

BRITISH EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

EXCEL TALENT PROGRAMME

SELECTION POLICY 2017

KEY:

“British Equestrian Federation” – (BEF) the National Governing Body.

“Discipline Coach” – (DC) means the Discipline Coach for the BEF Excel Talent Programme of the relevant discipline.

“England Excel Talent Programme” – (EETP) means the BEF Excel Talent programme funded by the National Lottery and Government Exchequer through Sport England.

“FEI” means the Federation Equestre Internationale.

“Member Body” – (MB) means the relevant governing body for an Olympic or Paralympic equestrian discipline i.e. British Dressage, British Eventing or British Showjumping as the case may be and “MBs” shall be construed accordingly.

“Selectors” mean the members of the selection panel who have a selection vote.

“Talent Pathway Manager” – (TPM) means the BEF lead for the delivery of the BEF’s Sport England talent outcomes).

“World Class Performance Director” (WCPD) - means the World Class Performance Director of the BEF or an alternative nominated by the Chief Executive of the BEF. “World Class Programme” – (WCP) means the World Class Programme in equestrian sports.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Aim.** This document sets out the selection policy for the 2017-19 EETP. It includes: criteria for athlete eligibility, minimum performance standards (**See ANNEX A - D**); and the assessment, selection and confirmation process.
- 2. Background.** British sport is currently receiving unparalleled investment from the Government and the National Lottery. It is therefore essential that all sports operate with the highest level of integrity and professionalism to maintain funding streams in the future.
- 3. The EETP Mission.** The PROGRAMME MISSION is to identify, support and develop riders and horses demonstrating talent & potential in the Olympic and Paralympic disciplines in England and increase and sustain participation and support the development of regional talent within safe and structured environments.
- 4. Programme Objective.** Raising performance standards across the sport is a key objective for the BEF and EETP. With funding from the National Lottery through Sport England, it continues to drive towards this outcome by strengthening the talent development pathway of Equestrian Sport. This training programme offers opportunities for talented riders, which will include expert training and advice from coaches, veterinary and human sports science.

5. **Policy Guidelines.** This policy is underpinned by UK Sport 'good practice' guidelines for selection policies which state that a selection policy should:
 - 5.1. Be effective i.e. select the 'best' athletes, or more importantly those most likely to deliver the required result for the programme.
 - 5.2. Be seen to be fair, justified and without bias.
 - 5.3. Give athletes a clear and consistent understanding of what is expected of them to merit consideration for selection.
 - 5.4. Include consultation and communication with athletes to ensure they understand the process.
 - 5.5. Provide stakeholders with a clear reference for how decisions are reached, the criteria used, the procedures followed and where, if at all, discretion has or will be used.
6. **Caveat.** The EETP is subject to the continuation of funding from Sport England. Should funding levels be altered then amendments may have to be made to the current programme structure; this could include adjustment to athlete numbers and other support provided.
7. **Athlete Guidelines.** Athletes joining the programme will be required to sign an Athlete Agreement and act in accordance within international and national Rules, Regulations, Codes of Conduct and other reasonable instructions/policies as provided by the EETP. They will also need to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to achieve future Elite level performances and full engagement with the Programme's policies and staff.
8. **Selection Policy Objectives:** The specific aim of the Selection Policy is to select talented rider combinations and to provide training and development to help further their ability for future sporting success.
9. **Time Period.** The Programme cycle to which this Selection Policy applies is 1st August 2017 – 30th June 2019. Formal selection takes place every two years. Selected riders can remain on the programme subject to successful reselection for a maximum period of four years. Riders are under constant review in terms of their development and performance. In addition riders will commit to attending an agreed number of full days of squad training sessions.
10. **Athlete Eligibility:** Before consideration for selection onto the EETP an athlete must first satisfy the following requirements:
 - a) Be eligible to compete for GBR & NI in international competitions and be eligible to compete for GBR at an Olympic or Paralympic Games and satisfy the eligibility requirements of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), British Olympic Association (BOA), British Paralympic Association (BPA) and Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI).
 - b) Hold a current British passport.
 - c) Reside in England.
 - d) Be a full member of the relevant Member Body (i.e. British Dressage, British Eventing or British Showjumping as the case may be)
 - e) Not be serving a competition ban as a result of a doping or controlled medication violation, or other breach of ethical conduct, nor be in receipt of a funding ban from UK Sport.

