



# **BRITISH REINING TEAM SELECTION POLICY 2018**

## **2018 World Equestrian Games**

### **Objective of Selection Policy**

The aim is to choose the team and provide the preparation that will achieve the best possible results for Great Britain at the World Equestrian games in 2018.

In addition, talented combinations will be identified and wherever possible given the opportunities to progress particularly through competing internationally. Although the selection policy is specifically about 2018 we are looking to develop potential team members into the future.

We are looking to select a team capable of achieving medal positions at WEG this year and prepare a team capable of performing well at the 2018 World equestrian Games.

The event under consideration currently is:

2018 World Equestrian Games (WEG), Tyron, North Carolina, USA, September 10<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

Consideration of possible WEG team members will start in 2017. Selection criteria are provided in **Appendix A** and timings and

deadlines in **Appendix B**. Deadlines in Appendix B will be updated in due course.

Riders who would like to be considered for WEG should let the Chairman of the Selection Panel or CE know as early as possible.

## **Selection Panel**

All selectors, including the Chairman will be appointed by the British Reining (BR) Council.

The Selection panel currently comprises:

- Rosanne Sternberg – Chairman of panel
- tbc
- tbc

The panel chairman may call on other Council Members or members of BR as he/she sees fit.

All Selectors must be members of good standing, who must have the knowledge and experience required to effectively select championship teams and will be as free from all vested interests/conflicts of interest as possible. A register of Declarations of Interest will be maintained and available for inspection.

The Chef d'Equipe (CE) will attend all selection meetings to inform, advise and assist the selection panel. He will not have a vote although he will have the power to veto the selection panel's decision. This will safeguard the close relationship between the CE and the riders.

## **Selection Policy**

**Background** The BR Selection Policy is prepared in consultation with the BR Council, Selectors, riders and Chef d'Equipe.

**Eligibility/Availability for Consideration** The Selection Panel will make sure that all riders available for selection have British citizenship and have been granted a license by the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) to compete in International Events according to Article 134 of the FEI Regulations, and are allowed to take part under FEI, BEF or BR rules.

**Confidentiality** It is vitally important for the integrity of the Selection Policy and those involved in its application both as riders, owners, selectors or other officials, that there is at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on selection.

**Consideration** The selection criteria are set out in **Appendix A**.

In considering potential team members, the panel will take account of a number of factors some of which are set out below:

- Achievement of the eligibility criteria is essential
- Team rider combination and record
- Rider record
- Previous experience in major events
- Creation of a team of riders

A position on the Team is to be considered a privilege and not a right. Above all, selection will be largely based on the results achieved by riders at stipulated types of competition. However, one outstanding result will not lead to automatic selection.

In considering the selection of the team and individuals the panel will look at the following:

- Achieving the selection criteria for the Championships;
- Riders 5 best scores during the Qualifying Period. Applicants must submit their 5 best scores during the Qualifying Period to the Chair of Selectors their 5 best scores (score sheets must be signed by the Show Secretary) with their application. The Selectors will use these scores to assist them during the Selection process. If a rider is unable to achieve 5 scores, in the necessary competitions, within the Qualifying Period, they must inform the Chair of Selectors in writing stating their reasons. Only scores from BR, NRHA or FEI judged classes at Open or Non-Pro level, for seniors, will be acceptable. With priority given to FEI results;
- Consideration will also be given depending on venue/class where scores achieved.
- Most weight will be given to results at International shows with FEI International Official Judges;
- In exceptional circumstances, however, the requirement for scores (as stated above) may be waived or modified in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated objectives of the Selection Policy;
- Riders fulfilling the criteria will be included on the long list from which the selection committee will select the final team;
- Riders who have represented Team Great Britain in reining competitions will automatically be entered on the long list on receipt of the appropriate application and registration fee. It should be noted that these riders must still achieve the qualification criteria;

- The Team will be selected from the Long List by the Selection Panel with the emphasis being on scores. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the CRI scores and the rider with most international experience as judged by the Selection Panel. A rider's wins and placings, the competitiveness of the starters they have competed against, the standing of the judges who have marked them will be taken into account;
- The soundness of the horse and its consistency in performance will be considered;
- The ability of the rider to perform under pressure and contribute to the development of a positive team atmosphere and any other criteria that will serve in the Team's best interest for achieving as good a result as possible will be taken into consideration.

**Process** Ideally the selection panel will be looking to select a team of four and, in addition and as appropriate to the event:

- One travelling reserve
- Two individuals one of whom may be the travelling reserve

If there are only three riders or fewer attaining the appropriate criteria, then the panel may consider not sending a team and only sending two individuals.

