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**Jakarta
Palembang
2018**



OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA



EQUESTRIAN

Sport Technical Handbook

Ver.2.2

Indonesia Asian Games Organizing Committee

8. Sport Entries

8.1 Eligibility

- Only OCA member NOCs are entitled to send athletes to participate in the Equestrian competition of the 18th Asian Games.
- Only athletes who comply with the OCA Constitution and Rules and its Bye-law are entitled to participate in the Equestrian competition.

8.2 Entry Timeline

- Entry by Sport - Deadline: 24:00 September 30, 2017 (Indonesia Time, GMT +7)
- Entry by Number - Deadline: 24:00 April 30, 2018 (Indonesia Time, GMT +7)
- Entry by Name - Deadline: 24:00 June 30, 2018 (Indonesia Time, GMT +7) (FEI Nominated Entries = Qualification Deadline)

Distribution of Technical Handbook & Sport Entry Manual: **Clarification** (updated 20 April 2018):

- FEI Nominated Entries = Qualification Deadline – NF to FEI – Deadline **June 30, 2018** (triple number of entries through FEI entry system for all disciplines)
- FEI Definite entries: NF confirm to FEI final entries or any substitutions from the nominated list only. Deadline: **August 10, 2018**

8.3 Entry Policies

- Total:

Each NOC may enter a maximum of twelve (12) athletes and twelve (12) horses in Equestrian. Horses can only be entered for one (1) discipline and cannot be transferred to another discipline.

All Athletes and Horses entered must be registered with the FEI.

Subject: RE: CLARIFICATION REGARDING ENTRIES FOR VARIOUS DISCIPLINES OF ASIAN GAMES : 2018

From: frederique.reffet@fei.org

To: efiindianf@yahoo.co.in

Cc: Catrin.Norinder@fei.org

Date: Friday, 22 June, 2018, 7:34:19 PM IST

Dear Col Swain,

Thank you very much for your e-mail. The entries as presented in the Asian Games Technical handbook have raised many queries and we will provide the below clarification to INASCOG as well as to the NFs intending to participate as the entry system is similar to the Olympic Games entry procedures.

30 June 2018 is the deadline for **INASGOC Entries by name** for all Sports organised during the 2018 Asian Games as well as the **FEI Nominated entries** for Equestrian Sports.

- INASGOC Entry by name: each participating NOC will need to submit to INASGOC **four** eligible Athlete/horse combinations per Equestrian discipline

and

- FEI Nominated entries: the respective NF will submit through the FEI entry system a maximum **12** combinations per discipline.

Substitutions for Athlete/Horse combinations will be possible after the date of **30 June 2018** up to the **date of travel** of the horses to Jakarta. To substitute your NOC/NF will need to proceed with a substitution request according to INASGOC late substitution procedure will apply.

NFs will have to submit the request in parallel to the FEI for approval for substitution as reserve combination must be listed on your FEI Certificate of Capability (including max 12 combinations per discipline).

10 August 2018 - FEI Definite Entries: NFs to confirm in the FEI entry system which combinations will travel to Jakarta and this list must match the entries submitted to INASGOC as these are the combination that will be allowed to compete at the Asian games Equestrian competitions in Jakarta.

Reserve horses travelling to Jakarta: No Reserve horses will be allowed for Dressage and Eventing in the Asian Games 2018 stables.

For **Jumping:** No reserve Athletes will be allowed to participate, however a Reserve horse may travel to Jakarta, all expenses to be covered by the NOC/NF. In this case, an e-mail must be sent to the Jumping department indicating the name of the Jumping reserve horse (information sent to marijn.dubbeldam@fei.org).

We hope the above clarifies your query, however, do not hesitate to contact us know should you need any further information.