Selection Process

There are **4 stages** to the selection process and a representative from Sport England may be present throughout any of the stages. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that they complete the selection process stages within the indicated timeframes.

Stage 1: Achieving Minimum Performance Standards

11. The Minimum Performance Standards are set out in **ANNEX A - D**.

- A.** Competition results must have been obtained between 31st August 2016 – 31st August 2017 (inclusive)
- B.** All Minimum Performance Standards are only considered for rider/equine combinations and the rider must still have the competition ride on the nominated equine at the time of selection.
- C.** It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that the Minimum Performance Standards are achieved within the stated timeframes set out in the Selection Process.
- D.** Minimum Performance Standards are listed within age groups; it is recognised that some athletes may achieve a standard above those listed for their age group.
- E.** Within each age group the Minimum Performance Standards incorporate a number of criteria; except where stated it is only necessary to achieve one of those listed within an athlete's age group (or older age group).
- F.** Any rider/equine combination that has not reached minimum criteria listed in ANNEX A –D by 31st August 2017 cannot be considered for the Selection process.
- G.** A rider's age will be calculated in accordance with FEI rules i.e. the age of the rider on their birthday in the calendar year is treated as their age for the entire year.

For example; a rider who is 15 years may apply for the 16 – 18 year old category if they have their 16th birthday in 2017. A rider who is 18 years old and has their 19th Birthday in 2017 should apply for the 19 – 21 year old age group. This ruling then applies to all age groups.

Important Note: the achievement of the Minimum Performance Standards (Stage 1) does not guarantee selection on to the Programme. There are a limited number of places and reaching the Minimum Performance Standards only enables an athlete to proceed to the next stage of Selection.

Stage 2: Notification of achievement of Minimum Performance Standards

12. Notification of achievement of Minimum Performance Standards. By completion of a written application form.

Opening Date	1st August 2017
Closing Date	31st August 2017

Application forms will be available to download from the BEF websites during this period only.

- 12.1** Athletes who have achieved Minimum Performance Standards who wish to continue being considered for selection should complete and return the application form during this period.
- 12.2** All results/scores should be able to be verified on the appropriate Member Body database. If the scores cannot be verified then the athlete will be responsible for supplying evidence of scores.
- 12.3** It is the applicant's responsibility to record proof of postage or electronic submission of an application. Lost or misplaced applications will only be accepted after the closing date if proof of postage or electronic submission is supplied by the applicant to the BEF.

Stage 3: Viewing Trials

13. Athletes who have achieved Minimum Performance Standards will be invited to attend a ridden viewing trial where they will be asked to ride the horse on which they achieved the Minimum Performance Standards. Information gathered at the Viewing Trial will form part of **Stage 4: Final Selection Meeting**.

Viewing Trial Dates: (Venue to be confirmed)

Showjumping	12 th September 2017	Para-Dressage	18 th September 2017
Dressage	19 th September 2017	Eventing	22 nd September 2017

Stage 4: Final Selection Meeting

14. Final selection onto the programme will be carried out by the appointed Selectors in consultation with the discipline specific MBs. The Selectors will have the knowledge, experience and integrity required to select riders who show the talent and ability to succeed in their chosen discipline. All Selectors will agree to abide by a code of conduct. The Selection process will take into consideration evidence of potential future performance delivery/progression either taken from the Minimum Performance Standards (preference will be given to most recent results), the competitive record of the athlete, the strength of the application form or from observation at the Viewing Trials presented during the final selection process.

Sample Selection Panel: (this can vary between Disciplines)

The TPM, a representative of the WCP, two discipline specialists elected by the MB and an independent verifier.

- 14.1 The Selectors will be deemed to act as experts throughout and are entitled within this Policy to use their discretion to select athletes provided they can demonstrate that any discretion used was arrived at through a process of integrity where the information used and procedures taken were reasonable and justifiable.
- 14.2 An independent verifier, appointed by the BEF, will be present at the Final Selection Meetings to ensure the process is being delivered in a fair and consistent manner at all times.
- 14.3 All riders must at the time of final selection have the ride on the equine that has achieved the minimum criteria appropriate to the athlete's age group (or an older age group).
- 14.4 If the rider loses the ride on that equine after the Selection process has been completed, they may be removed from the EETP prior to the first six monthly review.
- 14.5 Any equine whose competitive record is being taken into consideration for selection purposes must be fit for purpose and available for training.
- 14.6 In exceptional circumstances, the BEF reserves the right, at the time of selection and outside of the selection process, to select athletes onto the programme provided there is demonstrable evidence of future medal winning potential.
- 14.7 In exceptional circumstances, the BEF reserves the right to grant a "bye" from any stage of the selection process if granted for a justifiable reason.

