

SELECTION CRITERIA FEI ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: DEC 2019

1. Based on currently available technical standards for the FEI Asian Championship (AC) in the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing, the following selection procedures have been formulated and shall be implemented:-
2. Events.
 - (a) Dressage Team - Prix St-George (Test)
Dressage Indl - Intermediate - I (Test)
 - (b) Jumping Team - Height - 1.40m
Jumping Indl - Height - 1.50m
 - (c) Eventing Team & Indl - CCI 2*(L)
3. Selection qualifiers/trials for the FEI Asian Championship (AC) for Dressage, Jumping & Eventing for riders based in India will be conducted by the Equestrian Federation of India not before 01 July 2019 to cater for the move of horses into EDFZ by 25 Sep 2019.
4. In case of change in criteria/Vet Protocol of the FEI Asian Championship (AC), this criteria will be revised accordingly.

GENERAL

Dope Testing

5. Dope Testing may be conducted in all the trials and during the Coaching Camps before the definite entries are sent to the FEI Asian Championship (AC) OC. In case of foreign horses, dope testing will be done by authorised agents only.

Eligibility

6. Riders: A rider must be citizen of India with a valid passport.
7. Age of rider:
 - (a) Show Jumping : Athletes should be atleast 18 years of age (born on or before 31 Dec 2001)
 - (b) Eventing : Athletes should be atleast 18 years of age (born on or before 31 Dec 2001)
 - (c) Dressage : Athletes should be atleast 16 years of age (born on or before 31 Dec 2003)
8. Horses:
 - (a) Eventing : 06 Yrs and above are eligible.
 - (b) Dressage : 07 Yrs and above are eligible.
 - (c) Jumping : 08 Yrs and above are eligible.

9. Quarantine: In accordance with the quarantine/health protocols formulated by the Org Committee in consultation with FEI. The tentative date for move into EDFZ is 25 Sep 2019 for horses based in India.

Restriction on horses

10. There shall be no grade restriction on horses. However for eventing CCI 2*(L), only qualified horses will be eligible as per MER Criteria of FEI. Horses nominated for a particular discipline (Dressage/Jumping/Eventing) shall only be allowed to participate in the discipline for which the horses are nominated. Under no circumstances a rider/horse combination selected in one discipline will be allowed to participate/compete in another discipline. However a rider can be selected on a different horse in a different discipline.

11. Performance of the rider and horse desired to be entered will be considered as a combination in FEI official competitions.

12. All riders will be required to strictly comply with all quarantine/vet health protocols.

(a) The rider will be required to have all knowledge of the veterinary and quarantine rules/health protocols for the FEI Asian Championship (AC) as applicable to his/her horse's location.

(b) For riders based abroad, requisite vaccinations and lab testing for specified diseases in OIE approved laboratories as per guidelines laid down by the org committee of host country will be mandatory. Whilst the federation will facilitate all administrative requirements of riders based abroad with the Ministry of Youth and Sports affairs in India, however it will be the rider's responsibility to keep abreast of all the requirements and inform the Federation in advance of the same. Federation will not be responsible for not forwarding the entry of the rider by the date specified if there is a failure on part of the rider to submit any information asked for by FEI by the due date.

(c) If the horse selected is unsound for any reason, it will not entitle the rider to be considered as an entry on different horse (as a horse rider combination) unless qualifying result are communicated on the second horse as well within the stipulated time.

Officials for Trials in India

13. All the selection trials will be held under the following officials:-

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| (a) | Jury | - | 01/02 FEI Judges |
| (b) | Technical Delegate | - | FEI TD |
| (c) | Chief Steward | - | FEI Listed |

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR DRESSAGE (INDL & TEAM)

Riders Based in India

14. **Technical Standards for Selection Qualifiers/Trials.** The test for selection of Dressage Team & Indl will be Prix St-George (Test) and Intermediate - I (Test) respectively. For a team or Indl entry, a rider will have to score minimum 64% in each selection qualifier/trial. A total of 03 trials will be conducted as a horse rider combination and best 02 qualifying trials will be considered for selection of probables to move into EDFZ. Aggregate of percentage scored over best two qualifying results in all three trials will be considered for final selection. At least 02 member jury will judge all the selection qualifiers/ trials and the composition of jury will be as under. Any trials less than the above qualifying percentage will not be considered.