Best wishes

Catrin

Catrin Norinder
Director

Subject: Re: CLARIFICATION REGARDING ENTRIES FOR VARIOUS DISCIPLINES OF ASIAN GAMES : 2018

From: secretariat@asianef.org

To: efiindianf@yahoo.co.in

Date: Friday, 22 June, 2018, 6:18:19 PM IST

Dear Sir,

Please kindly find below explanation from the INA NF (PP PORDASI) for your reference.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Julie Lee

1. Entry by Name: NOCs can only enter no more than 4 riders per disciplines no later than 30.06.2018 thru INASGOC entry system. **4 athletes and 4 horses maximum per discipline.**
2. Nominated FEI Entries: NFs can enter up to 12 riders per discipline thru FEI Entry System no later than 30.06.2018. FEI Final Entries will be on 10.08.2018. **12 combinations maximum per discipline. Please be informed that an athlete can be entered with more than one horse on the nominated list as long as the maximum number of 12 horses is not exceeded. For FEI Definite Entries a maximum of 4 athletes and 4 horses can be entered. For Jumping the NFs must inform FEI and the INASGOC by email by 10 August which horse from the nominated list will be the reserve horse.**
3. Any substitution after the AG Entry by Name will also have to follow OCA Late Substitution Policy. **Substitutions can only be made with athletes and horses entered on the nominated list**

2018-06-21 23:36 GMT+09:00 EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION INDIA <efiindianf@yahoo.co.in>:

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. Please ref Asian Games Technical Hand Book by INASGOC ver 2.2.
2. It is submitted that as per Para 8.2 of Technical Hand Book & FEI online system the last date of filling online nominated entries (3 times the definite entries) is 30 Jun 2018 whereas as per Indian Olympic Association, definite entries (4 athletes per discipline) are required to be given by 30 Jun 2018 after which the IOA platform will become read only and no changes can be made thereafter. In that case point (iv) & (v) of para 8.2 doesn't have any meaning.
3. It is therefore requested that the clarification may please be given on the subject.

Regards

Col R K Swain
Secretary General

Subject: Selection of Show Jumping Team

From: chetanreddyn@gmail.com

To: efiindianf@yahoo.co.in; ambre_ashok@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, 29 May, 2018, 2:00:48 PM IST

Dear Sir,

Further to my previous email with my scores for the Asian Games trials, I would like to highlight a few points for the consideration of the EFI and the Selection Committee.

In order to meet all the requirements laid down by the EFI for the trials, and the absence to any two round competitions in Europe, I opted to jump two rounds in the same 1.40m national competition in Europe. I did this for all five of my trials. This meant that I had to jump two full courses of around 500m in length, within a short span of time, often with a gap of no more than 6-7 minutes. As I'm sure you agree, this was a rather demanding ask for the horse. This reflects in most of my scores, where the first round is clear, and the second round has penalties due to the fatigue and lactic acid build up in the horse. I'm sure if I had the advantage of jumping two rounds with a longer gap, both rounds would be clear.

Further, as per Selection Criteria for 18th Asian Games point 19(a) issued by the EFI in the EC meeting, I was made to understand that exclusive trials would be not allowed for candidates based in Europe, and the shows had to be recognised national shows. It has come to my notice that some aspirants have submitted scores from shows which are not National shows (even though endorsed by the federation), as nationals shows have to be notified in the calendar one year in advance, have to have a minimum number of participants. Riders get winning points for national shows and if it was a national show then they should've got winning points as well which does not reflect in the federations results or any results available online.

I'm sure you can understand how frustrating and discouraging this is for a rider like myself, who has had to incur significant costs and effort to find recognised national shows in the Netherlands that allowed me to compete twice in the 1.40 m competition. I have had to make several trips to Europe, and have managed to find and compete in shows that meet all criteria of the EFI, while maintaining a full time job as an airline pilot.

Further, I have also submitted scores of various shows that I have competed in in various classes (1.30m -Z; 1.35m - ZZ; 1.40m - T). These have been endorsed by the Netherlands Federation and are indicative of the performance and progress of the horse and myself.

At the very least, I hope that due weightage and attention is given to the fact that it would be unfair to compare the scores of a national competition with an exclusive one jumped on home ground.

I request that this mail be placed before the selection Committee and the above points be discussed before taking a decision on the final team to represent India.

With best regards,

Chetan Reddy Nukala

Subject: Asian Games Show Jumping Team -Trials

From: kevic.setalvad@gmail.com

To: efiindianf@yahoo.co.in

Cc: ambre_ashok@yahoo.com; rajen_swain@yahoo.com; adilmahmood62@gmail.com; dahiyarajiv17@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, 29 May, 2018, 1:57:58 PM IST

Dear Sirs,

In furtherance of my email dated 25th May 2018, the contents of which are reiterated (see below), it appears that there are certain additional developments which would deserve your kind consideration.