POST SELECTION: Induction, Obligations and Acceptance

15. **Post Selection Response.** All riders will be informed in writing within 5 weeks after the close of applications whether or not they have been successful in selection. The Selectors' reasoning for their selections is not discussed with riders, owners or agents.

- 16. Induction.** Once offered a place on the programme athletes will be required to attend Induction on **17th October 2017** the purpose being:
- a) To introduce the programme i.e. the values, culture and structure.
 - b) To ensure athletes know what is expected of them and are able to fulfil their commitments/obligations.
- 17. EETP Athlete Obligations.** All athletes joining the EETP must sign the EETP Athlete Agreement and abide by the terms of this. In addition athletes are expected to attend all squad training sessions and undergo bi-annual reviews of performance and fully take part in Human and Equine Sport Science and Medicine processes, attend agreed competitions and promote and encourage open and transparent communication between their home teams and EETP staff.
- 18. Acceptance.** At the end of Induction athletes will be asked if they wish to accept the offer of a place on the programme. Once accepted, names will be published on the BEF and Member Body websites. Sufficient flexibility will be retained to select or de-select athletes to/from the programme at any time.
- 19. Routine Performance Profiling.** Having taken up their place on the EETP, routine Performance Profiling will take place 6 monthly and will determine if the EETP is still able to support the athlete's development, and what level of support the programme should provide.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 20. Confidentiality.** It is vital for the integrity of the Policy that strict codes of confidentiality are followed by selectors, athletes, home teams and BEF staff relating to information or discussions and which may have a bearing on selection. Any person who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the process.
- 21. Declarations of Interest.** The BEF will maintain a register of "Conflicts of Interest" for all those involved in the selection/de-selection process. This will be available to athletes on request.
- 22. Costs.** There is no fee to attend Viewing day/s but all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the athlete.
- 23. Reviews.** EETP athletes will be reviewed bi-annually through a rolling Performance Profiling process. The objective of these reviews is to ensure that an athlete's support is appropriate and that they are on track to achieving their performance goals.
- 24. Doping and Medication.** Viewing Trials (discipline specific) are subject to the same Equine and Human anti-doping and controlled medication rules as per FEI competitions regarding the use of medications and the rules surrounding banned substances. The BEF reserves the right to carry out anti-doping and controlled medication testing at any Viewing Day, and to apply appropriate consequences for positive results.
- 24.1 Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication**
Candidates are responsible for ensuring that their horse's system is free of prohibited substances (as per the current FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List) on presentation at a Viewing Day. The List can be viewed at www.feicleansport.org.
- 24.2 Human Anti-Doping**
Candidates must adhere to the current World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List for Human Athletes and must ensure that their system is free from those substances that are prohibited in-competition on presentation at a Viewing Day. The status of human medications purchased or prescribed in the UK can be checked at www.globaldro.com. All athletes are required to declare any regular medications on their application form and must inform the BEF of any changes prior to attending a Viewing Day. Athletes that compete internationally and already hold a Therapeutic Use Exemption should bring their TUE with them to their Viewing Day.

- 25. Consent to use data.** Athletes will be asked to sign a 'consent to use data' form which may include consent for the publication of some athlete and horse details on the BEF website.
- 26. De-selection.** An Athlete may be deselected from the EETP in the following circumstances :
- the Athlete no longer meets the selection minimum performance standards;
 - the Athlete fails to meet agreed performance targets as identified through their review;
 - the Athlete's horse becomes unsuitable for any reason (sale, loss of form, prolonged lameness or injury) and is still unsuitable 3 months from the date that reason became apparent;
 - the Athlete fails without good reason to compete in named target competitions;
 - the Athlete fails without good reason to participate in formal training programmes;
 - the Athlete does not comply with WCP Athlete obligations as set out in Para [17]above;
 - the Athlete is in breach of BEF, FEI or Member Body rules or
 - the Athlete brings the sport into disrepute.

Process of de-selection:

a) In the first instance the TPM will speak to the rider, advise them of any concerns, and agree a sufficient period to allow them to remedy their performance or return a horse back to fitness.

b) If not achieved, the TPM will consult with the WCP's Advisor and reach a decision on de-selection.

