

To,

June 15, 2018

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Subject: Representation by (i) **Mr. Balaji Vijayshankar**, son of Mr. K Vijayshankar(ii) **Mr. Yashaan Khambatta**, son of Mr. Zubin Khambatta

Sir,

1. We along with one Mr. Sehaj Singh Virk are applicants seeking selection in the Indian Equestrian Team category of 'Show Jumping Team' for participation in the Asian Games 2018 Equestrian Events scheduled to be held in Indonesia from August 18, 2018 to September 2, 2018.
2. The task of selection of riders for the team and individual events i.e. (a) Eventing (b) Show Jumping and (c) Dressage for sending them to participate in the said Asian Games was assigned to the Equestrian Federation of India. Consequent upon the said assignment the said Federation formulated its Rules/Procedure

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relating to the eligibility of the rider and the horses in India and abroad. The Federation also decided that the selection qualifiers/ trials shall be conducted by the Federation between August 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 and that the cut off date for selection of riders/horses whether in India or abroad would be May 31, 2018. As per the selection criteria and more particularly in terms of Clauses 16 to 19, the Indian riders could also give trials abroad.

3. Keeping in view the requirement for selection, we along with aforesaid Sehaj Singh Virk applied for selection making it clear to the Federation that we would be giving trials in Luxembourg on horses available abroad.
4. We the applicants also intimated the dates of trial. Pursuant to this, the Federation by its email of April 17, 2018 requested that the results of the trials duly signed by Jury and National Federation of Luxembourg along with the video coverage be directly sent to it identifying the height and spread of the rounds.
5. Not only this, the Federation in terms of Clause 31 of the Selection Criteria even deputed Mrs. Anisha Bhandari who was one of the members of its Selection Committee and sent her to Luxembourg to supervise the trials. The trials, thus, took place under her direct supervision and she even sent reports to the Federation about the trials. One of her reports is of May 18, 2018 wherein she observed as under:

(a) The trial was conducted under the supervision of Paul Engel, General Secretary of the Luxembourgeoise Equestrian Federation.

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- (b) *The trial was not part of a National Championship but organized by the national equestrian federation of Luxembourg following the EFI trial guidelines.*
- (c) *The course was designed by FEI course designer Kai Ollech and the EFI trial specifications were checked by myself and Paul Engel.*
- (d) *There was a 2 member jury comprising of one FEI Judge and one Technical Delegate which was again Paul Engel.*
- (e) *Two riders DNS as they claimed to have received qualification in similar trials before this.*
- (f) *The riders conveyed that there were no events in Europe where they could ride two rounds on the same day.*
6. Significantly, during the aforesaid trials, the Luxembourg Federation was regularly sharing the results of each rider with the 'Equestrian Federation of India' on completion of each trial. On completion of the trials, both the applicants as well as the third rider Sehaj Singh Virk were found to meet the score criteria set by 'Equestrian Federation of India', thereby making us entitled to participate in the "Jumping Team" event. Our respective scores during the trials were as follows:

S.NO	NAME	NO. OF TRIALS	SCORES
1.	Balaji Vijayshankar	3	4,0,4
2.	Yashaan Khambaata	4	4,0,4,0
3.	Sehaj Singh Virk	3	4,4,4

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7. On completion of the trials and based on the scores achieved by the three of us, the Luxembourg Federation wrote to the 'Equestrian Federation of India' on May 29, 2018 that the show was conducted in accordance with proper FEI Rules. It further confirmed that the three of us were ready to take part for India as a team at the Asian Games 2018. Along with the said letter, the consolidated final results of the three riders were also attached.
8. On 02-03 June 2018, the Selection Committee of the Equestrian Federation of India met and to the shock of the applicants, they refused to consider the applicants as well as the aforesaid Sehaj Singh Virk for selection for the reason as follows:

"5.2: The events conducted by the Luxembourg Federation for Mr. Sehaj Singh Virk, Mr. Yashaan Khambatta and Mr. Balaji Vijayshankar were neither CSI nor national competitions which was one of the main requirement of Selection Criteria for riders based abroad. The events were competitions exclusively organized for these riders which is not acceptable to the selection committee, as per Para 19(a) of selection criteria. Mrs. Anisha Bhandari, member selection committee who was detailed as an observer to witness one of these trials also confirmed the same. Therefore, the results of the above competition were not considered towards the selection of these riders. In Show Jumping Discipline also, only one rider has achieved 03 qualifying results. However, in the best interest of the sport, riders with two qualifying results were considered for selection in the Indian team".*

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9. Not only this. The Committee went on to select two persons namely Mr. Zahan Statelvad and Mr. Chetan Reddy who did not even meet the selection criteria. And, to crown it all, finding that the aforesaid decisions of the Selection Committee was facing all round condemnation, the President of the Federation took out a Notice dated June 5, 2018 cancelling the entire selection. The said Notice is as under:

NOTICE

**SELECTION OF RIDERS FOR ASIAN GAMES AT JAKARTA
2018**

- 1.Refer Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting of Equestrian Federation of India held at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on 02-03 Jun 2018 and promulgated on EFI Website on 03 June 2018.***
- 2.In view of the fact that NO rider has met the criteria for any of the team or individual events i.e. in eventing, Show Jumping and dressage, the selection of the team for eventing and show jumping stands cancelled.***
- 3.The inconvenience caused to all is deeply regretted.***

**Ashok Ambre
President
EFI
05 Jun 2018**

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10. It is respectfully submitted that the President through the said notice, thus, compounded the mistakes of the Selection Committee.
11. Though what has been submitted above, would itself show how great injustice has been done not only to the applicants but also to the Sports, in general, the applicants beg to highlight the following aspects in this regard:
- (i) We had in clear and unambiguous terms made it clear to the Federation that we would be holding trials in Luxembourg on horses other than Indian.
 - (ii) We had unequivocally stated and informed the Federation that the trials would be under the Luxembourg Federation.
 - (iii) On having been furnished the above information, the Federation appointed one of the members of its own Selection Committee namely Mrs. Anisha Bhandari to supervise and oversee the trials in Luxembourg.
 - (iv) The trials did take place in the presence of and under the critical eye of said Mrs. Anisha Bhandari.
 - (v) During the trials, the Luxembourg Federation was regularly sharing the results of each rider with the Federation on completion of each trial.
12. What has been submitted above, raises following pertinent questions which stare at the Federation, its Selection Committee and its President and yet have remained unanswered and show

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how not only grave harm, mental, physical and monetary has been caused to the applicants and how their actions have caused great injustice to them and to the cause of sports in general in India.

13. The questions raised and remaining unanswered are-

(a) When the applicants at the threshold informed the Federation that they wanted to undergo trials on foreign horses in Luxembourg, why the Federation, there and then did not, reject the proposal of the applicants?

(b) When the proposal of the applicants for trial in Luxembourg under the aegis of Luxembourg Federation was clearly communicated to the Federation, why the Federation raised no objection?

(c) If the trials offered by the applicants were in violation of any Rule (though it is not admitted by the applicants) why the Federation's Selection Committee appointed Mrs. Anisha Bhandari who was a member of the Selection Committee to watch and supervise the trials?

(d) When Mrs. Anisha Bhandari sent her reports regarding trials, why the Selection Committee and the Federation did not raise any objection with regard to the validity of the trials being held in Luxembourg?

14. It is submitted that the notice issued by the President of the Federation dated June 5, 2018 and as reproduced above, has added insult to the injury and has compounded injustice to the applicants on the following besides other grounds:

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- (i) It does not show application of mind.
- (ii) It does not show that the President took into consideration at all the facts and circumstances of the case.
- (iii) It makes no reference to the trials undergone by the applicants and the results obtained.
- (iv) It does not take into consideration the conduct of the Selection Committee, qua the applicants and their undergoing the trials at Luxembourg.
- (v) It does not take note of the appointment of Mrs. Anisha Bhandari and the trials having been conducted under her direct supervision.
- (vi) It does not take note of the letters addressed by Luxembourg Federation with regard to the trials.
- (vii) It does not take note of the reports sent by Mrs. Anisha Bhandari and so also of the Luxembourg Federation.
- (viii) It does not take note of the results achieved by the applicants in the trials.
- (ix) It totally ignores the fact that with the results achieved during trials, the applicants fully qualified themselves for the event in question.

