

JUMPING – YOUNG RIDER TRANS TASMAN – GISBORNE, NZL

SELECTION & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

1. Introduction

This Selection and Performance Criteria applies to all athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the Jumping Young Rider Trans Tasman, Gisborne, NZL 2025.

The Jumping Young Rider Trans Tasman is being held in Gisborne, New Zealand 24th – 26th January 2025 at the Gisborne Area Jumping and Show Hunter Champs.

ESNZ is committed to selecting athletes capable of winning the Young Rider Trans Tasman event for New Zealand.

Selected athletes are expected to be committed to our ESNZ values as set out below:

- Integrity – Being part of a NZ Team demands strong moral principles, including honesty and integrity. Representing NZ is an honour that deserves both respect and humility. Wearing the NZ flag requires that that this legacy is up held;
- Excellence – We always strive for excellence and when success is achieved, ensure that we celebrate it. Success in some instances may mean winning, but in team situations can equally mean a performance that forfeits an individual “win” for the benefits team’s success. Success requires hard work, skill, teamwork and innovation.
- Inclusive - Success requires cohesion, collaboration and contribution of the entire team that supports our riders and horses. All members of the team need to be striving to perform to their best ability, should respect each other and should own and feel accountable for both their own and the teams’ performance.
- Welfare of the horse and human – Horse Welfare is pivotal to the integrity of our sport but also absolutely critical for performance; and we watch out for, look after and care of each of our team members.

2. Process

- 2.1 The process for selection of riders to represent New Zealand in International events is governed by the Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) Special Regulation (National Selection).
- 2.2 ESNZ Jumping national performance selectors are responsible for this selection, they are named in Section 6 “Performance & Selection Criteria”.
- 2.3 Eligible athletes are asked to submit an application via email to High Performance Operations by 30 November 2024.
- 2.4 In addition, to the Selection Process set out in that General Regulation, upon making their Selection decision, the Selectors will seek the ratification and approval from the ESNZ Jumping Board.
- 2.5 The ESNZ Jumping Board may discuss and challenge the Selectors processes, reasoning or decisions and will ultimately ratify or not ratify the selection decision based on this Selection and Performance Criteria.
- 2.6 The Jumping national performance selectors may, at their discretion, provide reasons for their decisions, but there is no obligation on it to do so.
- 2.7 Once an athlete is selected into the Jumping Young Rider Trans Tasman Team, the rider acknowledges and agrees that their selection is conditional upon the following:
 - (a) Signing the ESNZ Athlete Agreement by the date specified by ESNZ High Performance;
 - (b) Complying with the obligations in the ESNZ Athlete Agreement;
 - (c) She/he may be subject to drug testing by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (“DFSNZ”) and/or any other recognised drug testing authority, and must comply with the FEI Anti-Doping Regulations and the ESNZ Anti-Doping Regulation (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made by DFSNZ under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006); and
 - (d) She/he must continue to train and achieve results consistent with their performance leading up to selection.

3. General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to be considered for selection, all riders must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of Selection;

- 3.1** Be a New Zealand citizen with a New Zealand passport;
- 3.2** Be a current financial member of ESNZ;
- 3.3** Be considered a Young Rider – athlete considered to be a young rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 21.
- 3.4** Not have any outstanding liabilities to ESNZ
- 3.5** Have been acting in accordance with the ESNZ Constitution, Regulations and Code of Conduct;
- 3.6** Not be under investigation for any breach of, or anti-doping rule violation under, any part of the ESNZ Anti-Doping Policy, the FEI Anti-Doping Rules, or the WADA Code;
- 3.7** 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;
- 3.8** Have provided ESNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including a current physical address, email address, and telephone number);
- 3.9** Signed an ESNZ Athlete Agreement (if requested to do so);
- 3.10** Agree to and enable ESNZ to perform any athlete assessments, tests or examinations as deemed reasonable by registered health professional(s) for selection purposes (understanding that such information and access will be treated with respect and confidence);
- 3.11** Have competed at 1.20m or higher during the period 1 January 2024 until time of application, whether in Young Rider or Open competition and on more than one horse.
- 3.12** Subject to the Criminal Records (Clean State) Act 2004, disclose if you have been convicted of a criminal offence or are under investigation for a criminal offence.

4. Other Factors

The Selectors may take into account the following factors:

- 4.1 The competition performance record of the athlete in light of the Objective for this event;
- 4.2 The athlete's relationships with other riders in the team, as well as with ESNZ staff and other personnel who may be involved with the Event and team;
- 4.3 The athlete's conduct and behavior at previous events, tours and ;
- 4.4 The results of any assessments, tests or examinations carried out with respect to the rider, which may affect their ability to perform to their best;
- 4.5 The willingness of the rider and support team to contribute positively to the Objective of /for that discipline and the principles within the Athlete Agreement;
- 4.6 The athlete's suitability to be a representative of New Zealand and ESNZ;
- 4.7 The athlete's preparedness and commitment, including demonstrated planning and training for the Event.

5. Selection Dates & Team Announcement

It is anticipated that the final selection will be made by or before 20th December 2024.

The team will be announced on the ESNZ website and social media channels after all applicants have been notified by email and selected team members contacted by telephone.

6. Performance & Selection Criteria

Selectors: Jackie Jermyn
Chris Harris
Christine Cornege
Jaime Campbell
Helen Ensor

Objective: Selection of 4 Jumping Young Rider athletes who are capable of competing in a team in Gisborne, jumping clear rounds up to 1.20m in height, on a borrowed horse.

Eligibility Requirements:

See section 3 General Eligibility Requirements above.

Performance Criteria:

The Selectors will take into account the competition performance record of the athlete jumping 1.20m and over, in Young Rider or Open classes in the preceding 18 months in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:

- a. the athlete's performance and results in New Zealand and International competition during the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons at 1.20m or higher whether at young rider or open level.
- b. the ability of the rider to perform in competition (whether at young rider level or otherwise) on more than one horse and on horses which the rider has no knowledge or experience.
- c. the demonstrated ability of the athlete to achieve clear round results under the demands and pressure of competition.
- d. the ability and versatility of the athlete to perform as a full member of the team to compete in the Event.

Other Factors:

See section 4 Other Factors above.

Process:

Selectors will name 4 athletes and 1 reserve by the selection date listed in point 5 above and it is expected that the reserve rider attends the show. Successful applicants will be contacted by telephone in the first instance and both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email.