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## Selection Criteria

### New Zealand Young Rider Team - for the Trans-Tasman Challenge Larsens Showjumping Championships Gisborne, 27-29 January 2023

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This selection criteria applies to all riders wishing to be considered for selection for the ESNZ Jumping Young Rider Team (“the Team”) to compete in the Young Rider Teams Event against Australia (“the Event”).
- 1.2 The objective of sending a Team to this Event is to win the Event. The Selectors will apply their discretion to select the best four riders who they consider are capable of satisfying this objective.
- 1.3 The Team will be ratified by the ESNZ Jumping Board upon the recommendation of the Jumping Selectors. The maximum number of riders in the Team is four riders of either gender.
- 1.4 The reserve rider is expected to attend the event and be involved with the team environment.
- 1.5 The selected riders and/or Team will be announced on Thursday 15th December 2022 on the ESNZ website [www.nzequestrian.org.nz](http://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. Be aged between 14 – 21 as at 31 July 2023.
  - c. Have competed at 1.25m or higher during the period 1 August 2021 - Present whether in Young Rider or Open competition and on more than one horse;
  - d. 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 regulation;
  - e. Must provide or source two horses capable of jumping 1.20m for the competition. Any rider unable to source a second horse should contact the Jumping HP Manager, Oliver Edgecombe for assistance. Mobile: 027 276 1275, email: [longridge1@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:longridge1@yahoo.co.nz)

## 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 riders 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 2020/21, 2021/22 and current seasons at 1.25m or higher, whether at Young Rider or Open level.

Note - Only performances and results from events on the official calendar (approved by ESNZ in accordance with article 117 ESNZ General Regulations) will be considered.

- b. Selection priority may be given to the top two riders in the 2021/2022 Young Rider Series.
- c. 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. The event will be held on borrowed horses.

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 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;
  - 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.
- 4.2 Riders who wish the Selectors to take into account Extenuating Circumstances shall notify the Selectors in writing by no later than 3rd December. If the Selectors consider it appropriate, they may require the rider to provide evidence in support of the Extenuating Circumstances which may include an examination by a health professional.

#### 5. Selection Decisions and Appeals

- 5.1 The Selectors shall select the riders to the Team and announce them in accordance with clause 1.5 of this Criteria.
- 5.2 The Selectors may, but are not bound to, provide reasons for their selection decisions.



- 5.3 Any eligible rider who is not selected to the Team may appeal such selection only in accordance with the ESNZ Regulations: [esnzs-special-regulation-national-selection-updated-2017.pdf \(nzequestrian.org.nz\)](https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz-special-regulation-national-selection-updated-2017.pdf)