

## **SELECTION PROTOCOL** **PROVINCIAL & NOVICE EVENTING TEAMS**

As approved by the Eventing Committee August 2006  
(following an investigation by sub-committee appointed at 2005 AGM)

Provincial Team Objective:

To select a winning team of suitable combinations taking into account both the venue and condition under which the competition is run.

### **BASIC SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- GHS Eventing Committee appoint independent selection panels for Pony Riders, Junior and Adult teams.
- These selectors should be knowledgeable and respected individuals with no affiliation to any potential team member. Neither should they be acting in any senior official position at the team championships concerned.
- The selectors may, or may not, use a convenor to compile details and facts – however there must be a nominee that competitors can contact with up to date information.
- The selectors will choose, and confirm the availability of a long list of potential team members which should be published (Exceptional circumstances can allow for additions to this list.).
- The selectors will then consider the following and observe potential team members.
  - Rider and horse's track record – both long term and most recent
    - strengths
    - weaknesses
    - results

The weighting of these facts is up to the selection panel and cannot be quantified. The onus however is on potential team members to make sure all relevant information is available timeously to the selectors.

- There will not necessarily be any selection shows, the selectors may request to see certain individuals run, either at a show or at a planned training session. Potential team members should plan their individual campaign up to the team competition and be aware that a good impression at a show could maybe improve their chances, and likewise, a poor show could diminish them.
- Any changes of health or soundness to horse, or rider, must be notified to the selectors.
- The selectors will then produce a short list (at about the time of closing of entries) from which the team will be selected.

*This short list will firstly be advised to Eventing Committee who will be the only people allowed to query this situation and may make comment or suggestions for the selectors to consider.*
- The announcement of the final team and the reserve should be kept as late as possible, preferably never more than a week from the event and often only just before final nominations go in.

It is requested and expected that all long listed riders and connections accept the final decision.

The selectors should not be expected to explain their decisions to individuals and should in fact not discuss their decision processes outside the selection committee.

### APPOINTMENT OF CHEF d'EQUIP

- To be done by the selectors and ratified by the Eventing Committee.
- Criteria will vary from team to team.
- It is a very important job and the chef d'équip is an important part of the GHS Eventing team. Knowledge of rules, eventing shows and dealing with people is essential – they will also be expected to be doing PR work for GHS Eventing. It is not to be seen as a reward for friends and services rendered!
- The chef d'équip may easily be very influential in the final team nominations, especially at an away show. He/She must work in close consultation with the selectors.
- He/She may, but does not have to be, one of the selectors.

### **Novice Team Selection**

The primary aim is to give promising but less experienced horse / rider combinations exposure to team competition. In addition, where practical, a competitive team should be selected.

Selection of the Novice team should be along the same lines as the selection for the Adult Inter-provincial team. In addition, the following factors should be taken into consideration:

1. Analysis of the results of shows in the current season. This ensures that the people we choose for the team are and have been competing during the season.
2. Check to see that none of these horses is ridden by a rider who has obtained a Qualifying round (QR) at any star level.
3. Check whether these people are prepared to travel.
4. All novice horses (i.e. horses that have no Intermediate QR or higher level in the current or preceding two calendar years on the closing date for entries) are eligible for selection. Preference should be given to a horse that has never had an Intermediate QR over a horse whose Intermediate QR has lapsed with the proviso that the two horses are similarly competent.
5. Where there are a number of people who fit the above criteria, preference should be given to the less experienced, but similarly competent rider, to give them the opportunity to represent their Province.

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