27. Appeals Process. Athletes have the right to appeal against a decision regarding selection but only on the grounds that the selectors have failed to comply with the Policy or have made a decision that no rational body of selectors could reasonably have made. Appeals must be made in writing to the TPM within 48 hours of being informed of a decision. If the TPM is not able to satisfy the appellant's concerns the appeal will then follow the BEF Appeals Process; the process and procedures for which are laid out in the BEF Rule Book.

28. Changes in Selection Policy. The BEF has the right to amend or change this Selection Policy at any time where necessary in order to fulfil the objectives of the Selection Policy. Any changes/amendments to the Selection Policy will be published on the BEF website: <http://www.bef.co.uk>.

29. Force Majeure: In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond the BEF's control (e.g. lack of available Sport England funding, disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism) the BEF reserves the right to make the decision to change the selection policy or procedure which might include cancellation of the Selection process and/or cancellation of selection. This decision will be made in consultation with the MBs and the BEF Board.

30. Discretion: The Selectors are entitled within this selection procedure to use their discretion to select combinations or riders provided that they can demonstrate that any decisions made were arrived at through a process of integrity where the information used and procedures taken were perfectly reasonable and justifiable.

31. Consultation: The BEF EETP selection and recruitment policy is formulated in agreement and in consultation with the MBs.

32. Points of Contact: The key point of contact relating to this Selection Policy is the Talent Pathway Manager, British Equestrian Federation, Abbey Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2RH.

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ANNEXE A – DRESSAGE

THIS ANNEX MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BODY OF THE SELECTION POLICY

BEF EXCEL DRESSAGE SQUAD CRITERIA:

All riders must be eligible to compete for Great Britain and hold a current British passport. To be eligible for the programme they must be full competing members of British Dressage on selection and **reside in England**. They will not be eligible for this programme if they are currently supported by the BEF World Class Programme. Riders that are currently serving a ban from competition as a result of a doping offence (equine or human) or equine controlled medication offence will not be eligible.

Applications will be open 1st August 2017 and close 31st August 2017. Applications will not be accepted under any circumstances after 31st August 2017.

MINIMUM CRITERIA

Competition results must have been obtained between 31st August 2016 – 31st August 2017 (inclusive) unless specifically stated otherwise. Preference will be given to most recent results. Except where stated it is only necessary to achieve one of those listed within an athlete's age group (or older age group).

Please note that Freestyle scores do not count towards minimum criteria.

14 – 15 years

- Achieving at Med (or above) on horses, final scores of 68% or above at a minimum of 3 competitions and one score at Medium Silver/Gold (or above) of 66% at Premier Leagues, Regional Championships or BD National Championships. Horse/Rider combination must show potential to progress to Advanced Medium level

A minimum of 3 recent score sheets at the above level should accompany the application

16 – 18 years

- Minimum of two final scores at 67% at Advanced Medium Silver/Gold and above (including FEI Junior Team and Individual Tests) at Premier Leagues, Summer Regional Championships or BD National Championships
- Minimum of two final scores at 66% at FEI Junior Team and Individual Tests in CDI/CDIJ
- Top 12 placing individually in the Team or Individual Test at Junior European Championships in 2017

A minimum of 3 recent score sheets at the above level/s should accompany the application

19 – 21 years

- Combinations will be competing consistently and achieving a minimum of two final scores of 67% or above at PSG/Inter 1 (incl. YR Team and Individual tests) achieved at Premier Leagues, Summer Regional Championships or BD National Championships
- Minimum of two final scores at 66% at PSG level and above (including FEI Young Rider Team and Individual Tests) in CDI/CDIJ
- Top 12 placing individually in the Team or Individual Test at Young Rider European Championships in 2017

A minimum of 2 recent score sheets at the above level should accompany the application.

22 – 24 years

- Combinations will be competing consistently and achieved a minimum of two final scores of 68% or above at Inter. 1 level or above achieved at Premier Leagues, Summer Regional Championships or BD National Championships
- Minimum of two final scores at 67% at Inter. 1 level and above at a CDI ***
- A minimum of 2 final scores of 65% or above at either Premier League U25 Grand Prix, Premier League Inter. 2 level or U25 CDI

A minimum of 2 recent score sheets at the above level should accompany the application.

