

National Sport Team selection rules [for 2011](#)

Objective

To select a team of up to 10 combinations (7 aged 16 or over plus 3 young riders 16 to 21), plus a reserve if appropriate, to represent Great Britain at World Championship Sport competitions.

Team Selection Board

The team will be selected by a Team Selection Board of 3 or 5 individuals. [Suitable candidates shall be](#) proposed by the IHSGB sport team (i.e. sport sub-committee, not WC sport team) [at least six weeks before the qualifying event](#) to the Trustees.

The Team Selection Board will use the following to aid the selection of the team.

1. Minimum Standard

Riders who achieve the following minimum mark/time in the preliminary round of a qualifying competition will be considered for team selection.

4.1	6.0	
5.1	5.5	
T1	6.0	
T2	6.0	
P3	17 seconds	(+0.4 sec if handstopped time)
PP1	5.5	(+0.4 sec if handstopped time)
Speedpass	9 seconds	(+0.4 sec if handstopped time)

Notes

A qualifying competition for team selection will be run in GB and be clearly described as such. Classes will follow FIPO and IHSGB rules. It is accepted that for practical reasons oval and pace tracks available will not always comply exactly with the drawings/measurements specified in the FIPO.

The times specified for pace events are based on electronic timing.

2. Selection based on results achieved abroad

Combinations may be selected on the basis of results achieved at competitions held abroad provided that the competitions were run according to FIPO and were held in the current calendar year. To be eligible for selection in this way the combination shall have competed at a show in Britain during the current calendar year before the official GB qualifying show is held. Riders wishing to be considered on this basis should provide the relevant information to the Sport Leader before the British Championships.

3. Team Selection Board Discretion

The Team Selection Board will be able to select up to 2 combinations (wildcards) that do not fulfil the criteria specified in points 1 and 2 above, if they feel that the overall standard of the team will be improved.

4. Personal Qualification

Persons wishing to be considered for selection for the British Team must be members of IHSGB and have British nationality, or have been resident in the UK for not less than 3 years prior to the WC.

5. Horse Qualification

5.1 Horses must be registered on World Fengur.

5.2 Horses must comply with the FIPO vaccination requirements.

Note: FEIF rules specify that horses must be registered in World Fengur and comply with FIPO vaccinations. The IHSGB requires these rules to be fulfilled by the time of the BC in order that the Selection Team selects horses eligible to compete at WC.

Riders' conditions on accepting a place in the team

Riders must:

- agree to comply with the written conditions in the Riders' Agreement
- attend a team training weekend
- contribute towards team leader's travel and accommodation costs in connection with the WC. These costs will be announced in advance of the signing of the Riders' Agreement.

6. Composition of the team

The desire is to achieve a full team. The team is ideally to be made up from the winner in each class (but only if the minimum mark in that class has been achieved), and by the next highest scoring horse/rider combinations. .

7. Warnings

Any warnings on record or given at the qualification show should be taken into consideration.

8. Discretionary places (wildcards)

Because of the limited opportunities for riders to compete in the UK, the selection of the team for the WC is based on the performance at one IHSGB qualifying competition, or a FIPO competition abroad.

The idea of discretionary team places is to deal with the implications of this situation e.g.

a normally high performing combination makes a mistake in the preliminary round and does not achieve the qualifying mark;

a normally high performing combination misses the qualifying competition because of health or accident;

other situations occur that the Team Selection Board feel are relevant

It is appreciated that this is a potentially difficult area that will have to be dealt with sensitively. The Team Selection Board may be challenged by a rider who has not been selected for the team. Riders may appeal in writing to the Board of Trustees within 48 hours of the team being announced.

9. Multiple combinations

Where a rider has qualified on more than 1 horse, the Team Selection Board may select their preferred combination but may allow the rider the option to take another "qualifying" horse in the event that the preferred horse is unable or unfit to compete at the WC. The Team Selection Board will make their preferences clear to the rider.

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