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15. It is submitted that the Order of the Selection Committee dated 02-03 June 2018 and the subsequent Notice issued by the President of the Federation are illegal, ultra vires and not sustainable in law or on facts as no opportunity of being heard was afforded to the applicants before or even after the aforesaid Order of the Selection Committee dated 02-03 June 2018 and the Notice issued by the President dated June 5, 2018.
16. The Applicants further seek to bring to your kind notice that the Applicants having been made to believe that they were eligible for trials and that they could give trials in Luxembourg with foreign horses, incurred huge expenses with regard to making arrangement for their travel to and stay in Luxembourg, their purchasing/leasing horses etc. Add to it, the subsequent mental and physical agony which cannot be easily measured in terms of money.
17. The aforesaid illegal and unjustifiable conduct and action by the Selection Committee, the Federation and its President has ruined the chances of the applicants to participate in the upcoming Asian Games and have cause grave and irreparable damage to their future prospects in the field of sports and the loss in terms of money is immeasurable.
18. The applicants are approaching you in the hope that grave harm and injustice caused to them can still be remedied and for that it is still not too late in the day.
19. For what has been briefly submitted above, we pray that the Order of the Selection Committee of the Federation dated 02-03 June 2018 be set aside and so also the subsequent Notice dated June

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5, 2018 issued by the President of EFI and the applicant's cry for justice be heard, considered and justice be delivered to them. The urgency is writ large as the last date for sending the team is June 30, 2018.

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10th June 2018

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Subject: Asian Games 2018 | Selection of riders for equestrian sports

Dear Sir

1. I write with reference to the following communications/documents in relation to the captioned subject matter:
 - (a) Selection Criteria for the Asian Games 2018 ("**Selection Criteria**"), ratified at the 56th Annual General Body Meeting of the Equestrian Federation of India ("**EFI**") held on 27 August 2017;
 - (b) The minutes of meeting of Selection Committee of EFI (for Asian Games 2018) ("**Selection Committee**") held on 2-3 June 2018, at the Maneksaw Centre, Delhi Cantt; and
 - (c) EFI's notice dated 5 June 2018.
2. In the Selection Criteria referred to at 1(a) above, EFI laid down the qualifying criteria for Asian Games for the disciplines of Eventing, Show Jumping and Dressage in equestrian sports.
3. After the conclusion of trials for Asian Games 2018 for the abovementioned equestrian sports, the Selection Committee of EFI noted/decided in the minutes referred at 1(b) above, *inter alia*, that:
 - (a) Even though only 1 rider in Eventing had achieved 3 qualifying team scores (the minimum as required by the Selection Criteria), those riders who had achieved 2 qualifying team scores (which is less than what is required by the Selection Criteria) would also be selected keeping in mind the interest of the sport and the medal winning prospects for the country;
 - (b) Even though only 1 rider in Show Jumping had achieved 3 qualifying team scores (the minimum as required by the Selection Criteria), those riders who had achieved 2 qualifying team scores (which is less than what is required by the Selection Criteria) would also be selected keeping in mind the best interest of the sport;
 - (c) As the minimum 3 riders in Dressage could not achieve the required qualification, the team for Dressage could not be formed; and
 - (d) Though the Selection Committee explored the possibility of sending riders for individual competitions in Dressage, there was no rider who had achieved the qualifying score in the individual competition.
4. Subsequently, by the notice referred at 1(c) above, EFI cancelled the selections for Eventing and Show Jumping as well, on the ground that no rider had met the criteria for any 'team' or 'individual' event in Eventing and Show Jumping.
5. However, I have recently learned from various sources and newspaper reports that EFI / its Selection Committee and the Eventing and Show Jumping riders are planning to meet soon (as soon as the coming week) to reconsider EFI's decision as communicated by the notice dated 5 June 2018 (referred at 1(c) above).
6. If EFI / its Selection Committee is indeed re-considering its decision to not send any rider / team for any equestrian sport at the Asian Games 2018, then it is my humble request that each rider and discipline should be reconsidered, re-evaluated and treated on equal terms. Further, the riders from the discipline of Dressage

should also be reconsidered for selection if riders from any other discipline are being reconsidered for selection.

