be organised and selected at the shows and can be made up of riders from any nation.

- *ALL riders and ponies pre-authorised to compete at the Irish Home Pony will need to become members of Show Jumping Ireland.*
- *ALL ponies now need to carry a micro-chip.*
- *ALL riders must hold their Pony 5 Star part 1 and 2 including the Home Pony additional units.*

To visit the Showjumping Ireland website please click [here](#).

## Team Selection

Combinations are selected for the teams based on the below criteria. The final team of four are selected at the venue from 'warm up' competitions that are confirmed before the show. *Any specific criteria for each Nation are listed below.*

## Selection Criteria:

Below is the minimum criteria that combinations at each height are expected to be consistently double clear at:

Team	Height
148cm (16yrs and under)	1.20m
138cm (14yrs and under)	1.10m
128cm (12yrs and under)	1.05m
Debut (16yrs and under)	1.15m

### **Specific Selection Criteria for English Teams:**

A shortlist of five or six riders will be selected two weeks before the show for each team and published on the British Showjumping website, as per the criteria below:

#### *Wales and West and SNEC Home Pony:*

- Riders who have competed at European Championships are not eligible.
- 128/138/148cm Teams selected from best results in HOYs second round classes at Premier Shows.

#### *South View Home Pony:*

Four combinations will gain eligibility via one of the qualifying shows below and will be selected as the initial team with the fifth combination taking the role of reserve. The Selector has the right to change the team based on performances achieved in a pre-identified class at the event.

The highest placed English combinations at the following shows and classes. Should a rider sitting in a qualifying position have already pre-qualified for team selection, the qualification will move down the line within the respective class. If the rider has more than one pony sat in a qualifying position they can choose which pony to compete as part of the team.

#### **128/138cm Teams:**

- Royal International Horse Show from the respective final
- British Showjumping National Championship respective final classes
- Horse of the Year Show from the respective finals and
- SCOPE from the respective Grand Prixes.

#### **148cm Team:**

- The British Showjumping National Championships 148cm Final
- SCOPE in the Dungen Championship class
- The top two combinations for the HOYS 148cm Final

#### **Reserve 128cm, 138cm & 148cm:**

The Reserve will be selected by gaining the highest points accrued from the classes stipulated above.

- Points will be awarded at each of the qualifying shows down to 5<sup>th</sup> place. These points do not roll down the line should another nation be within one or more of these top five placings. In the event of this happening however points will be awarded down to 6<sup>th</sup> place on the same basis.
- Points will be allocated as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> 10 points/2<sup>nd</sup> 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> 4 points, 5<sup>th</sup> 2 points and then if required 6<sup>th</sup> 1 point.

### **Specific Selection Criteria for Welsh Teams:**

A shortlist will be selected two weeks before the show and published on the British Showjumping website.

If combinations are competing in the HOYS qualifiers and have sufficient past records their results from prior shows will be consulted. If combinations have not achieved sufficient prior results they will be requested to jump in specific warm up class(es) on the first two days along with all other combinations not competing in the HOYS classes.

### **Specific Selection Criteria for Scottish Teams:**

The teams will be selected at the Show from the entered combinations.

Combinations will be notified by either the Development Officer, Chef d'Equipe or British Showjumping website before entries close which warm up classes will be used as selection for each team.

Riders eligible for teams must have at least one double clear at the respective start height for the team competition (listed above) achieved prior to the Home Pony Show they are wanting to be considered for.

- The highest placed three eligible Scottish riders will take three places on the team from the first selection class.
- The highest placed Scottish rider in the second selection class will take the fourth team place disregarding those already selected.
- The next highest placed Scottish rider will take the fifth reserve place.

The rider qualifies for selection and if they have multiple ponies eligible to jump the team, the Chef d'Equipe will decide which pony is to be ridden in the team.

#### **Debut Teams 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.

*\*all selection criteria are subject to change*

#### **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.