Young Horses:

- Riders between 16 - 24yrs will also be considered on younger horses (up to 7 years old) who demonstrate the talent to compete successfully at International level and are already competing consistently and achieving 70%+ at Young Horse Premier League Classes or Regional Championships/National Championships at Elementary/Medium level.

A minimum of 2 recent score sheets at the above level must accompany the application.

ANNEXE B – PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

THIS ANNEX MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BODY OF THE SELECTION POLICY

BEF EXCEL PARA EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE SQUAD CRITERIA:

All riders must be eligible to compete for Great Britain and hold a current British passport. To be eligible for the programme they must be full competing members of British Dressage on selection and **reside in England**. They will not be eligible for this programme if they are currently supported by the BEF World Class Programme. Riders that are currently serving a ban from competition as a result of a doping offence (equine or human) or equine controlled medication offence will not be eligible.

Applications will be open 1st August 2017 and close 31st August 2017. Applications will not be accepted under any circumstances after 31st August 2017.

Riders must have a current National or FEI classification. For details regarding classification please contact the British Dressage Para Dressage Officer.

MINIMUM CRITERIA

Competition results must have been obtained between 31st August 2016 – 31st August 2017 (inclusive) unless specifically stated otherwise. Preference will be given to most recent results. Except where stated it is only necessary to achieve one of those listed within an athlete's age group (or older age group).

Please note that freestyle scores do not count towards minimum criteria

14 – 18 years old

- To have two scores of 65% or above in their relevant grade at BD Para Dressage Competitions or have scored 66% or above at the RDA National Championships in 2017

19 – 24 years old

- Minimum of two final scores in their relevant grade at 65% or above in Silver or Gold classes in BD Para Equestrian Dressage competitions (including Home International)

AND

- One score of 64% or above in their relevant Grade at a BD Para Equestrian Dressage Silver Championship or CPEDI 2*

Due to the varying nature of disability, exceptional candidates that are competing in BD Para Dressage competitions may be considered that meet the following criteria:

25 – 30 years old

- Minimum of two final scores in their relevant grade at 66% or above in the Team or Individual Test classes in BD Para Equestrian Dressage competitions (including Home International) **or** 66% or above in BD Para Equestrian Dressage Silver Championship

AND

- One score of 64% or above in their relevant Grade at a BD Para Equestrian Dressage Gold Championship or Team or Individual Test at CPEDI 2* /CPEDI 3*

31 years and above

- Minimum of 66% or above in their relevant Grade at BD Para Equestrian Dressage Gold Championship.

AND

- 66% or above in the Team & Individual test of their relevant Grade at a CPEDI 2/3*

Young Horses:

- Riders between 25 – 30 years will also be considered on younger horses (up to 7 years old) who demonstrate the talent to compete successfully at International level and are already competing consistently at Para-equestrian Novice Level or able bodied British Dressage Preliminary/Novice Level and achieving a minimum of 3 final scores of 70% plus. National championships will be given more weight than local level competitions.

Profile 39: Currently under FEI Rules, an athlete with intellectual disabilities who does not have a physical classification is covered under Profile 39 of the Classification Guide (applicable to Grade III). This profile remains inactive at present so athletes in Profile 39 are not eligible to compete in Para-Equestrian Dressage competition run under FEI rules.

The BEF England Excel Para-Equestrian Dressage Programme can only select and support athletes who are currently eligible to compete for Great Britain at the Paralympic Games. This policy will reviewed in line with any future decisions made by the FEI.

ANNEXE C – EVENTING

THIS ANNEX MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BODY OF THE SELECTION POLICY

BEF EXCEL EVENTING SQUAD CRITERIA:

All riders must be eligible to compete for Great Britain and hold a current British passport. To be eligible for the programme they must be full competing members of British Eventing on selection and **reside in England**. They will not be eligible for this programme if they are currently supported by the BEF World Class Programme. Riders that are currently serving a ban from competition as a result of a doping offence (equine or human) or equine controlled medication offence will not be eligible.

Applications will be open 1st August 2017 and close 31st August 2017. Applications will not be accepted under any circumstances after 31st August 2017.

MINIMUM CRITERIA

Competition results must have been obtained between 31st August 2016 – 31st August 2017 (inclusive) unless specifically stated otherwise. Preference will be given to most recent results. Except where stated it is only necessary to achieve one of those listed within an athlete's age group (or older age group).