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| (a) | Prix St-George (Test) - FEI Judge | - | 01/02 members |
| (b) | Intermediate - Intermediate-I (Test) - FEI Judge | - | 01/02 members |

Riders Based Abroad

15. Following is the criteria for considering selection of riders/horses based abroad:-

- (a) Qualification standards and specification for all trials for riders/horses abroad will be same as standards for riders/ horses in India.
- (b) Only CDI competitions will be considered.
- (c) Riders based abroad will forward list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held between 15 Jul and 25 Sep 2019 to enable EFI to nominate three competitions as trials for final selection of Team.
- (d) Cut off date for riders /horses abroad will be same as for riders/horses to move into EDFZ in India (25 Sep 2019).
- (e) The aggregate of best two qualifying results will be considered for final selection of the team/indl competitors.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR JUMPING INDL/ TEAM (CSI 2* STANDARD)

Riders Based in India

16. **Technical Standards for Selection Qualifiers/Trials.** The height for all the team & Indl selection trials will be 1.40m & 1.50m respectively. Minimum 66% of the jumping course will be of full height and spread. A total of 03 qualifiers/ trials of one round competitions will be conducted towards calculation of team/ indl merit. The indl will only be considered for selection if his/her score does not exceed 04 penalties in each trial (excluding time penalties). The aggregate of penalties over best two qualifying results in all trials will be considered. In case, 3/4 riders are not selected for FEI Asian Championship (AC) and the team cannot be formed and if any rider wants to qualify for individual category then he/she has to participate in two trials of one round competition at the

height 1.5 mtr. The competitor should not incur more than 04 penalties in each trial (excluding time penalties).

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17. Following is the criteria for considering selection of riders/horses based abroad:-
- (a) Qualification standards and specification for all trials for riders/horses abroad will be same as standards for riders/ horses in India.
 - (b) Only CSI** (1.40 m, one round) will be considered for team selection and 1.50m class will be considered for individual selection.
 - (c) Cut off date for initial listing as probables of riders /horses abroad will be same as for riders/horses to move into EDFZ in India (25 Sep 2019).
 - (d) Riders based abroad will forward list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held between 15 Jul to 25 Sep 2019 to enable EFI to nominate three competitions as trials for final selection of Team. Cut-off date for final shortlisting of probables will be 25 Sep 19. The aggregate of best two qualifying results of all three trials will be considered for final selection of the team/indl competitors

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR EVENTING (INDL & TEAM)

Riders Based in India

18. **Technical Standards for Selection Qualifiers/Trials.** A total of 03 trials will be conducted for the probables for final selection of team. Only scores of 50 penalties or less will be considered in these trials. The technical standard of all trials will be of CCI 2*(L) level.

19. To equate all the riders participating in trials in India and abroad the least aggregate of the penalties of the two best qualifying selection trials in order of merit will count towards the selection of team. In case a team cannot be selected, an individual with less than 40 penalties each in at least two trials may be selected to represent the country.

Riders Based Abroad

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- (a) Qualification standards and specification for all trials for riders/horses abroad will be same as standards for riders/ horses in India.
 - (b) Only CCI 2*(L) competitions will be considered.
 - (c) Cut off date will be same as for riders /horses to move into EDFZ in India (25 Sep 2019).
 - (d) Riders based abroad will forward list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held between 15 Jul and 25 Sep 2019 to enable EFI to nominate three competitions as trials for final selection of team. The aggregate of the best two qualifying result will be considered for final selection of the team. In case a team cannot be selected, an individual with less than 40 penalties each in at least two trials may be selected to represent the country.

GENERAL PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR RIDERS BASED IN INDIA/ABROAD

21. All riders will certify before commencement of qualifiers/trials/competitions that he/she will abide by the selection criteria laid down by the federation. A written consent (as per format at Appendix 'A') in this regard shall be communicated to the federation before commencement of first trial/qualifier. In case of minors, the parents/guardians consent shall be communicated to the federation by the same date.
22. No additional/special competition or trial will be held after the designed trials/competitions for qualification. At least one of the Selection Committee members will witness all the trials.
23. Selection will be based on aggregate of penalties incurred in the completion of all trials in India/abroad towards calculation of merit if the qualifying results as laid down by Selection Committee are met by the horse rider combination in each discipline.
24. Riders riding 02 or 03 horses with cumulative penalties incurred on each horse will not be clubbed for the benefit of the rider for calculation of merit. Points/ penalties earned by the rider will be maintained on each horse (horse-rider combination) till final merit is worked out at the end of the trials by the selection committee.
25. **Instructions for Riders based Abroad.**
 - (a) **Expression of Interest.** All riders interested in being considered for FEI Asian Championship (AC) will register their combination with EFI by 25 Jul 2019. Thereafter, they will send list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held before 25 Sep 2019 where they would like to participate. This list should reach EFI a minimum of one month prior to the first event selected. EFI will nominate three competitions for each rider in Dressage, Jumping and Eventing. These will be unique to each rider though it will be endeavor of EFI to get maximum participants into the same competition.
 - (b) Official score sheet/results of the FEI competition duly endorsed by the President ground jury and TD will be communicated. **Telephonic intimation within 24h by the rider is mandatory** on completion of the competition for compilation of results. The specifications of the show jumping course duly endorsed by President ground jury and TD will also be forwarded along with the official results.
 - (c) **Performance Monitoring for Riders Based Abroad:** Performance of selected Rider based abroad will be critically monitored as horse rider combination by a member of Selection Committee. Member Selection Committee will visit venue and monitor the performance level of rider, fitness of horse and Veterinary Protocol, if required. He will render report to Selection Committee and National Federation.
 - (d) The under mentioned reasons/points given by the riders based abroad or desiring to be selected on horses leased/being imported from abroad are unacceptable to the EFI towards the selection for the FEI Asian Championship (AC) for team/individual competitions of all disciplines.
 - (i) Rider requesting for additional/exclusive trial.
 - (ii) Results of riders not matched from the results on FEI Website for the FEI Competitions.
 - (i) Identification of the horse and rider combination desired to be selected not made clear till the last stage or the horse finally intended for the