7. Furthermore, it is humbly submitted that the selection of any rider for Asian Games 2018 should strictly be based on such rider's medal winning prospect, bearing in mind the format of Asian Games 2018. A rider's medal winning prospect can be gauged by the rigors of the selection process and trials undergone by her - *inter alia*, the following parameters should be considered:
 - (a) The number of qualification scores obtained by a rider – particularly, if the rider has obtained the minimum number of qualification scores as per the Selection Criteria.
 - (b) The quality and number of judges for the trials: whether a rider has been judged by 2 judges or 3 judges; out of these 2 / 3 judges, how many were international judges (i.e. FEI approved judges) and how many were national judges; what was the level of the international judges (for e.g., whether FEI 1* or FEI 3* and above).
 - (c) No. of trials taken by the rider: whether the rider has obtained the minimum number of qualifying scores in 5 trials (on 1 horse) or has had to take more than 5 trials (on different horses).
 - (d) Review and feedback by judges: any feedback and review given by judges judging the trials (especially FEI judges) should also be considered while judging the merit of a rider.
8. Moreover, any other parameter/criteria which is considered for judging the medal winning prospects of a rider, should be shown to have a direct connection with the medal winning prospects of a rider and should be uniformly applied across all disciplines (whether Eventing, Show Jumping or Dressage) and to all riders.
9. Also, non-compliance with any procedural provision of the Selection Criteria should not be made a ground for invalidation of a trial, unless EFI / its Selection Committee can clearly demonstrate that a rider's true merit (and medal winning chance) is not reflected by a trial which is non-compliant with such a procedural provision.
10. I would also like to be reconsidered for participation in the Dressage individual competitions (i.e. Intermediate-I (Test) and Intermediate-(I) Freestyle to Music) at the Asian Games 2018 and am confident that I would win a medal for India in these events. In this regard, I want to highlight the following points:
 - (a) I have achieved the minimum 3 qualification scores in Intermediate – I (Test) ("**Inter-I**") as per the Selection Criteria, not taking more than 5 trials.
 - (b) I have also achieved the minimum 3 qualification scores in Intermediate – (I) Freestyle to Music ("**Inter-(I) Freestyle**") as per the Selection Criteria, not taking more than 5 trials (even though Intermediate - (I) Freestyle is not considered a qualification test anywhere in the world).
 - (c) I have also achieved 3 qualification scores Prix St George ("**PSG**"), not taking more than 5 trials.
 - (d) I am amongst the highest scoring Asian rider in Dressage Individual events (i.e. Inter-(I) and Inter-(I) Freestyle).
 - (e) All my trials have been judged by not less than 3 judges; all these judges were international (FEI) judges, and also included FEI 4* and FEI 5 * judge, one of them judging Dressage at the Rio Olympics 2016.
 - (f) I have received excellent feedback from these FEI judges who have judged me, and my coach, Major J.S. Ahluwalia (Retd.), a senior and well-respected equestrian, has also stated that my chances of winning a medal at the Asian Games 2018 are very high.
 - (g) My trials were conducted under the aegis of the Austrian Equestrian Federation as "National Championships" (CDN), which was also verified by FEI.
 - (h) My trials were observed by a member of the Selection Committee.
 - (i) My antecedents also affirm my merit and medal winning chances - *inter alia*, I secured the first position in PSG at the FEI World Dressage Challenge in 2012; I was the top ranker in Dressage events in National Equestrian Championship held in 2012, 2013 and 2014; and I was ranked 8 at the 2014 Asian Games, the highest rank achieved by any individual in Dressage in India.

(j) Besides the foregoing, there is no other parameter/criteria/procedural step that is any manner determinative of my merit or medal winning prospects.