If there are more than four riders attaining the appropriate criteria, then the panel may consider sending one or two as individuals.

If a team and individuals are selected to go to the Championships all participants must agree to changing places with team members/individuals if the CE deems that necessary.

BR/the selection panel are not bound in any way to send a team and/or individuals to the Championships if they decide that it is not in BR's best interests to do so.

If there are more applicants than places, then the selection panel will produce a long list from which the short list of team members and individuals will be confirmed.

Each applicant will be informed whether or not they have been selected and whether they have been selected as a team member, a travelling reserve or as an individual.

**Discretion** The Selectors are entitled within this selection policy to use their discretion to select combinations onto Teams provided that they can demonstrate that any discretion used was arrived at through a process of integrity where the information used and procedures taken were perfectly reasonable and justifiable. Any such discretion will be fully documented.

**Code of Conduct/Team Agreement** When selecting the Team the CE and Selectors will take into consideration not just the statistical results but also the willingness of the rider to co-operate with the development of excellence in Reining and maintenance and development of the reputation of the Team. The applicant's ability to act as a team player will also be considered

Each International Team rider will need to sign the Team Member Agreement before they are to compete. Selection is subject to compliance with BR, BEF, and FEI Rules on doping for human and doping and medication control for equine.

**Financial** Selection will be made on merit as laid down above. A rider's financial circumstances will not influence selection. Any funding made available for International team competitions will be used equally for the benefit of the whole Team and not individual members.

Riders requiring to be considered for team selection will need to pay a BR selection fee as follows:

- £50 to accompany the Rider Team Application form;
- £250 payable to BR if selected as a team member, travelling member or individual and payable within 7 days of notification.

It is intended that the selection fee covers BR's administration costs.

Riders accepted as a member, travelling member or individual will be required to pay to BR the following costs:

- Rider entry fee;
- Stabling;
- Proportion of tack room fee;
- Show organisers office charge;
- Any other fee related to the entry of horse/rider at the event;
- Local taxes relating to the above payments.

BR will undertake to pay all these fees and costs to the show organisers as a single payment on behalf of all riders.

Riders will take responsibility for payment of all other fees and costs incurred including:

- Transport
- Horse documentation fees
- Accommodation
- Team clothing
- Food
- Horse feed
- Horse equipment
- bedding
- Bedding/manure disposal
- Electricity
- Camping/parking costs
- Incidental expenses

- Any Team Veterinary and farriery costs as deemed necessary

## **Application**

All riders wishing to be considered for Team selection must provide to the Chairman of Selectors by the given deadline (see **Appendix B**) the following:

- An initial registration fee of £50 (non returnable)
- A fully completed and signed Rider Team Application Form which includes:
  - Rider Application
  - Rider Agreement
  - Horse Owner's Agreement

The Rider Team Application Form is available to download from the website.

All applicants will be considered for selections as either a team member, travelling member or individual. If an applicant does not wish to be considered for one or more of these roles, then this must be clearly stated on the Rider Team Application Form.

All applicants must pay a £50 administration fee to be considered and if qualified as a team member, travelling member or individual, a further £250 administration fee will be required before BR will proceed to enter that individual in the event.

All selections made by the BR Selection committee will be considered final and not subject to change unless injury, illness or accident deems substitution necessary.

## **Team Administration**

The selection panel will name the chosen team members, travelling reserve and individuals as appropriate.

**Team Running Order.** The CE will decide the team running order and individual riders and the CE will inform riders accordingly.

**Veterinary** As part of the selection process the advice of a Team approved Veterinary Officer may be taken into consideration. There may be an official inspection which all horses must attend and where blood tests may be taken. If a horse is based abroad then an inspection will be arranged by the CE.

**Progress** The CE will discuss and update BR Council and riders of plans.

**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 may be done by the Selectors and/or the CE as far in advance of the event as is practicable. Where there is a chance that this situation may occur, the issue will be kept confidential amongst the CE and Chair of Selectors until such time as a decision is made.

**Substitution** At an FEI competition, Chefs d'Equipe must declare the members of teams and the names of the individual competitors and their horses after the Veterinary Inspection and no later than one hour before the draw. In the event of an accident or illness of a competitor and/or horse declared as a starter, this competitor and/or horse may, up to one hour before the start of a competition and on production of a certificate from a doctor and/or FEI veterinary delegate, after approval of the ground jury, be replaced by a reserve rider/horse (team competition) or another competitor and/or another horse formally entered (individual competition). The competitor or horse withdrawn may not then start either as a member of a team or as an individual. For substitutions of riders and horse combinations before the horse inspection see FEI General Regulations ART.126.

