

**SELECTION POLICY FOR THE FEI WBFSH WORLD BREEDING EVENTING
CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR YOUNG HORSES, LE LION d'ANGERS 2025**

1. The following Policy will be adopted by the Selection Committee when allocating places for The Young Horse World Championships (YHWC). The Selection Committee will comprise of the following voting members, are appointed according to their role within British Eventing (BE) and the British Equestrian (BEF) World Class Programme (WCP)
 - a. Performance Manager; Richard Waygood
 - b. High Performance Coach; Christopher Bartle
 - c. Senior Selector; Sarah Bullen

Policy Formation;

2. The British Equestrian and British Eventing Selection Policy for the YHWC is compiled in consultation with the BE CEO, Performance Director (PD), Performance Manager (PM), High Performance Coach (HPC), Selectors and athletes.

Available Places;

3. Great Britain will receive a number of entries from the FEI as follows;
 - a. Six (6) year olds: Three (3) x six (6) year olds
 - b. Seven (7) year olds: Twelve (12) x seven (7) year olds
4. To encourage, and as an incentive for British breeding, the following places will be reserved for British-bred horses, ridden by British riders, from the allocated places above. This will be subject to performance and form that is deemed acceptable by the selection committee, in their expert judgment, to represent British breeding and Great Britain at a Championships.
 - a. Six (6) year olds; One (1) reserved place if performance, form and results are of a satisfactory level to fulfil the Objectives of the Policy.
 - b. Seven (7) year olds; Up to four (4) reserved places if performance, form and results are of a satisfactory level to fulfil the Objectives of the Policy.
5. If there are not sufficient British-bred horses at an acceptable level, the allocated places will be selected as per the policy below.

Applications;

6. The YHWC is an individual Championships and, as such, athlete/horse combinations wishing to be considered for selection must have sent their application to the BE International Secretary by the close of application date on 5 September 2025. This will be published on the BE website by the International Secretary. In the interest of fairness, this date will be strictly adhered to and it is the responsibility of the rider or their representative to ensure that an application has been received. Applications may be pending the full Championship minimum eligibility criteria (MER).

Selection Process;

7. Selection will take place as soon as possible after the application date. Once selection has been completed, all applicants (riders) will be notified via email. The selected athlete/horse combinations, and a reserve list in order of merit, will be drawn up and published on the BE website.
8. The BE International Secretary will ensure that each athlete/horse combination available for selection is eligible to represent Great Britain, has a full MER and fulfils the Le Lion d' Angers specific (see schedule) qualification requirements.
9. Athlete/horse combinations must have achieved an MER by the Nominated Entry Date. Combinations may be selected pending qualification up until this point.
10. Horses must have a current up-to-date Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) passport.
11. Athlete must be a national of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and hold a valid UK passport.
12. The athlete has been granted a licence by the National Federation of Great Britain to compete in international events in accordance with FEI General Regulations, 24th Edition, Articles 113 and 117.
13. The athlete and horse are eligible and will abide by all relevant anti-doping codes i.e. not serving a competition ban as a result of a proven doping or controlled medication violation (human or equine) or other breach of ethical conduct and is not in receipt of either a current or a lifetime funding ban from UK Sport.
14. The athlete is a full and active member of British Eventing (BE) and not serving any suspensions under BE rules.
15. The horse is fully registered with BE and the FEI for 2025.

16. Fitness and soundness of the horse. All horses under consideration may be required to be examined by the Team Vet (or another appointed veterinary surgeon if necessary). Athletes are obliged to notify the Team Vet of any change in their horses' health status or veterinary management immediately during the selection period which will be announced once the schedule is available. Athletes are expected to facilitate open communication between their own veterinary surgeon and the Team Vet to ensure that the selectors can make rational decisions and specific support can be instigated where required.
17. Wild Card; The Selectors may reserve the right to keep a Wild Card place for the 7yr Old YHWC up until the Definite Entry Date.

Criteria;

18. The Selectors will take into account the criteria set out below, in no particular order or weighting, and use their absolute discretion, expert opinion and honesty to select combinations that they believe will fulfil the objectives of the selection policy.

Due regard will be given, when considering results and performances to:

- a) The EquiRatings Power Score, which is the average of the three best finishing scores of a horse and athlete as a combination over a given dataset;
 - For the six year olds, the dataset is all BE Novice and Intermediate classes and all FEI CCI2*-S and CCI2*-L classes that take place throughout 2025 up to the selection date.
 - For seven year olds, the dataset is all BE Intermediate classes and CCI3*-S and CCI3*-L classes that take place throughout 2025 up to the selection date.
- b) Consideration of the level of the horse's experience
- c) Quality of each run and **not** the number of runs that a horse has had.
- d) The status of the judges and the competition respectively.
- e) The difficulty of the cross-country/showjumping courses.
- f) The terrain.
- g) The quantity and competitiveness of the starters.
- h) Although the performance in all three phases will be taken into account by the Selectors, they reserve the right to select an athlete/horse combination with an outstanding talent or record in one of the three phases of the competition, if it is in the interests of achieving the Objectives of the Selection Policy.
- i) Behaviour of the athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, partners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive environment when representing Great Britain.
- j) The selectors expert opinion of the potential and ability of the horse.

Objectives

19. The Objectives of this Policy are;
- a. To promote international experience of potential future Championship horses.
 - b. To show case British-bred horses.

Changes to the Policy;

20. The Selectors reserve the right in exceptional circumstances (e.g. force majeure) to amend or change the Policy where necessary, at any time, in order to fulfil the Objectives of the Policy. Any changes to the Policy must be approved in writing by the BE CEO, PD and the PM. The amended Policy in its entirety will be communicated to all athletes (as directed by the Selectors), the BE International Director by e-mail, and the section revised will be published on the BE and BEF websites.

De-selection;

21. De-selection of an athlete/horse combination may occur at any time between the announcement of the combinations and the first horse inspection, based upon performance and soundness of the horse. The final decision as to whether to substitute, whatever the reasoning, will be made by the Selectors in consultation with the Team Vet.
22. After announcement of the athlete/horse combination, in the case of an athlete being considered medically unfit to compete, the decision as to whether to de-select/replace the athlete will be made by the PM and HPC following consultation or an examination by a World Class Programme-approved human sport science and medicine practitioner and in consultation with the Selectors. This may involve the athlete being asked to ride certain dressage movements or jump selected fences on their selected horse. Being unfit to compete is best described as "not being able to ride their horse in a manner which allows the athlete to produce the standard of performance at which they were selected".

Appeals;

23. Due to the complexity of selecting for the YHWC, Selectors may be unable to attend any/all MER qualify events. Therefore, the EquiRating Power Score and the selection panel's expert judgement will form the main basis of selection, combined with the other criteria stated in this policy. By making an application for the YHWC, applicants accept there are no appeals in the process and selection decisions made by the Selectors will be non-contestable.