

## **JUMPING – SENIOR & YOUNG RIDER TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES SELECTION & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

**Event:** Senior and Young Rider Jumping Trans Tasman Test Series 2025

**Locations and Dates:**

2025 Waratah CSI1\*-W – Sydney, NSW | 21st – 24th August

2025 NNWSJC Tamworth CSI1\*-W – Tamworth | 28th – 30th August

2025 4CYTE Jumping@Willinga CSI1\*-W – Bawley Point, NSW | 12th- 15th September

**Competition Details:** Events held over two rounds. Young rider will be run in conjunction with a Young Rider class, Senior at heights 1.40m – 1.50m.

**Team Composition:** There will be two teams and each will comprise of four athletes and one Chef d'Equipe. Different teams may compete at each leg of the series.

### **1. Objective**

The primary objective of this selection criteria is to identify and select the best-suited horse-athlete combinations to represent New Zealand in the Trans Tasman Test series, ensuring a competitive and successful team performance while providing development opportunities to emerging athletes and reserving the right to prioritise combinations targeting the 2026 FEI World Championships.

### **2. Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for selection, athletes and horses must meet the following basic requirements.

Athlete Requirements:

- Must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Must hold a current ESNZ membership.
- Adhere to the requirements as listed in chapter three of the ESNZ Special Regulations for National Selection – [click here to view](#)
- Young Riders - must be considered a Young Rider as per FEI Jumping rules (from the beginning of the calendar year they turn the age of 16, until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 21)

Horse Requirements:

- Must be registered with ESNZ

### **3. Selection Process**

The selection process is divided into two stages:

#### **Stage 1: Expression of Interest (EOI) Submission**

Athletes must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI), including details about themselves, their horse(s), pertaining to 4.1-4.4 and past performances from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 to time of EOI.

The expression of interest should also include the travel intentions of the combinations and which events within the series they are available to compete in.

#### **Stage 2: Performance Assessment**

Evaluation of the combinations results and performances being considered from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 to present:

- Young Riders must submit their performance results from key competitions at a height of 1.25m and above since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024, with an emphasis on Young Rider classes.
- Senior Riders must submit their performance results from key competitions at a height of 1.40m and above since 1 August 2024, with an emphasis on Grand Prix and Word Cup Events.

#### **4. Selection Criteria**

The final selection will consider the following criteria:

##### **4.1. Competition Performance**

- Clear Round Consistency: The frequency of clear rounds
- Notable Wins: Significant wins or achievements in major competitions that demonstrate the athlete's ability to perform at the top level.
- Technical Execution: Ability to execute technically challenging courses with precision and efficiency.

##### **4.2. Team Dynamics**

- Teamwork: Ability to work collaboratively within a team structure, supporting team goals over individual achievements.
- Communication Skills: Effective communication with team members, coaches, and support staff.

##### **4.3. Physical and Mental Fitness**

- Athlete Fitness: Athlete's physical fitness level to handle demanding competition environments.
- Mental Resilience: Ability to stay focused, calm, and adaptable under pressure.

##### **4.4. Veterinary and Health Assessment**

- Horse Health: Current health status, recovery ability, and risk of injury.
- Fitness Levels: Horse's fitness and stamina to withstand the rigors of international competition.

#### **5. Other Factors**

The selection panel may also take into account the following factors:

1. any other factors which they consider applicable to their decision, such as those set out in Article 14 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection); and
2. the willingness of the rider, the horses' owner(s) and support team to contribute positively to the Objective of this Selection Criteria.

#### **6. Key Dates**

- EOI Submission Deadline: Friday 16 May 2025
- Trans Tasman Squad Selection Announcement: 2 June 2025

#### **7. Appeals Process**

As per Article 18 of ESNZ Special Regulations for National Selection – [click here to view](#)

#### **8. Additional Information**

- Travel and Logistics: Will be self-funded
- Where possible the selection panel will select Squads for the Senior and Young Rider Teams of up to 6 combinations each with the starting team being determined prior to each competition.
- Where possible Young Rider combinations maybe considered for the Senior Team if required
- The Selection process and management of the Team will be conducted by High Performance

#### **9. Conclusion**

The selection criteria aims to ensure that the best possible team represents New Zealand in the Trans Tasman Test series. By focusing on performance, compatibility, and professionalism, ESNZ seeks to create a winning team capable of achieving success on the international stage.

This framework provides the approach to selecting the Trans Tasman team, focusing on both performance metrics and other factors which contribute to team success. Adjustments may be made as needed to fit specific strategic goals or address unique challenges of the Trans Tasman Test series.