competition is different than the horse whose results have been intimated to the federation earlier for selection.

(ii) Consent letter from the owner/lease stating that the horse will be made available to the rider and National Federation to be fielded as an Indian entry in FEI Asian Championship (AC) is not sent by 15 Aug 2019.

(iii) Location of the horse and expenses in freight/ to and from location of horse to venue of the FEI Asian Championship (AC) competition are not furnished by 31 Aug 2019 for seeking budgetary support for the Indian team from Ministry.

(iv) A FEI VET's certificate to effect that the horse is sound, free from infections/contagious diseases and not having any prohibited substance (dope tested) at the time being considered towards selection is not forwarded by 15 Aug 2019. It will be the responsibility of the rider to ensure that the horse has been given the mandatory vaccinations based on vet protocols required by the host country as per laid down schedules and guidelines in vogue.

(d) Indian riders based abroad and selected to represent India will only be allowed to have one person as coach/groom/vet/horse owner to accompany them to the games on Government cost.

Final Selection

26. At the end of qualifiers/trials/competitions in India/abroad, Selection Committee will select riders & their horses for each discipline by 25 Sep 2019. All selected and reserve riders based in India will attend the coaching camp under the Indian and foreign coaches (riders based abroad will confirm their coaching schedule to EFI within 48 hours of being nominated to the team). The final selection of the team will be done keeping in view their merit in the selection trials and fitness of the horses/riders during the coaching camps (as a horse rider combination). A separate assessment for fitness of horse/rider will be held before the final entries for the FEI Asian Championship (AC) are sent. The selection for the team, individual and reserve riders for each discipline will be as under:-

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| (a) | Dressage | - | 4 Team Athletes (1 Horse per Athlete). |
| (b) | Jumping | - | 4 Team Athletes plus 1 Reserve Athlete (1 Horse per Athlete). |
| (c) | Eventing | - | 4 Team Athletes Plus 2 Individual Athletes (1 Horse per Athlete). |

27. Selection committee will select the following officials for each discipline based on competence, knowledge and experience after official declaration of Team and confirmation of vacancies from Ministry and OC:-

- (e) Indian coaches for each discipline.
- (f) Manager
- (g) Vet Doctor
- (h) Assistant Vet Doctor
- (i) Quarantine Protocol Officer
- (j) Farrier

28. The Selection Committee in their minutes will give details of all the individuals who have applied for the post of Indian Coaches for each discipline, Doctors, managers farriers etc. with their credentials and modalities of selection to the Executive Committee, IOA, SAI & MYAS.

29. Selection Committee will also select the Indian Equestrian Team Manager based on competence, experience, exposure and knowledge of rules and regulation of the sport. His selection should not be on seniority alone but he should be in a position to meet the administration/ managerial requirements of the Team so that the riders and the Coaches are free to concentrate in training/competition. The manager will be associated with the Team from the time the horses enter the EDFZ.

30. The entire Selection Committee will convene for Selection of the team by 25 Sep 2019. This date for selection of the Indian team will apply for all riders and horses, based in India or abroad.

31. After the Indian Team has been selected for the FEI Asian Championship (AC), the National Federation is empowered to explore the possibilities of leasing better quality horses from abroad for improving the chances of medals for the selected team, if required.

32. At least one Selection Committee members will watch all the selection trials and hold discussion with coaches, jury members, organizers, vet doctors and competitors. This will facilitate better selection process and understanding about riders and horses.