1). It appears from certain social media postings that a group of three riders is claiming to have met the qualification mark and of having been selected for the India Show Jumping Team for the Asian Games 2018.
2). Certain Show jumping Trials claim to have been conducted. These "Trials" have obviously been conducted at a home ground without complying with the Selection Criteria of the EFI. These "Trials" are clearly not a CSI*/National Competition (see **Selection Criteria 17(a) read with Selection Committee Meeting dated 6th March 2018**). The same are merely jumping rounds conducted at a home ground. They were not open to other participants. They were not part of the Luxembourg Federation Calender. This is obvious from a cursory perusal of the Website. Indeed, some of the trials had only 1 single entry. Notably, **Condition 19(a)** of the Selection Criteria expressly bars Exclusive Trials, which these jumping rounds clearly were.

Additionally, it appears no vet check was conducted as prescribed under **Condition 17(f)**.

3). Various parameters of the FEI JUMPING RULES 2018 were patently breached.

Illustratively:

(A) **Article 203** OF THE FEI JUMPING RULES mandatorily requires a Bell to be used to give permission to enter the arena and to signal the start. The bell is used to activate a 45 second countdown. No bell was used. In the absence of a bell the mandatory requirements of **Article 226, Article 227, Article 229 and Article 230** have also been violated.

(B) Further, **Article 204** (Course and Measuring); **Article 205** (Course Plan and numbering) appear to have been violated. In this connection, the question would arise as to whether the competitors had knowledge of the course, which they repeatedly jumped in the run up to the competition.

(C) **Article 207** (Flags) and the requirements of there being a proper start and finish line were not complied with.

(D) **Article 208** prescribes the depth of the safety cups and that - "*the pole must be able to role in its support*." The videos which are freely being circulated demonstrate that this parameter was obviously not complied with. The riders repeatedly hit the poles with force and the poles did not fall. The poles were wedged in and cups were improper. Pertinently, in this regard, strict action was taken by the EFI, at the behest of the President of the EFI, in respect of the 3rd Asian Games Trial at Delhi. This is recorded in **Item No. 4.17** of the Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of the EFI held on 6th April 2018 and **APPENDIX 'G'** to the said Minutes. The same strict view must unexceptionally apply.

(E) **Article 252** which prescribes a start order to be published and **Article 252(2)** mandates that - "*for CSIOs and CSIs, there must be a draw for the order of starting of the athletes*." These appear not to have been complied with.

(F) **Article 259** requires a minimum number of judges as the President plus 2. Merely signing of certain score sheets would not satisfy this criteria.

It is respectfully submitted that no amount of subsequent certification or justification can overcome the aforesaid glaring anomalies and patent breaches of the Selection Criteria. Indeed, it is with a view to avoid circumstances such as this that the Selection Criteria prescribes mandatory compliance as a CSI / National Competition.*

4). Most notably, all the riders who chose to ride in these jumping rounds have not had a recorded a clear round, or a round with only 1 drop, in a 1:40 competition held in public view, at a proper show (including the Asian Games Trials in which they participated, in India). Indeed, one of the riders had never even jumped a 1:40 event in his entire life! The results of these competitors (on the same horses just before these "Trials") show that they have not achieved clear/1 drop rounds even at 1:20m / 125 m. However, almost magically, they have conjured up near perfect results, in 3 rounds, when shielded from public view.

5). Notable also is the fact that two round competitions were available in nearby Holland (about an hour away) - where several hundred people and participants were present - and at which another Indian candidate for the Asian Games participated. However, for reasons which are not far to see, the benefit of this opportunity was not availed and the three participants opted to do their "Trials" at home.

6). In closing, I may respectfully add that the same parameters MUST be applied for all disciplines, i.e. Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping. For example, if the scores of only the best two qualifiers are being counted for Eventing, only the best two qualifiers must count for Dressage and Showjumping as well. The same number of "best performances/ results" is mandated by the Selection Criteria for all three disciplines, and the same number of qualifiers must be counted for all three disciplines, i.e. Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping.

Best regards,
Kevic Setalvad

On 25-May-2018, at 4:48 PM, Kevic Setalvad <kevic.setalvad@gmail.com> wrote:

Respected Sirs

In connection with the upcoming selection committee meeting, for the selection of the Show Jumping team for the Asian Games Trials, I respectfully and most humbly submit:

1. Both my sons, Kaevaan & Zahan, have participated in 5 Trials - all officially conducted by the Equestrian Federation of India - in India.

