

# Junior & Young Rider Selection Policy

## OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

The main aim is to choose the individuals and provide the preparation that will achieve the best possible results for Great Britain at the Junior/Young Rider European Championships. In addition, talented combinations will be identified and, wherever possible, given the opportunities too progress particularly through competing internationally.

The specific aims of the Selection Policy are: To build a team capable of achieving a medal at European Championships. The Junior/Young Rider Selection Policy is worked out in agreement and consultation with the British Showjumping Performance Committee.

## SELECTION

The Selectors will be responsible for all selection. Viewing trials will be held within the UK of which all prospective combinations are expected to enter. Following the viewing trials and Nations Cups the final combinations will be selected for the European Championships.

Eligibility/Availability for Consideration:

Junior riders, from the year in which they are 14, through to the year in which they are 18.

Young Riders from the year in which they are 16 through to the year in which they are 21. Riding horses and holding British Citizenship.

Selection Criteria Individuals/Team/Team Championship/Order:

The Selectors will select from any of the riders and horses who have fulfilled the selection criteria. Advice from the Team Vet will be sought where necessary. The Chef d'Equipe will decide the Team running order and individual riders and will inform riders and owners accordingly.

## VETERINARY

As part of the selection process the advice of the FEI accredited Team Veterinary Surgeon will be taken into consideration. There may be an official inspection which all horses must attend and where a blood test may be taken. If a horse is based abroad, then an inspection will be arranged by the Selectors Chairman at the riders' expense.

## MODIFICATIONS/EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The right is reserved that, in exceptional circumstances such as injury or illness, the Selection Policy can be waived or modified in order to enhance the likelihood of achieving the stated goals. This will be done by the Selection Committee in advance of an event and the Chef d'Equipe at the event as is practicable.

Entries/Invitation to National Trials when held/Competitions:

Any rider and/or horse is open for selection as long as they are fulfilling the criteria in the Selection Policy, and are allowed to participate in any trials and competitions providing they are qualified under the competitions' rules.

## SELECTION TIMETABLE

Dates for selection and announcement of the Squads will vary from year to year; depending on what time of year the Championships are being held, but will be announced as early as possible each year and all parties concerned will be informed.

## VIEWING SHOWS:

- *Chepstow (GBR) 26th-30h April 2018*
- *Fontainebleau (FRA) 3rd-6th May 2018 (Juniors: CSI2\* Medium Tour Young Riders: CSI2\* Big Tour)*

## **NATIONS CUPS:**

- Fontainebleau (FRA) 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- Lamprechtshausen (AUT) 18th-21st May 2018
- Wierden (NED) 30th May-2nd June 2018

## **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Fontainebleau (FRA) 9th-15th July 2018

## **CHANGES IN POLICY**

The Chairman of the International Committee, 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.

## **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 squad.

## **FORCE MAJEURE**

If, for some reason beyond the NGB's control, e.g. collapse of funding, disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, unavailability of suitable ponies and/or riders the British Showjumping Executive Board might make the decision either to change the selection policy or procedure, which might include withdrawing the British Team.

## **DISCRETION**

Selectors are entitled, within this selection procedure, to use their discretion to select combinations onto teams.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Publication/Circulation

The Selection Policy is available

Points of Contact

The key points of contact relating to this Selection Policy are: the Performance Committee and the British Showjumping Performance Team

## **COMPLAINTS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES**

Riders have the right to complain against the decision of the Selectors. Complaints must be in writing within 48 hours of the announcements and must be sent to the British Showjumping Chief Executive. If the Chief Executive is not able to satisfy the appellant's concerns the complaint will be forwarded to the BEF.

## **CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY FOR 2018 JUNIOR & YOUNG RIDER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Certificates of Capability will be required for the 2018 Junior & Young Rider European Championships. Competitors can qualify starting in 2017 up until the deadline date for the nominated entries for the 2018 Championships.