33. Post selection of probables, the order of merit shall be sacrosanct unless there is steep drop in performance during coaching camps or the horse/rider become unfit due to some unforeseen circumstance. However under no circumstances will the coach give one horse to another rider without the consent of the selection committee who will also take the views of the original rider, other team members, foreign and Indian coach before taking the final decision.

34. All selected probables for all the disciplines will be considered as probables till Selection Committee in consultation with Indian and foreign coaches for each discipline again reviews the entire selection process before submission of definite entry. Fitness of riders and horses, horse-rider combination, performance during camps and original merit will be of paramount importance and will be taken into consideration for final selection of

individuals/teams. The entire selection process will be reviewed by the selection committee in consultation with coaches, vet doctor and executive committee before definite/confirmed entries are forwarded to organizing committee of the Asian Games in order to ensure best teams/individuals are selected to win medals for the country. In case of a change in original merit of team/indl entries, the selection committee will be bound to endorse complete justification on selection/weeding out of a horse-rider combination.

35. Note: EFI reserves the rights to amend its selection criteria as necessary, particularly where there is a change to the qualification system or circumstances affecting the nomination/entries process.

Technical Standards for FEI Asian Championship (AC)

36. These will be communicated once received from organizing committee.



CONSENT TO SELECTION CRITERIA : ASIAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

Name of Rider

I consent to being a rider for nomination by the EFI for selection to the Indian equestrian team for Asian Continental Championship 2019. I make this acknowledgement honestly and fully and confirm that this acknowledgement is not false or misleading :-

1. I have been provided with, or been given access to, and will be bound by and observe the selection criteria of the EFI for the selection of riders for Asian Continental Championship 2019 Selection By-Law. The Selection Criteria application to my discipline and as amended from time to time. I hereby acknowledge that I will likewise be bound by and must observe the same terms/discipline.
2. The EFI Selection Criteria may be amended by the EFI from time to time. I will be bound by and observe the EFI selection criteria as amended, and acknowledge that any amendments to the EFI Selection Criteria will be posted to the EFI website along with the Qualification System applicable to my event/ discipline.
3. The decision whether or not to nominate me to participate in the Asian Continental Championship 2019 is subject to the selection criteria and is at the discretion of EFI.
4. In the event that EFI nominates me to Asian Continental Championship 2019 as member of Indian equestrian team, I am not guaranteed to be selected in National equestrian team for Asian Continental Championship 2019. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the Indian equestrian team is subject to the Asian Continental Championship, Selection Criteria and is at the absolute discretion of selection committee of the EFI.
5. (i) I will at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not and whether before or after my selection), which will bring or would have the tendency to bring me or my sport into disrepute or censure, or which is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the EFI and the sport.
(ii) I will not at any time (whether before or after my selection) convicted of, or charged with, any serious offence involving violence, alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport or otherwise or any offence which is punishable by the law of the land.
(iii) I have and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to EFI and the concerning authorities any conduct that might be in breach of (1) or (2) above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which I have been charged, or of which I have been convicted, and consent to EFI for conducting inquiries to relevant authorities for any details of my criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consent to those authorities providing the information in answer to those enquiries.
(iv) Any matter arising under paras (1), (2), (3) & (4) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the EFI in its sole and absolute discretion.

DISCLOSURE

(Please identify if there are any matters to be disclosed in respect of paras 1 to 5)

6. My contact details are : Address :

Facsimile :

Email :

7. I will notify EFI in writing of any change in the above contact details. Any failure by me to advise EFI in writing of a change in my contact details may be to my detriment. Any announcement to be made or notice required to be sent pursuant to the Selection criteria may be sent on the above mention details.

Signature of Rider

Date

(Witness No 1)

(Witness No 2)

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MINORSName of Rider

I/ we, the undersigned parent/ guardian of the rider agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows :-

1. The rider is under the age of 18 years on the date of signing the Consent.
2. I/we have read and understood the Selection Criteria applicable to the sport of Equestrian towards selection of Indian equestrian team for Asian Continental Championship 2019 and have fully explained to the rider the Selection criteria. To this end I/we have obtained independent advice as to the Selection criteria in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard.
3. The rider has read the Selection criteria and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands their meaning and effect.
4. The Selection criteria is for the benefit to the rider.
5. The riders eligibility for being considered for nomination by the EFI for selection to the Indian equestrian team may be terminated in the event of any breach of the selection criteria.

Signed by the Parent/ Guardian
In the presence of

(Parent/ Guardian's signature)

(Witness Signature)

(Name of Witness)

(Name of Parent /Guardian)