



Endurance GB – Assessment Pathway European Championships – 17 August, 2019

1. Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be taken into account in making selection decisions

The results by horse and rider combination at the relevant classes in 2018 and between 1st January 2019 and 30th June 2019

- 1.1. Further consideration may be given to:
 - Results in 2018
 - Availability of experienced crew
 - As a combination attendance at assessment sessions
 - Attendance at seminar sessions
- 1.2. All combinations will be expected [except under exceptional circumstances] to compete at a minimum speed as identified by the International Committee in the planning procedure prior to selection and to attend additional specific rides/classes at the request of International Committee
- 1.3. The fitness and soundness of the horse. The advice of the Team veterinary surgeon or another veterinary surgeon may be sought. The advice of the team equine physiotherapist or another equine physiotherapist may also be sought. Riders should notify the Team Veterinarian of any change in their horse's health status or veterinary management immediately.
- 1.4. The fitness of the rider. Fitness of riders to compete to their full potential will be taken in to consideration.
- 1.5. The technical nature of the courses at which competitions will be held and results based evidence of the combination's competence over comparable courses.
- 1.6. Any warnings given by the IC or Chef D' Equipe with regard to the behaviour of the rider and people associated with the rider [including without limitation, owners, coaches and crews] that the Squad management may reasonably consider will have an impact on creating a positive team environment and affect [either positively or negatively] the achievement of the Aims
- 1.7. Willingness of a combination to compete at rides/in classes identified by International Committee in conjunction with Team Management, as important for assessing performance. Riders will be expected to give strong justification for their reasons for not attending identified rides/classes.

2. Selection Process

- 2.1. Combinations will be notified at the earliest possible opportunity to allow for sufficient planning if they are required to participate in a head to head competition.
- 2.2. The assessment will be informed by the Team veterinarian and physiotherapist as to the riders' or horses' fitness. This information will be coordinated by the Team Administrator and will be delivered in summary/matrix format and not include the confidential detail.
- 2.3. Veterinary matters – as part of the assessment process the advice of the Team veterinary surgeon will be taken into consideration. There will be an official inspection which all horses must attend. Alternatively, the official inspections may take place at riders' yards or at a competition. Riders are expected to facilitate open communication between their own veterinary surgeon and the Team veterinary surgeon.
- 2.4. Farriery matters - as part of the assessment process the advice of the Team farrier will be taken into consideration. Riders are expected to facilitate open communication between their own farrier and the Team farrier.



2.5. Announcement of the chosen individuals to travel as the Endurance GB International Squad to the European Championships 17th August, 2019 will be announced on or around 20th July, 2019.

2.6. This information will remain confidential until such time as EGB releases a formal announcement

3. Post Selection

- 3.1. Maintaining fitness – Riders should note that selection decisions are subject to the horse/rider combinations retaining fitness/performance [see Substitution below]. Once a horse/rider combination has been selected they must maintain a suitable training or competition programme.
- 3.2. Substitution – the International Committee may substitute a Reserve combination for a Squad member between the announcement of the Squad and the Closing Date for entries. The reason for a substitution should only be because
 - 3.2.1. Either the rider is unfit to compete due to injury or illness **or**
 - 3.2.2. The performance of the Squad individual has dropped off to such an extent that for the success of the Squad/Team a substitution is vital **or**
 - 3.2.3. There is a strong veterinary case for substitution. This situation will almost certainly occur as a result of a veterinary problem which it may or may not be possible to define given the time/resources available at the time.
 - 3.2.4. 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 Team veterinary surgeon and in consultation with the Chef D'Equipe and Chairman of IC if available.
 - 3.2.5. Breaches in compliance with the Code of Conduct detailed below and conditions laid out in the Rider Agreement including the Communications Policy.

4. General

- 4.1. **Discretion** – in exceptional circumstances, the International Committee will be entitled within the provisions of this process to exercise their discretion to achieve the objective where it is reasonable to do so.
- 4.2. **Code of Conduct**
 - 4.2.1. Riders, their support teams and all Squad management personnel will be required to abide by any agreements and/or abide by codes of behaviour for the endurance team appropriate to the event.
 - 4.2.2. Riders and their support teams are expected to behave at all times in a manner that does not bring the sport, and in particular EGB/SERC/FEI, into disrepute.
 - 4.2.3. Riders, their support teams and all Squad Management personnel will be required to sign and comply with the Confidentiality Agreement.
- 4.3. **Clean Sport** – Selection is subject to compliance with FEI Rules on doping and medication control for Human and Equine. Any rider or horse being considered may be subject to random testing in or out of competition
- 4.4. **Cancellation/Postponement** – in the event of cancellation of the Event the relevant parties will be notified straightaway. In the event of postponement a situation might arise where a new and/or different Squad or individuals need to be selected, in which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.



- 4.5. **Force Majeure** – in the event of exceptional circumstances beyond EGB control e.g. disease outbreak in horses or humans, the EGB reserves the right to make the decision, following consultation with the Chairman of International Committee, Chef D' Equipe, either to change the Selection procedure, which might include withdrawing the GBR Team/s or individuals from competition.

5. Communication

Points of Contact

5.1.1. The key point of contact relating to this Selection Process is: Chairman of the International Committee

5.1.2. The point of contact for riders who wish to discuss their intended competition plans will be the Chairman of the International Committee or their squad Chef D' Equipe; riders are encouraged to discuss their competition plans with their squad Chef D' Equipe

6. Appeals Process and Procedures

- 6.1. Riders have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds of failure to comply with this Process. An appeal must be made by submitting notice in writing to both the Chairman of International Committee and Chairman of EGB within 48 hours of the relevant rider being informed of the decision.

The Chairman of International Committee 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.