

BRITISH SHOWJUMPING SELECTION POLICY 2026

CSI/CSIO/CSI-W (5*/4*/3*)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This Selection Policy (the “Policy”) covers selection of individuals and teams for CSI/CSIO/CSI-W (3*/4*/ 5*) including National Federation (NF) Invites for UK International Shows and the Nations Cup Final (the “Shows”).

2. AIMS

2.1. The specific aims of this Selection Policy are:

CSIO5* -

- The primary objectives for the British 5* Showjumping Teams are detailed in priority order at 2.2. below.
- Secondary objectives will be to develop athletes and horses at 5* level and give athletes experience of riding in Teams at 5* level with a view to future participation in Championships and Olympic Games.

CSIO3*/4* -

- The primary objective will be to develop athletes and horses at 3*/4* and towards 5* level along with giving athletes experience of riding in Teams.

CSI – The objective will be to develop athlete / horse combinations to the next level, prepare horses for CSIOs and allow athletes to meet their competition programme aspirations.

CSI-W – The primary objective will be to select athletes in order to maximise the number of British athletes that qualify for the World Cup final in 2026/2027 season.

NF Invitations for UK CSI’s- The primary objective is to send the athlete/horse combinations in preparation for other CSIO’s and Championships. Followed by the athlete/horse combinations most likely to secure the best results for Great Britain in the Grand Prix (highest prize money class of the Show) in preparation for other CSIO’s and Championships.

Nations Cup Final (NCF). The primary objective will be to select the athlete/horse combinations most likely to secure the best result for Great Britain in the Nations Cup Final for 2026.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

3.1 It is vitally important for the integrity of the Selection Policy and out of respect for the athletes, owners, selectors, staff and other interested parties that there is at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on selection.

3.2 Any member of the Selection Panel, whether voting or non-voting, who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the Selection Panel. All confidential information, conversations and discussions will be identified as such.

4. SELECTION

4.1 The Performance Manager will select in consultation with the group of selectors including the Chair of the Performance Committee.

5. POLICY FORMATION

5.1. The British Showjumping Selection Policy is compiled in consultation with the BS Performance Committee, Selectors, and athletes and approved by the BS Board.

6. CHANGES IN POLICY

6.1. In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond the control of BS, including, but not limited to, disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, the Selectors reserve the right to make the decision, following consultation with the Chief Executive of BS, either to change or amend the Selection Policy or the procedure, which might include withdrawing the British Team from competition. Any amended Policy or change/withdrawal of the team will be communicated to all relevant athletes by email within 24 hours of any amendment and will be published on the BS website.

7. ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1. The BS Performance Department will ensure that each athlete available for selection is eligible to represent Great Britain including being:

- The athlete is a citizen of the United Kingdom and holds a current valid British passport and/ or has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently in the United Kingdom or has been granted humanitarian protection in the United Kingdom and is eligible under the FEI Sport Nationality regulations article 119;
- The athlete is a full member of BS and has been granted a license by the National Federation of Great Britain to compete in international events in accordance with Articles 113 and 117 of the FEI General Regulations and any minimum performance standard as required per event;
- Eligible under any applicable anti-doping code (i.e. not be serving a competition ban as a result of a proven doping or controlled medication violation, or other breach of ethical conduct, nor in receipt of a lifetime funding ban from UK Sport).

8. SELECTION CRITERIA

8.1. GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selectors will take the following criteria into account when making their decisions and have due regard to the relevant statistical evidence available to them. Some international shows will only accept athletes who are highly positioned on the World Rankings, therefore this may restrict the selector's choice for certain competitions.

8.1.1. The athlete/horse combination's results will be a prime factor in selection but weighting will be given to the standing of the competition, the difficulty of the courses, the surface and conditions, the competitiveness of the fields and the rate of progress of the combination. The Selectors will monitor the results from International Shows and National shows. Results from BS International Stairway classes will be particularly important for combinations that have no or few international results. Combinations double clear jumping rounds will have priority over other results.

8.1.2. The physical conditions in which the Shows will be held and the potential impact of those conditions on the athlete/horse combinations' performance.

8.1.3. The fitness and soundness of the horse. The advice of the Senior British Team Veterinary surgeon or another Veterinary surgeon may be sought. Athletes are obliged to notify the PM of any change in their horse's health status at any time after selection.

