

JUMPING – SENIOR RIDER TRANS TASMAN SELECTION & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Event: Senior Jumping Trans Tasman Test

Location: Takapoto Classic

Dates: 18th – 23rd February 2025

Competition Details: Event held over two rounds at 1.45m – 1.50m under article 264.1

1. Objective

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

2. Eligibility Criteria

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

Rider 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](#)

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

Riders must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI), including details about themselves, their horse(s), pertaining to 4.1-4.5 and past performances from 1st January 2024 to time of selection.

Stage 2: Performance Assessment

Evaluation of the combinations results and performances being considered from 1st January 2024 to present at a height of 1.45m and above.

- Recent Competition Results: Riders must submit their performance results from key competitions since 1st January 2024, with an emphasis on Grand Prix and World 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 rider's ability to perform at the top level.
- Technical Execution: Ability to execute technically challenging courses with precision and efficiency.

4.3. 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.

4.4. Physical and Mental Fitness

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

4.5. 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.
3. Greater selection consideration will be given to combinations aiming for 2026 FEI World Championships

6. Key Dates

- EOI Submission Deadline: Monday 20th January 2024
- Team Announcement: on or before 31st January 2024

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 a Team of 4 and 1 or more reserves
- Where possible a second NZ Team will be selected
- NZ Team Members will automatically qualify for the Gold Tour Final
- The Selection process and management of the Team will be conducted by High Performance

8. Conclusion

The selection criteria aims to ensure that the best possible team represents New Zealand at the Trans Tasman Test. 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.