2. **Kaevaan's** 3 best scores on his horse **Cherokee** are:- 0 (3rd Trial), 4 (4th Trial) & 4 (5th Trial).

3. **Zahan's** 3 best scores on his horse **Quintus Z** are:- 5 (2nd Trial - 1 time fault); 4 (3rd Trial) & 0 (4th Trial). **Zahan's** 3 best scores on **Tethys de Beauval** are:- 5 (1st Trial - 1 time fault), 4 (4th Trial) & 4 (5th Trial).

Notably, all the Trials in India were held at a speed of 375 m per minute. The trials in Europe (undertaken by the riders participating abroad) have been conducted at a speed of 350 m per minute. It is a mandatory requirement of the selection criteria that the trials held in India and abroad are on par - i.e. they must be equated at the same speed. The time allowed for the trials in India (375 m per minute) would need to be adjusted to time allowed for the trials held abroad (350 m per minute). Once this is done, Zahan's 1 time penalty (on Quintus and Tethys de Beauval) disappears. Alternatively, time allowed to the riders abroad be adjusted (with time penalties) for a speed of 375 m per minute.

4. Further, it appears that, for the Eventing Team only 2 qualification scores are likely to be considered. In such event, only 2 qualification scores should be counted for the Show jumping team as well. In such case, **Kaevaan & Cherokee** have scores of 0 and 4. **Zahan & Quintus** have scores of 0 and 4. **Zahan & Tethys de Beauval** have scores of 4 and 4.

Kindly consider the above aspects at the time of selection of the Show jumping team.

Best regards,
Kevic Setalvad

Subject: Asian Games Show Jumping Team

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To: efiindianf@yahoo.co.in; rajen_swain@yahoo.com

Cc: ambre_ashok@yahoo.com; adilmahmood62@gmail.com; dahiyarajiv17@gmail.com

Date: Friday, 25 May, 2018, 4:48:17 PM IST

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Best regards,
Kevic Setalvad

Subject: Final request for 4th Rider & Horse Combination Team - Show Jumping .

From: mail@heritagelimited.com

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Cc: sameerlanba@yahoo.in; dahiyarajiv17@gmail.com; sunilhr2002@yahoo.com; anishabhandaris@gmail.com; adilmahmood62@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, 26 June, 2018, 6:58:19 PM IST

Dear Col.Swain & All members of Selection Committee,

Our last many emails requests as always, remain unanswered...

It has come to our notice that a joint meeting between IOA and EFI has been now been scheduled for reconsideration and selection of team for Show Jumping. **We hope it will be fair and transparent decision in selection of 4th rider and horse combination too.**

We propose once again, why not to take a 4th rider at-least to make a team in Show Jumping. As we see from the previous selection team EFI has considered taking a 4th horse only . We request to the inclusion of horse and rider combination. This is for the reason that at-least 4 member team should be represented in case of any unforeseen circumstances.

Under any unforeseen circumstances , if any of the rider is unable to play , what is the fate of team representing India ?

Except one rider , there is none other who has fulfilled the selection criteria . But they are still selected because of their performance . Sameway , Tejas has done really well in Europe ,as you all are aware of European standards , competing with world class riders and horses. The videos and results of the same has been shared with you all . Do you still think he is not deserving ?

We do not understand any logic of taking a 3 member team, wherein a 4th rider and horse combination (Tejas – Coco Loco R) are the most deserving rider and horse combination as 4th player in team available . Tejas continuous to do best in all competitions in Europe. It was only the hard luck that he got hurt during Asian trials.

What stops EFI taking a 4th deserving rider?

If a deserving rider and horse combination team is not given a fair chance , how do you expect this sport to grow in our country ?

It has to be a fair and transparent selection and we feel he is the only 4th rider and horse combination who has given his Asian trials and continues to do well.

We have always held EFI in highest regard and respect and would like to continue the great relationship . We are anxious to avoid any unpleasantness that might arise if the selection criteria is tweaked to any pick and choose 4th rider and horse combination.

This is important and decision should be taken in all fairness to promote the Team , Sports and our Country .