8.1.4. The fitness of athletes to compete to their full potential. The professional opinion of an independent medical practitioner may be sought to verify the fitness of the athlete for selection. Athletes are obliged to notify the PM of any change in their health status at any time after selection.

8.1.5. The willingness and demonstration of the athlete and their accredited owners, grooms, coaches, home team's or others that may be assisting to contribute positively to the Team environment on and off the field of play and the Objective of the Selection Policy.

8.1.6. Ability to produce peak performances in conditions similar to the Show.

8.1.7. Riders results on an athlete's other horses.

8.2. The Selectors may ask athletes and horses to participate in specific training, tests or competitions where they deem this appropriate and necessary prior to selection and the Performance Manager (PM) will inform the athletes concerned of the details regarding these requirements. Failure to participate may result in the athlete being de-selected.

8.3. CSIO SELECTION CRITERIA

For CSIO, in addition to the GENERAL CRITERIA listed above;

- Most weight will be given to results, especially double clear rounds, gained in Nations Cup and Grand Prix classes: 5* carrying more weight for CSIO5* selection than 4*; 4* carrying more weight for CSIO4* selection than 3*.
- Meeting the Objectives of the Policy especially where there is a need to give an athlete / horse combination experience at 5* if it has only competed 4* and 4* if it has only competed 3* to date.

8.4. CSI-W SELECTION CRITERIA

8.4.1 Under FEI Rules (see below) athletes placed in the top 10 of the relevant FEI Longines Ranking List (see FEI Rules) will have priority for selection: If there is no such GBR athlete then GBR athletes ranked 11th – 100th will have priority for selection in order of their ranking. https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/WCJ_Rules_2018-19_approved_BM-2018.03.28_clean_update_2018.11.17.pdf

8.4.2 An extract from the FEI Rules (relevant to Great Britain) regarding Invitations to CSI-W Events currently (as at January 2026) state (athletes are responsible for reading the full version of the Rules once available in September 2026);

Article 654 – INVITATION SYSTEM

1.1.1. Top Ten Western European Athletes, which may include an extra Athlete(s), of the Longines Rankings
If one of the above Athletes on the Longines Ranking (August and December lists used for invitations as described in Art. 654.5.2) decides not to compete at an Event, he/she may be replaced by an Athlete nominated by his/her NF. Such replacement must be from the top 100 of the Longines Ranking (August or November list, as applicable) or from the top 18 on the FEI World Cup™ WEL standings in the first half of the season

1.1.2 NFs hosting an FEI World Cup™ Competition

Each NF of a country organising an FEI World Cup™ Competition in Western Europe may send one Athlete to each FEI World Cup™ Event in Western Europe. These Athletes are pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Competition. Selection of Athletes must be made from the Longines Ranking (August or November list, as applicable) position 11 to 100 if the NF has an Athlete in this group wishing to take part at the Event. Otherwise, Athletes may be selected from any position on the Longines Ranking. The Athlete/Horse combination must be approved and selected by the National Federation.

1.1.5. Five additional home Athletes (Applies to London International Horse Show only)

Five additional Athletes from the home NF are invited to the home Event, nominated by the NF. All of these Athletes are pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Competition.

8.4.3. Selections under Articles 654.1.1.1 and 654.1.1.2 will be based on athlete's ranking in the relevant Ranking List, however priority will be given to those meeting the criteria listed below:

- Prioritising athletes in order to maximize the number of British athletes qualified for the World Cup Final
- Selecting athletes/combinations to support and further maximise development of the Nations Cup squad for the following season
- The athlete / horse's 5* Grand Prix and Nations Cup results and then 4* Nations Cups and Grand Prix results
- Priority to be given to athletes who support Nations Cup competitions when requested by the Selector(s).
- The horse's proven Indoor competition record.

8.4.3.1. The London International Horse Show has specific conditions for allocating invitations to British athletes. Please see 8.7

8.5. CSI (less Windsor, GCT and London International Horse Show). The GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA will be applied in order to achieve the primary objective for CSI Shows along with the relevant FEI Longines ranking list.