14 – 15 years: NB: Consideration will be given to riders who have only achieved the level of Pony Results listed below who also have competition results on a horse in the same time frame at BE 100 level or above. Please supply these results with your application

- Selected for GBR Pony European Team
- Brand Hall 1* Pony championship – top 10% of starters
- Top 20% placing CCI* on a horse
- Top 20% placing U18 Regional Team Championships
- Top 20% placing in National Under 18 Championship

16 – 18 years

- Finish In the top 15% of the total number of starters in a CCI*
- Finish In the top 10% of the total number of starters in the National U18 Championships
- Top 15 placing individually at the Junior European Championships
- Counting score of a medal winning GBR Junior European Team

19 – 21 years old

- Top 15% placing in the National Under 21 Championships
- Top 20% placing of the total number of starters at a Senior CCI**
- Counting Score for GBR Young Rider European Team
- Top 15 placing individually at the Young Rider European Championships
- Clear round XC meeting Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) at a CCI***/CIC***

22 – 24 year olds

- Top 10% placing of the total number of starters in a Senior CCI 2*
- Top 25% placing of the total number of starters in a CIC3*
- Top 30% placing of the total number of starters in a CCI3*
- Top 30% placing of the total number of starters at Bramham U 25 Championships
- Clear round XC meeting Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) at a CCI****

Young Horses:

- Riders between 16 - 24yrs will also be considered on younger horses (up to 8 years old) who demonstrate the talent to compete successfully at International level and are already competing consistently and were placed in the top 20% of the British Eventing Young Horse 6/7 year old Championships 2016 or Young Horse 6/7 Year old Championships at Le Lion 2016.

ANNEXE D – SHOWJUMPING

THIS ANNEX MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BODY OF THE SELECTION POLICY

BEF EXCEL SHOW JUMPING SQUAD CRITERIA:

All riders must be eligible to compete for Great Britain and hold a current British passport. To be eligible for the programme they must be full competing members of British Showjumping on selection and **reside in England**. They will not be eligible for this programme if they are currently supported by the BEF World Class Programme. Riders that are currently serving a ban from competition as a result of a doping offence (equine or human) or equine controlled medication offence will not be eligible.

Applications will be open 1st August 2017 and close 31st August 2017. Applications will not be accepted under any circumstances after 31st August 2017.

Applicants should include the relevant British Showjumping printouts to support their initial application.

MINIMUM CRITERIA

Competition results must have been obtained between 31st August 2016 – 31st August 2017 (inclusive) unless specifically stated otherwise. Preference will be given to most recent results and to those achieved on the same horse. Except where stated it is only necessary to achieve one of those listed within an athlete's age group (or older age group).

14 – 15 years

- To have jumped two double clear on a horse at 1.30m or above
- Minimum of 4 double clear rounds on a horse at 1.25m competitions
- A clear in any round of Children on Horses CSIOCh Nations Cup, Grand Prix or European Championship

16 – 18 years

- Minimum of 2 first round clear rounds over a minimum 1.40m track or above at first round jump-off competitions
- Minimum of 4 double clear rounds at 1.35m competitions
- Counting score in any round of a medal winning GBR Junior European Team
- Top 15 individual placing at the Junior European Championships
- A clear round in any round of a Junior CSIOJ Nations Cup, Grand Prix or European Championship

19 – 21 years

- Minimum of 2 first round clear rounds in 1.45m or above at first round jump-off competitions
- Minimum of 4 double clear rounds at 1.40m competitions
- Counting score in any round of a medal winning GBR Young Rider European Team
- Top 15 individual placing at the Young Rider European Championships
- A clear round in any round of a Young Riders CSIOY Nations Cup, Grand Prix or European Championship

22 – 24 years

- Minimum of 2 first round clear rounds over 1.50m at first round jump-off competitions
- Score of 8 faults or less in any round of a 3* Nations' Cup competition
- Minimum of 4 double clear rounds at 1.45m competitions

Young Horses:

- Riders between 16 - 24yrs will also be considered on younger horses who demonstrate the talent to compete successfully at International level and who have jumped in the 6 or 7 year old Championship Final at the Addington Young Horse Championships with a score of 4 faults or less.

Results will be ranked by competition and venue. Competition results that meet the minimum criteria that were achieved at any of the following competitions should be included in your application form: International Shows, Premier Shows, British Showjumping National Championships, Junior/Young Rider European Trials, County Shows.