11. Thus, I should be reconsidered for Dressage Individual events in light of my foregoing achievements and I should be rejected only if EFI / its Selection Committee can demonstrate that my performance in the trials was such that I would not be able to win a medal for India.
12. I also request you to ensure that before any decision is taken on my selection for Asian Games 2018, I (or my authorised representative) should be given an opportunity of being heard and presenting my case to EFI / its Selection Committee.

I reserve all my rights.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Dated – 22nd June 2018

To
General Ashok Ambre
President, Equestrian Federation of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub : Selection Committee meeting re convened

This is with reference to the selection of teams for the Asian Games 2018. I understand that the Selection committee meeting is being reconvened and that they are reconsidering sending the teams for participating at the games . Also I understand that for the Eventing discipline , the selection criteria is being amended to accommodate the team members . In this regard I would like to bring up that the Dressage team is the only team where all the three team riders have met the three required team scores of above 67 percent in the team test (one of the riders had scored more than 70 percent in individual test which is a higher grade test than the team test) and we have very good chances of winning medals at the games and we should be given a fair chance to go and participate at the games .

I m sure that all disciplines would be treated at par and a fair decision would be taken by the selection committee in the national interest.

Kind regards

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Dated- 11th June 2018

Lt. General Ashok Ambre, AVSM
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Dear Sir,

Subject: Selection of riders for the Asian Games 2018

This is with reference to the selection of riders and teams for the Asian Games 2018. The minutes of meeting of Selection Committee of EFI was held on 2-3 June 2018 where in Eventing and Show Jumping teams were declared. Even though all riders did not meet the laid down criteria as per the Selection criteria and only one rider in each of the above disciplines had met the three qualifying scores, amendments were made only in these two disciplines and teams were declared stating in the national interest of the sport, teams should be sent to represent the country. Post this a notice on 5th June 2018 was released by the EFI stating cancellation of the Eventing and Show Jumping teams selected on the ground that no rider had met the set criteria in Team or Individual events in Eventing and Show Jumping.

Also for Dressage event, it was stated in the Minutes of Selection Committee Meeting as well as in the media that no rider has qualified in the Team or Individual events hence not being considered. I would like to state here that I have achieved the three qualifying scores above 67% in three Prix St George (team test) with three FEI Judges in Austria and met the team criteria as per Para 1 of the Selection guidelines. Also my team mate Shruti Vora has qualified in team as well as Individual events and my other team mate Maj (Retd.) J S Ahluwalia had got above 67% in two Prix St George tests and above 70% in Intermediate 1 test (which is a higher test than Prix ST Geroge test). Each of our qualifier competitions which were CDN's in Austria were judged by three FEI Judges who have judged other Asian riders as well as world riders. They have given us an excellent feedback and feel we have a very strong chance of winning medals at the Games. Also a report from them can be requested by the EFI. These qualifier competitions have taken place under direct supervision of the Austrian National Federation and their representative has been part of all the events as a Ground Jury member. Also all correspondence of participation as well as scores were shared with the EFI/ its selection Committee members after every event and all protocols were followed by us riders. At every stage the EFI was well informed of our competitions and all necessary information was shared. Also a Selection committee member from the EFI was sent to see our competing on the 22-23 May 2018 in Austria.

I understand from the media that EFI and IOA are looking at possibilities and are trying to reconsider their decision by trying to see the possibility of sending teams to the Asian Games who can win medals and are winning medal prospects.

My humble request to you is that all disciplines should be re-evaluated and treated equally. The discipline of Dressage should also be reconsidered for selection.

Thanking you.

Kind regards

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Subject: Eventing ASIAN GAMES

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Date: Friday, 22 June, 2018, 7:32:37 AM IST

Dear sir,

1. Please refer to your mail dated 19 jun 2018. The qualifying competition for eventing is CCI* which is international event and approved by FEI, However as per selection criteria and format of Asian games riders abroad had to participate in CCI* approved by FEI which had 03 Fei jury and dressage Test B. the list of CCI* with 03 FEI jury and dressage test B can be downloaded from FEI site.

2 Similarly the qualifying competition for show jumping is CSI*/National championship, which is conducted at one round, however as per para 12 of selection criteria, all show jumping trials in India and abroad were required to be two round competition, Federation didnot allow riders to participate in one round event even though there are no two round events. similarly as per para 15 of selection criteria, eventing riders also had to choose events with 03 FEI judges, even though there are FEI listed CCI* with 03 FEI judges.