8.6. CSI5* Windsor & GCT London

50% of the total number of invitations issued to the British Equestrian Federation will be allocated to the highest ranked GB athletes on the relevant Longines Jumping Rankings List. The remaining invitations will be allocated by the Selector. Should 50% of the NF quota yield a fraction, the number of invites from the ranking list will be rounded down, while the number of invites decided by the selector will be rounded up. If any of the riders allocated one of these spaces, either via ranking or selection, then gets into the show via the FEI Invitation List the space will then be reallocated by the selector. The GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA will be applied in order to achieve the primary objective for 5* Shows therefore results from 5* level Nations Cup and Grand Prix will carry the greatest weight. The Selectors may select athlete / horse combinations and athletes may therefore only enter the event on the horse they have been selected with unless a substitution has been approved by the Selectors.

8.7. CSI5*-W London International Horse Show, London

1. Top 3 from the relevant FEI Ranking List (TBC once schedule is received). It is a requirement that these athletes compete in the World Cup competition.
2. Top 6 combinations on the Nations Cup League (disregarding riders from point 1 and those with multiple horses in the top 6) see point 9.

The place of any riders/combinations who cannot accept their invite will be re- allocated by the organising committee (OC) in agreement with BS and the Performance Manager (PM),

- 8.7.1 As this show is a 5* World Cup show the OC and PM have the opportunity to substitute any rider qualified with another rider as selected by the PM and OC, on the basis that the rider has lost current form or cannot enter two horses of a competent level.

9. BRITISH SHOWJUMPING NATIONS CUP LEAGUE

9.1 British Showjumping will award points to combinations who have been selected for each 5* Nations Cups (including Nations Cup final) and the Championships. Riders will receive points for either the Nations Cup or the Grand Prix, for example the four team members will only receive points for their Nations Cup performance and the fifth team member and any selected individuals will receive points for their Grand Prix performance.

The Nations Cup League will be published on the BS website, under the Senior riders page

(<http://www.britishshowjumping.co.uk/page/Senior-Selection-Policies->)

9.2 Points Allocation

<i>Points Allocation</i>	<i>Points</i>
Championship Clear Rounds	20
Nations Cup/Grand Prix Double Clear	20
First round Single Clear	10
Nations Cup Second round Single Clear	8
Grand Prix Second round single clear	5
Nations Cup/Championship Clear jumping round with time faults any round and first round only for the Grand prix	1TF = 6 2/3TF = 3
4 faults in any round of Nations Cup/Championship and first round only of a Grand Prix	2

N.B. Two (2) single clear rounds over the separate days at the Nations Cup Final will be awarded with Nations Cup Double Clear points (20 points).

In the events of equal points, combinations will be ranked based on the below priorities:

1. Championship combinations
2. Nations Cup First Round faults/clears
3. Nation Cup Second Round faults/clears

** in the even there is still riders on equal points the combination with the least faults will be selected from their most recent results in Nations Cup shows.*

10. SELECTION PROCESS

10.1. The Selectors will discuss the available combinations in order to select the Team, Individuals and reserves as required. The Selectors may be briefed by the BS Performance Department, World Class Programme or other BS approved Human and Equine SSM staff as to an athlete's or horse's fitness for selection. This information will be coordinated by the PM and will be delivered in summary format and will not include the confidential detail.

10.2. VETERINARY MATTERS

- As part of the selection process the advice from the Senior British Team Veterinary Surgeon or other BS approved official Veterinary surgeon will be taken into consideration.
- Athletes in contention for selection must notify the Senior British Team Veterinary surgeon of any change in their horse's health status or veterinary management immediately.
- There may be an official inspection which all horses must attend and where a blood test may be taken. Alternatively, official inspections may take place at athletes' yards or at a competition. If a horse is based abroad then an inspection will be arranged by the Team Veterinary Surgeon.
- Athletes are expected to facilitate open communication between their own veterinary surgeon and the World Class Programme Official or Team veterinary surgeons.

10.3 ATHLETE FITNESS

The fitness of athletes to compete to their full potential at shows may be taken into consideration by the Selectors when selecting Teams and reserves. The advice of the World Class Programme's (WCP) lead for HSSM may be sought and athletes may be asked to undergo a formal fitness assessment by the WCP Doctor.

10.4 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAMS OR INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE SHOWS

The Selectors will seek to announce selection for Shows as early as possible and in accordance with the Schedule. The Selectors may have to select a list of athlete / horse combinations before this announcement in order to submit *Nominated Entries*.

