

Home Pony Selection Policy 2026

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.

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:

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) before the start of the Home Pony Show, by expressing an interested riders and parents are agreeing to the Home Pony Code of Conduct.

Scottish, Wales and West & South View Home Pony

- 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 will be selected for the respective team.
- The reserve combination will be allocated to the combination with the highest points across the two selection classes
- *Riders who have competed at a Pony European Championships are not eligible.*

Selection for Welsh Teams

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Selection for Scottish Teams

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Scotland, Wales & West & South View

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- The top two eligible riders from each class will be selected for the respective team.
- The reserve combination will be allocated to the combination with the highest points across the two selection classes

Selection for Debut Teams for all Nations

Selection Criteria

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- The top two eligible riders from each class for each Nation will be selected for the respective team.
- The reserve combination will be allocated to the combination with the highest points across the two selection classes (disregarding combinations in the top two places of each classes)

Debut 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.

**Point system will be based on 1st=10 points, 2nd = 9 points etc. calculate over the 2 days and the most points would be reserve.*

**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.