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Selection Criteria for Endurance High Performance Squad

Objective: Enabling and Supporting high performance combinations that are committed to and capable of contributing to our team target at Championship Events with the ability to have achieved a top 16 individual placing

Selection may take place up to twice annually, although Athletes may be added or removed at any time in between those selection dates.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to be considered for selection, athletes must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. The General Eligibility requirements set out in Article 10 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection); and
2. They must have signed an Athlete Agreement if so requested by ESNZ.

Performance Criteria

3. The Selectors will take into account the competition performance record of the athlete and the horse as a combination in light of the Objective, giving specific consideration to performances within the last 6 months which demonstrate that the combination is capable of placing in FEI classes in an international field and are capable of performances at CEI3* and World Championships with finishing time/s that can be globally competitive.
4. Combinations tracking towards and committed to 2026 World Championship
5. Athletes demonstrating an ability to function within a team environment
6. Athletes showing ongoing result improvement
7. Athletes challenging performance levels

Other Factors

The selectors may also take into account the following factors:

8. 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
9. The willingness of the athlete, the horses' owner(s) and support team) to contribute positively to the Objective of this Selection Criteria and the principles within the Athlete Agreement.



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Selection Criteria for Endurance High Performance Futures Squad

Objective: Enabling and supporting high performance combinations that are committed to and capable of contributing to team outcomes at future championships

Selection may take place up to twice annually, although Athletes may be added or removed at any time in between those selection dates.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to be considered for selection, athletes must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. The General Eligibility requirements set out in Article 10 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection); and
2. they must have signed an Athlete Agreement if so requested by ESNZ.

Performance Criteria

The Selectors may take into account the following factors:

3. The competition performance record of the combination in the preceding 12 months in light of the Objective, giving specific consideration to performances which are:
 - Strong, consistent performances at CEI3* level
 - Displaying the ability to compete and complete at target events
 - Tracking towards performing competitively in future World Championships
4. Athletes showing result improvement
5. Athletes taking ownership of & responsibility for their performances
6. Athletes demonstrating an ability to function within a team environment
7. Horses age, temperament, soundness, travel response and general ability to adapt to new training and competition environments the Horses' suitability to the targeted championship and the likely conditions of that event;

Other Factors

The selectors may also take into account the following factors:

8. 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
9. The willingness of the athlete, the horses' owner(s) and support team) to contribute positively to the Objective of this Selection Criteria and the principles within the Athlete Agreement.



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Selection Criteria for Endurance High Performance Potential Squad

Objective: Enabling and supporting high performance potential athletes that are committed to and capable of future World Championship representation

Selection may take place up to twice annually, although Athletes may be added or removed at any time in between those selection dates. The maximum term an Athlete can remain in this squad is 4 years.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to be considered for selection, athletes must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of selection:

1. The General Eligibility requirements set out in Article 10 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection); and
2. They must have signed an Athlete Agreement if so, requested by ESNZ.

Performance Criteria

The Selectors may take into account the following factors:

3. Demonstrating form at CEI1* level
4. Showing ability to advance to or already competing at CEI2*
5. Showing commitment to becoming a High Performance athlete
6. Capable & committed to developing future championship horses

Other Factors

The selectors may also take into account the following factors:

7. 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
8. The willingness of the athlete, the horses' owner(s) and support team) to contribute positively to the Objective of this Selection Criteria and the principles within the Athlete Agreement.



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Selection Criteria for Endurance Talent Development Squad

Objective: Recognition of talented New Zealand based Endurance athletes who are open to developing systems, skillsets, and have mental attributes for High Performance capability.

Selection may take place up to twice annually, although athletes may be added or removed at any time in between those selection dates.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to be considered for selection, athletes must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of selection:

1. The General Eligibility requirements set out in Article 10 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection); and
2. They must have signed an Athlete Agreement if so, requested by ESNZ.

Performance Criteria

3. Athletes demonstrating form at CEI1* level
4. Developing future horses
5. Showing commitment to becoming a high performance athlete and demonstrating talent and embracing the following characteristics:
 - Competitive
 - Coachable
 - Desire to learn
 - Self-resilience
 - Strong work ethic
 - Ability to work with others
 - Embracing new learnings
 - Horsemanship

Other Factors

The selectors may also take into account the following factors:

6. 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
7. The willingness of the athlete, the horses' owner(s) and support team) to contribute positively to the Objective of this Selection Criteria and the principles within the Athlete Agreement.



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Selection Criteria for Endurance Talent Identification (Talent ID) Squad

Objective: Sourcing talented athletes and introducing them to new learnings, skills and opportunities to participate and embrace to demonstrate their commitment to a High Performance system.

Selection will take place annually by application and with six monthly reviews. Although athletes may be added or removed at any time in between those selection dates.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to be considered for selection, athletes must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of selection:

1. The General Eligibility requirements set out in Article 10 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection); and
2. They must have signed an Athlete Agreement if so, requested by ESNZ.
3. Based in New Zealand

Performance Criteria

4. Athletes capable of competing at a minimum of 80km open level
5. Showing commitment to becoming a high performance athlete and demonstrating talent and embracing the following characteristics:
 - Competitive
 - Coachable
 - Desire to learn
 - Self-resilience
 - Strong work ethic
 - Ability to work with others
 - Embracing new learnings
 - Horsemanship

Other Factors

The selectors may also take into account the following factors:

6. 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
7. The willingness of the athlete, the horses' owner(s) and support team) to contribute positively to the Objective of this Selection Criteria and the principles within the Athlete Agreement.



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Extracts from ESNZ General Regulations for reference:

[Accurate as at time of publication of Selection Criteria]

General Eligibility Requirements *[Article 10, Selection Special Regulation];*

10.1 In addition to the specific eligibility requirements in this Regulation, to be considered for selection under this Regulation, all riders must meet the following general eligibility requirements at the time of selection:

1. Be a New Zealand citizen with a New Zealand passport;
2. Be a current financial member of ESNZ;
3. Not have any outstanding liabilities to ESNZ (notwithstanding that this excludes any HorsePower Loan liability);
4. Not be investigation for any breach of the ESNZ Constitution, Regulations and Code of Conduct or anti-doping rule violation under, any part of the ESNZ Anti-Doping Policy, the FEI Anti-Doping Rules, or the WADA Code;
5. Not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the rider's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the ESNZ Anti-Doping Policy, the FEI Anti-Doping Rules, or the WADA Code; and;
6. Have provided ESNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including a current physical address, email address, and telephone number);

Other Factors *[Article 14, Selections Special Regulation]*

14. The Selectors may, in any selection decision, take into account the following factors:

- a. the performance record in competition of a rider and horse as a combination;
- b. The horse' age, temperament, soundness history, whether the horse travels well, acclimatises well to a change of environment and whether it is accustomed to being stabled;
- c. the horses' suitability to the Event and the likely conditions of the Event;
- d. a rider's relationships with other riders who are being considered for selection under this Regulation, as well as with ESNZ staff and other personnel who may be involved with the team or squad;
- e. a rider's conduct and behavior at previous events, tours, and training;
- f. the results of any assessments, tests or examinations carried out with respect to a rider or the horse, which may affect their ability to perform to their best.