11. POST SELECTION

11.1. TEAM RUNNING ORDER (CSIO only)

The PM or Chef d'Equipe will decide the Team running order. The PM or Chef d'Equipe will inform athletes and owners accordingly. The PM or Chef d'Equipe may make amendments to the Team running order in consultation with the Selectors (if available) and if deemed necessary to do so.

11.2. MAINTAINING FORM

Athletes should note that selection decisions are subject to the athlete / horse combinations retaining fitness / performance levels in a suitable training and competition programme, to be agreed with the PM. Loss of fitness/form and/or failure to follow this programme or to discuss amendments to the programme with the PM could lead to the athlete / horse combination being substituted (see substitution below).

11.3. SUBSTITUTION

- The rules governing substitution will be published in the Schedule for each Show. The Selector(s) may substitute athlete / horse combinations in accordance with these rules. However, the reason for a substitution must only be because either, the athlete is unfit to compete due to injury or illness or there is a strong veterinary case for substitution or the performance of the Team member has declined to such an extent that for the success of the Team or the achievement of the objectives, a substitution is vital.
- In the case of an athlete being considered medically unable to compete the decision will be made by the PM in consultation with the PD following an examination by a World Class Programme approved Doctor and in consultation with the Selectors (if available); this may involve the athlete being asked to jump fence(s) on their Team horse; being unfit to compete is best described as "not being able to ride their horse in a manner which allows the athlete to produce the standard of performance at which they were selected".
- In the case of a horse being considered unable due to veterinary reasons to compete or unable to compete to the performance standard anticipated this decision will be made by the PM following an examination by the World Class Programme approved Veterinarian and in consultation with the Selectors if available.

11.4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletes, owners, grooms and athletes' home teams are expected to follow the principles of the British Showjumping International Code of Conduct (<http://www.britishshowjumping.co.uk/files/MH2018V8HBSept1.pdf>). Athletes and their support Teams are expected to behave at all times in a manner that does not bring the sport, BS, Team GBR, BEF or the WCP into disrepute.

11.5. WITHDRAWALS

Once an athlete has committed to compete at an international show (verbally / in writing / by email, to the Selectors or BS Performance Department) they are expected to make every effort to participate. After Definite entries a veterinary and / or medical certificate will be required before a withdrawal will be accepted. Failure to follow this procedure could impact on future selection.

11.6. CLEAN SPORT

Selection is subject to compliance with BS/BEF, FEI and WADA Rules on doping and medication control for Human and Equine.

12. GENERAL

12.1. DISCRETION - In exceptional circumstances, the Selectors will be entitled within the provisions of this policy to exercise their discretion to achieve the objective where it is reasonable to do so.

12.2. WEATHER - The weather conditions likely at the Show have been considered in selection, however, should there be drastic change for some reason there might be cause for alterations to be made to the Team and / or the Team running order in which case everyone concerned will be notified and the explanation given as soon as practicable.

12.3. CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT - In the event of cancellation the relevant parties will be notified straightaway. In the event of postponement a situation might arise where a new and / or different Team, Individual(s), Reserves need to be selected, in which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.

13. COMMUNICATION

13.1. The Selection Policy will be placed on the BS website and hard copies will be available on request from the BS Performance Department.

13.2. Enquiries about the Selection Policy can be made either in writing or on the telephone to the BS Performance Department.

13.3. POINTS OF CONTACT

13.3.1 The key points of contact relating to this Selection Policy are the PM and BS Performance department.

13.3.2 The point of contact for athletes who are competing at senior FEI shows and who wish to discuss their intended competition plans will be the PM and for Under 21 Shows it will be the relevant Chef d'Equipe.

14. APPEALS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

14.1. Athletes have the right to appeal against a selection decision of the Selectors but only on the grounds that the Selectors have failed to comply with this policy, FEI Rules or the specific rules for the show.

14.2 An appeal must be made by submitting notice in writing to both the Chief Executives of BS and to the BEF in accordance with the BEF appeals process within 24 hours of the selection.

14.3 The Chief Executive of BS shall on receipt of the notice of appeal seek to bring together all parties for a without prejudice discussion that may, if all are agreed, take the form of a facilitated mediation. For the avoidance of doubt the Appeal Process shall continue to run during the course of such discussion. However, in the event that both parties notify the BEF that such discussion has resolved the appeal within 48 hours of receipt of the notice of Appeal, the Appeal Process shall be stayed. The Appeal Process is set out on the BEF website and copies can be obtained from the BEF office.