**Selection Timetable** Dates for selection and announcement of squad 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 be informed to all parties concerned.

See **Appendix B** for known dates, deadlines and time tables.

**Changes in Policy** The Selectors and BR Council 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 as long as these changes and amendments are clearly communicated to all parties.

**Weather** It is presumed that the weather conditions likely at the Championships have been considered for selection. However, should there be drastic change for some reason there might be cause for alterations to be made to the squad in which case everyone concerned will be notified and the explanation given as soon as convenient.

**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 squad needs to be selected in which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.

**Force Majeure** In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond British Reining Council's control, (eg disease outbreak in horses or humans, collapse of available funding, war or terrorism) the British Reining Council reserves the right to make changes to the Selection Policy and representation which could involve withdrawing the British team.

**Veterinary** Team riders must notify the CE and the Team Veterinarian (if one appointed) of any change in the horse's health status or veterinary management immediately.

## **Communication**

**Points of Contact** The contact relating to the selection policy, procedures, applications and appeals is the Chairman of selectors/Chairman of British Reining. After team announcement, all communications regarding the team and taking part in the Championships should be with the Chef d'Equipe

**Publication/Circulation** The Selection Policy will be available to download from the BR website. Copies will also be available on request from the Chairman of British Reining, the CE or chairman of selectors.

**Enquiries** about the Selection Policy can be made to the Chairman of British Reining.

**Changes to Selection Policy** Any changes and confirmations will be communicated either with individuals directly or via the BR Website as appropriate.

## **Appeals Process and Procedures**

Riders have the right to appeal against the decision of the Selectors. Appeals must be made in writing within 48 hours of the announcements. Appeals must be sent to the British Reining Chairman who will appoint an independent Appeals Panel as set out in the British Reining Handbook. If the British Reining Appeals Panel is not able to satisfy the appellant's concerns the appeal will be forwarded to the BEF. The processes and procedures of the BEF Appeals process are set out in the British Reining handbook.

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## Appendix A

### Selection Criteria

## 2018 World Equestrian Games, Tyron, North Carolina, USA

### ***Senior Team and Individuals qualification:***

- Qualification period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – tbc – see Note 2;
- The rider must be qualified as FEI 3\* Athlete;
- All Applicants, potential team and individual riders, must have scored a minimum average score of 70 at two out of three different CRI3\* events (Championships not included) during the qualifying period. One of the qualifying results must be achieved no earlier than on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and no later than the end of the qualification period;
- At least one qualifying result must be obtained at a CRI3\* in the UK;
- Applicants must have completed at least one Training clinic given by an Open Level 4 Trainer with International Team and Competition experience, during both 2017 and 2018. Available clinics and dates will be published by British Reining on their web site or via Social Media;
- The rider must be qualified as FEI 3\* Athlete;
- Previous experience on British Reining Teams and at International competitions will be taken into consideration for WEG Team and Individual places;
- Must have horses available for the competition and of suitable standard for the competition. Quality of available horses will be judged on previous scores attained at shows

judged by 3 or more judges and preferably of International standard. For the WEG 2018, horses based in the USA will be considered, if applicants are not in a position to transport their Europe based horses. Suitability of horses will be judged on videoed runs made at shows of international standard and preferably when ridden by the applicant;

- Final qualifying scores must be attained in line with the FEI qualification period;
- For consideration for a place on the long list, two scores of 70 or above must be submitted from classes as detailed above, with elevation to short list multiple scores of 72 will be expected.

## **Notes**

1. The closing date in 2018 will be published as soon as is known.

### **Dates and Deadlines for applications and payments**

Expressions of interest in being a team member can be made at any time. Indeed, the earlier you let us know of your interest or intention to make an application the better.

BR is very keen to develop the international potential of members and we will do what we can to help riders develop.

#### **For 2018 World Equestrian Games:**

The 2018 World Equestrian Games are planned to be held in Tryon, North Carolina, USA in 10<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018:

- Expressions of interest to be considered as a team member must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018;
- Application and initial registration fee must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018;
- BR Selectors Decisions are to be expected by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018;
- Applicants final registration fee must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018;
- Entries in principle are expected to be made by – see note 3 below;
- Nominated entries are expected to be made by– see note 3 below;
- Stabling and other fees to be received from the rider by BR by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018
- Definite entries are expected to be made by– see note 3 below.

Note 3. Dates will be notified as and when they are available.

Note 4. Any changes to these dates and deadlines will be notified via the British Reining website.

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