



New Zealand Team - FEI Children's International Competition (Larsen's North Island Show Jumping & Show Hunter Championships)

1. Introduction

This selection criteria applies to all riders wishing to be considered for selection for the ESNZ Jumping New Zealand Team ("the Team") to compete in the FEI Children's International Competition Event to be held at the **Larsen's North Island Show Jumping & Show Hunter Championships, Gisborne 25-27 January 2019** (the "Event").

- 1.1 The objective of selecting a Team is to post a team score in the international competition. The Selectors will apply their discretion to select the best four riders who they consider are capable of satisfying this objective.
- 1.2 The Team will be ratified by the ESNZ Jumping Board upon the recommendation of the Jumping selectors. The selectors are:
 - Chris Harris
 - Jackie Jermyn
 - John Cottle
 - Oliver Edgecombe
- 1.3 The maximum number of riders in the Team is four riders of either gender.
- 1.4 The selected riders and/or Team will be announced on the ESNZ website www.nzequestrian.org.nz - riders will be informed by email or phone prior to the formal announcement.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Riders seeking selection to the Team must satisfy the following eligibility requirements to be able to be considered for selection:
 - a. Be a current member of ESNZ;
 - b. Complete the Application for Selection Form issued by ESNZ and return it by **Friday 30th November 2018**;
 - c. Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 12 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14;
 - d. Have competed at 1.20m or higher during the period 1st August 2017 – Present, whether in Junior Rider, Pony Grand Prix or Open competition;
 - e. Not be serving a period of ineligibility from competition for breach by them or a horse which they ride, of any applicable anti-doping rules or regulations.
- 2.2 All selections to the Team are subject to the following:
 - a. The selected riders signing the ESNZ Rider Agreement (incorporating a Code of Conduct);
 - b. The selected riders being subject to drug testing if required by Drug Free Sport NZ (DFSNZ) or any other recognised drug testing authority. All riders must comply with the FEI Anti-Doping Regulations, the ESNZ Doping Regulations (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made by DFSNZ under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006); and;
 - c. The selected rider continuing to train and achieve results consistent with their performance leading up to selection.

Should any one or more of these conditions not be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Selectors, the rider will be withdrawn as a selected rider.

3 Performance Criteria

- 3.1 The Selectors will consider all eligible riders for selection to the Team. The Selectors will apply their discretion and select riders whom they consider are capable of meeting the objective stated above, based on the following factors (subject to clause 4):
 - a. The rider's performances and results in New Zealand and International competition during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons (namely 1 August 2017 to Present) at 1.20m or higher, whether at Junior Rider, Pony Grand Prix or Open competition.

Notes:

 - i. Only performances and results from events on the official calendar (approved by ESNZ in accordance with article 117 ESNZ General Regulations) will be considered.
 - ii. The results in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 New Zealand Junior Rider and Pony Grand Prix Series will be taken into account but are not the only results or factors which may be taken into account by the selectors.
- 3.2 In addition to the factors in clause 3.1, the Selectors may also take into account the following factors in considering the riders to be selected to the Team:
 - a. The demonstrated ability of the rider to achieve clear round results under the demands and pressure of an international competition;
 - b. The ability and versatility of the rider to perform as a full member of the Team to compete in the Event;
 - c. The contribution the rider will make to the team environment both prior to, during and on return from the Event including compatibility with other riders in the Team and team support personnel and commitment to the objective for the Event;



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- d. The demonstrated ability of the rider to ride to, and follow the instructions of, the coach /chef d'Equipe;
 - e. The rider's preparedness and commitment, including demonstrated planning and training, for the Event;
 - f. The rider is not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Event to the highest possible standard;
 - g. The rider's suitability to be a representative of New Zealand and of ESNZ.
- 3.3 The Selectors may, in their discretion, give weight to any one or more of the factors listed in clause 3.1 and/or 3.2 and do so with respect to any one or more riders being considered for selection to the Team.

4. Extenuating Circumstances

- 4.1 In considering the performances and results of riders in clause 3.1 and/or 3.2, the Selectors may, in their discretion, take into account "extenuating circumstances" as set out in this Selection Criteria. Extenuating Circumstances means an inability of the rider to compete, attend or perform at optimal level arising from any one or more of the following:
- a. Injury or illness
 - b. Travel delays
 - c. Horse injury
 - d. Bereavement or personal misfortune and/or
 - e. Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors constituting Extenuating Circumstances.

5. Selection Decisions and Appeals

- 5.1 The Selectors may, but are not bound to, provide reasons for their selection decisions.
- 5.2 Any eligible rider who is not selected to the Team may appeal such selection only in accordance with the ESNZ Regulations: Annexure A - Selection Guidelines for NZ Representative Teams, Individuals and Trainees.

6. Disclaimer

- 6.1 At the time of issuing this Expression of Interest, the FEI Jumping Children's Classic Rules 2019 are not published. ESNZ reserves the right to alter or cancel this selection process once these rules are available, and are not bound to provide reasons for this decision.