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Best wishes and regards

Neeraj Dhingra

From: Heritage [mailto:mail@heritagelimited.com]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 5:10 PM
To: 'EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION INDIA'
Cc: 'Sameer Lanba'; 'Rajiv Dahiya'; 'Sunil Hr'; 'Adil Mahmood'; 'Anisha Bhandari'
Subject: Reconsideration request, Only & Only if its happening
Importance: High

Dear Col.Swain,

It's a pity that the team selected for Equestrian Sports to represent at the Asian Games 2018, stands cancelled. We too are among the sufferers who had invested huge finance and time which is still undergoing, for my son *Tejas Dhingra* (Class : Show Jumping).

Your goodwill means a great deal to us. We hope EFI continuous to use its office in fair and transparent way. Nobody is above the law and everyone has to fall in line to represent the sports. We appreciate and respect your decision.

Only & Only this request letter to be considered, in case there is a situation / meeting between EFI and IOA towards reconsideration of decision.

We propose once again, why not to take a 4th rider at-least to make a team in Show Jumping. As we see from the previous selection team EFI has considered taking a 4th horse. We request to the inclusion of horse and rider combination. This is for the reason that at-least 4 member team should be represented in case of any unforeseen circumstances. Tejas has really worked hard for years and continues to do so in Germany.

To crystallize, few positives for consideration, only and only if there is reconsideration / Dilution in selection criteria:

- a) Tejas has participated in all CS1* competitions as per the selection clause of Asian Games. He took selection clauses as casted in stone.
- b) He played well in 2 trials and was unable to show his qualification as he got hurt in 3rd trial. The change in trial dates were not allowed.
- c) You would appreciate looking at his continuous winnings and performances at all International competitions in class of 1.40m in Europe in last 6 months. (The files and video clips have already been shared with you)
- d) He is under training since last 1 year in Germany and continuous to be there this year as well.
- e) Tejas horse Coco Loco R is already stabled in Germany and is in a great shape.
- f) The rider and horse combination are in perfect coordination which you can judge from his video.

Finally if you are selecting 3 players we would suggest to select a minimum of 4 riders and horse team. I hope you will agree with us.

For this, as well as past courtesies, we wish to thank you and the members of selection committee, and we look forward to continuance of this very cordial relationship.

With best wishes to EFI.

Warm regards

Neeraj Dhingra

Subject: Fair is Fair ! Asian Games Show Jumping Selection 2018- Request Urgent Feedback

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Date: Wednesday, 16 May, 2018, 7:53:31 PM IST

Dear Col. Swain,

I wish, I wouldn't have to write this letter, but now I am sure, I must.

Fair is Fair!

We supported our son Tejas Dhingra for his ongoing Asian Games trials in Germany. As you are aware he has been riding since he was 4 years of age. To accomplish his passion, he even left his college this year to put his 100% focus on his vigorous training and trials. We met you at your office, few times and also spoke to each other regularly for his case. Every time we were advised that this trials are going to be transparent and ethical, and as per the selection criteria setup shall be strictly adhered. We took your words as they were straight from Head of EFI and were happy that everything will be crystal clear and transparent in the selection process. **We took the selection criteria norms as the Bible and tried to follow everything to the last word.**

Though the selection process is neither complete nor all riders have finished their trials. As some ongoing issues raise doubts in our mind, we seek the clarification from your good offices, which you will appreciate are true and genuine concerns for a parent and the rider and your answers will result to resolve and keep our faith in the system and the Federation.

Selection Criteria –

Quote :

“Technical standards and specification for all trials in all disciplines for riders/horses abroad will be same as standards for riders/ horses in India. For Dressage only CDI / National Championship/ Eventing CCI / National Championship and for Jumping only CSI / National Championship will be considered.”**

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Quote

Amendment:

(c)	<u>Show Jumping (Team) : Selection Criteria</u>	<u>Amended to</u> CSI*/ National Competition (1.40m for team qualification).
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	Type of Competition – CSI**/ National Championship	All results should be furnished to the EFI through the respective NF.
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Unquote

Our apprehensions during the course of trials which were all put to an answer **"NOT POSSIBLE / NO"**.

Details :

A) It was difficult to get 2 rounds organized at a National show in Germany. But on hearing strict **"No"** from your office, we had to follow up for weeks in communication by mails, phone calls and even personally visiting Germany and convincing them with copies of your selection criteria for selection process. We were able to get this done finally and officially.