3. Please refer to fei eventing rules article 543.1.2 and article 513.5 for championship that dressage test B will be used for championship and Asian games is championship. Selection trials are always done on Asian games format.

4. Please ref to technical handbook 2018 Asian games page 35 of equestrian discipline para 7.2, clearly mentions that Dressage test B will be applicable in dressage phase. Also MER required to participate in Asian games is dressage test B not more then 45 penalty points. **If MER is dressage test B, then how can dressage test A be considered as selection trial. (copy attached). example - If a rider competes in 05 selection trials abroad, CCI* fei approved with test A, then he has not achieved the MER as per rule and will not be allowed to compete in Asian Games. so selection trial cannot be valid as rider is not meeting MER.**

5 All the 3 trials in India had test B in 2018 and 2 trials in 2017 had test A as per direction of sec gen, (Col R K Swain) given before start of 1st trial in Meerut. All riders based abroad also did test A in 2017 and test B in 2018 expect in cci* in jardy from 04 to 04 May 2018. The following FEI CCI* had test B in Europe close to France during same dates with test B, which riders could have participated instead of test A. The riders and coach should be asked as to why didn't they participate in undermentioned CCI* fei approved events during same time-

venue randers (Denmark) dates 18 to 20 may 2018. CCI* - test B
venue hipodrom (Poland) dates 04 to 06 may 2018. CCI* - test B
venue hipodrom (Poland) dates 27 to 29 apr 2018. CCI* - test B
venue Radolfzell (Germany) dates 19 to 22 Apr 2018. CCI* - test B

6. The following is requested

- (a) The mail be considered for perusal of Vice president technical and selection committee members.
- (b) The selection trial with Dressage test A at jardy not be considered as valid trial.
- (c) I may be considered for Eventing team ahead of riders based abroad as i am only one who has achieved one QR out of 3 selection trials as compared to others who have achieved 1 QR out of 4 or 5 selection trials and with only 2 jury members as against the requirement of 03 FEI listed jury members.
- (d) The selection criteria should be kept equal for riders in India and for riders abroad.
- (e) It is requested to find out, in case there was doubt did riders abroad took written permission from federation/selection committee members to participate in FEI approved CCI* selection trials which had only 02 jury and had test A, since it was not as per selection criteria and Technical handbook.

7. For you necessary action please.



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To:

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
INDIA

Dear sir,

1. Pl ref my earlier mail dt 04 jun 2018.
2. The newspaper cutting and eventing schedule of jardy is att for your persual pl.
3. You are requested to Pl intimate the outcome of the mail.



Subject: Urgent Asian games

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Date: Tuesday, 5 June, 2018, 1:58:51 PM IST

To

President
Efi

Dear sir,

1. Please refer my earlier mails to Equestrian federation of India on the disparity and discrimination on the selection criteria between participating riders in India and abroad. In spite of repeated mails no justification has been forwarded by the federation and eventing team has been declared on 02june 2018 inspite not meeting qualifying score as per selection criteria.
2. The fresh anomaly has come to light that the CCI* conducted in jardy, France from 04 to 06 may 2018, where in 09 horse riders combination participated in selection trial. Out of which 02 combination achieved qualifying results on wrong dressage test. As per rule dressage test B was to be competed whereas the test A has been participated in by all riders.
3. The following is again requested.
 - (a) explanation from coach be asked for such grave mistake.
 - (b) explanation from all riders for hiding the facts from federation.
4. In view of the above fact Col Rajesh pattu (Retd) and Swr jitender singh to immediately taken out from the team as they have achieved qualifying result in jardy by performing wrong dressage test against the selection criteria and in addition disciplinary action be initiated against all riders.
5. Test A conducted at jardy and test B conducted at meerut in April 2018 and for all balance of trials is attached. It can also be checked on fei database in past events held in approved schedule.
Request to reconsider the eventing team selected by federation due to falsification of trial.
6. You are requested to intimate outcome of inquiry to undersigned. Also please allow my horse be inside edfz till outcome of inquiry