B) When my son got hurt in the 2nd trial and he was not able to ride for 15-20 days. I visited your office with a request, that his 3rd trial to be postponed by 15 days and we will give you the new date. At that time it was 12 days before the trial date was scheduled. We were categorically advised **"NOT POSSIBLE / NO"** as time was less than 15 days as per the selection criteria. We were also advised that if my son is not able to give the trial from which 12 days are still remaining, it will be still counted as 1 out of 5 scheduled trials. Whether he is able to ride or not, for whatsoever reasons. We took your words and inspite of the fact we were aware of the outcomes of the result, as he was in severe pains but accepting your words Tejas again gave his trials and the result was as excepted. Your office was not able to accept the change in trial date even though there were still 12 days instead of 15 as per your norms. **We accepted all.**

Queries:

a) ***We got to know that 2-3 riders who have gone to Luxemburg and have conducted their trials without a National competitions.***

Few question we would request EFI to answer and clear our doubts:

a) If these are not National Competitions, how is EFI accepting the results. Are we at fault? Following the selection criteria laid.

b) The Luxemburg National Competitions comes under German Federation and all National competitions of Luxemburg and Germany are listed and highlighted on the website of German Federation. This is due to the fact that all German Licenced riders are able to ride in all competitions in Germany and Luxemburg at a common platform. All the result, name of riders, name of horses and the score card is all updated at the same very moment after the National Competitions. This can be accessed by anybody, as is on the web.

Concerns:

(i) *The dates at which the Indian riders at Luxemburg gave trials are the dates on which there was no National competitions in Luxemburg.*

(ii) *Whenever there was a National Competitions in Luxemburg, none of the riders participated as the Asian trials. The competition in which they participated, the results are on the net and will give you a clear picture.*

(iii) *Are these trials eligible?*

(iv) When we visited your office and had requested if we were allow to arrange a competition along with 3 EFI Judges from the German Federation and the technical course designer form the German Federation, we were completely said **"NOT POSSIBLE / NO"**. As we were struggling to get 2nd round in National competitions. Your advise was that it has to be a National Competition organized by the German Federation. Your office even wrote emails to German Federation to check Tejas participation and EFI was advised all the web links to check results and participation of Tejas Dhingra at the National competitions. May we know if any of the step was taken for riders in Luxemburg.

(v) Few riders along with my son jointly met and proposed to EFI to sent their judges and technical course designers to Germany and all the trials for all overseas riders could be conducted in one go. Further myself and my wife again went to your office but we were again told **"NOT POSSIBLE / NO"**. We were advised it is only up to individual rider to participate in National competitions listed on the German Federation website.

On my visit to your office today morning I was shocked to learn that a member of selection committee has been scheduled to go to Luxemburg and see for herself the trial of 18th May.

We fail to understand:

- a) As EFI is already aware that this is not a National Competitions, how will it help in selection if the trial is already null and void.
- b) Why is it that the selection committee sends it now wherein it as refused previously.

Won't you agree this appears to be a totally partial and bias attitude towards selection. In case the selection rules are meant only for few it gives us a feeling to raise the voice.

My son's last National trial is scheduled on 21st May. My submission and proposal is to be fair and equal opportunity for every rider. To conclude, may I humbly request and propose :

- a) A date should be fixed for all the overseas riders including my son, as all prospective riders for Asian trials are presently in Germany and Luxemburg.
- b) 2 EFI Judges and a technical course designers should go to Luxemburg / Germany.
- c) The free and fair trials should be conducted with all and the result should be transparent and clean. This selection I hope will be acceptable to all. The riders and the horses are already there. Don't you agree this is the only fair solution to send and may the best rider and horse is selected with best team to represent India.

We will be happy to participate anywhere EFI decides.

****Lastly, we also accept in case EFI agrees and you all take quick decision and allow my son Tejas Dhingra even to participate at Luxemburg along with the other riders which will be fair for all. Please let us know your decision, as now you're a person from your selection committee is already scheduled to be at Luxemburg on 18th. Let us know the time and place and your permission if this trial only is the methodology for selection now. We will eagerly await.**

I hope, I am able to express candidly, and you will use your good will and perseverance of mind for which you are noted and have our highest regard.

I will be more than happy to answer anything you would like to discuss.

Awaiting to hear from you and plan the course of action accordingly.

Warm regards

Neeraj Dhingra