Regards

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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TO,
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EFI

Dear sir,

1. Please Ref my mail dt 06 may 2018 , for which your reply is still awaited.
2. The following humbly submitted once again before federation and selection committee members w.r.t Asian games trials :-

(a) **No of Fei jury for Eventing trials** :- Selection criteria clearly mentions that 03 Fei listed jury is mandatory for eventing, however in minutes of EC meeting held on 06 Apr Efi stated that as per article 513.2 of eventing rule a eventing CCI* can be judged by 2 or 3 jury members, however as per para 15 of selection criteria it was necessary to have 3 fei listed jury for the event/trial so as to equate riders in India and riders abroad.

(b) **for example** article 261 para 5.1 and 5.2 of FEI jumping rules says that competition can be over one round or two round ,however since Asian games competition is over two rounds , our federation has mentioned in selection criteria in para 12 that events with two rounds will be considered for trial.

will federation accept a show jumping rider who does a trial with only one round event as his/her trial. If one round events cannot be considered as show jumping trial, then **similarly why eventing trials with non fei listed judges and only 02 instead of three being considered as their trial.**

(c) The trials of all three disciplines are conducted as per Asian games format and eventing at Asian games is always judged by 3 FEI listed jury members and not 2 or national judge, that why selection criteria mentions that 3 fei listed jury is mandatory. The coach appointed by Federation has made all riders abroad compete in CCI* which had only 02 jury members and that too only one was FEI listed, even though there were cci* with 03 jury members. It Appears that they have intentionally choose events which had non fei listed jury and that too 2 not 3. It is pertinent to mention that judges play an imp role in riders performance , as seen in event at tartas ,france where a Indian judge was jury and out of 09 horse rider combination 06 got score below 53 , however in events before(portugal) and after tartas (jardy) only 02 combinations out of 09 came below 53.

(d) so similarly the Fei rule might have a option to be followed but it is mandatory to follow the fei rules which is mentioned in selection criteria so riders in India and abroad are at equal platform and provide level playing field which has being violated by eventing riders and coach appointed by federation abroad.

(e) Also pl ref to reply of federation to mrs Shruri vora dt 21 Mar that it is mandatory to have 03 Fei listed judges and minutes of meeting held on 06 Mar 18 sr (b) federation has written that trial/event has to be judged bu 03 FEI judges.

(f) Also pl ref to W.P.(C) 4038/2018 and CM app.no 17922/2018 Order of honorable Justic Rajiv Shadkher dt 02.05.2018 para 5 , **Federation has informed that trials will be supervised by 3 judges.**

(g) Ref to W.P.(C) 4038/2018 and CM APP.NO 15953/2018 order of Delhi high court dt 25 Apr 2018 para 3.1 it has come to notice that federation is not applying the selection criteria even handedly as between those riders who are based in India and those who are based abroad w.r.t no of judges.

3. As per para 2 (e),(f) &(g) the same interpretation is applied to eventing discipline and it is evident that trials had to be judged by 03 Fei jury ,which is also written in para 15 of selection criteria.

4. Ref to W.P.(C) 4038/2018 and CM APP.NO 15953/2018 order of Delhi high court dt 25 Apr 2018 ,as per court order remaining two trials will be conducted for dressage rider miss Samaraya while in quarantine , as she could not complete 05 selection trials. Also Ref my mail ref dt 06 may i had a request that i may pl be given a chance to complete my 5 selection trials by conducting remaining 02 trials while in quarantine, to which decision is still awaited. Similarly my request should have been accepted.

5. The following is requested once again to federation and selection committee members :-

- (a) The eventing trials undergone by riders abroad with Non Fei listed judges and without 03 jury member should not be considered as selection trials.
- (b) The selection criteria for 18th Asian Games be followed letter and spirit. Any dilution or relaxation if done then I should be considered first one to be selected in Eventing discipline as I am the only one who has 01 qualifying score with 03 FEI listed jury and done only 03 Selection trial on my horse Fleece clover and was not given remaining 02 trials by federation as it has been given to dressage rider and eventing riders based abroad.

With warm regards
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