

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Based on currently available technical standards for the Asian Continental Championship (ACC) in the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing, the following selection procedures have been formulated and shall be implemented:-
2. **Events.**

(a)	Dressage Team Dressage Indl	- -	Prix St-George (Test) Intermediate - I (Test)
(b)	Jumping Team Jumping Indl	- -	Height - 1.40m Height - 1.50m
(c)	Eventing Team & Indl	-	CCI 3*(S)
3. Selection qualifiers/trials for the ACC 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 15 Aug 2019.
4. In case of change in criteria/Vet Protocol of the ACC, this criteria will be revised accordingly.

GENERAL

DOPE TESTING

5. Dope Testing will be conducted in all the trials and during the Coaching Camps before the definite entries are sent to the ACC 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.** 16 yr old (as on 01 Jul 2019).
8. **Horses.**

(a)	<u>Eventing</u>	: 06 Yrs and above are eligible.
(b)	<u>Dressage</u>	: 07 Yrs and above are eligible.
(c)	<u>Jumping</u>	: 08 Yrs and above are eligible.
9. **To promote continuity of sport in the Country at least two India based riders in each discipline will be included in the final selection, provided they meet the MER as set in the selection criteria.**

10. **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 15 Aug 2019 for horses based in India.

RESTRICTION ON HORSES

11. There shall be no grade restriction on horses. However for eventing CCI 3*(S), 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.

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

13. 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 ACC 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 EFI 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

14. 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

15. **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 02 trials will be conducted as a horse rider combination and both will be considered for selection of probables to move into EDFZ. In the EDFZ, in case probables are more than four (including riders based abroad), two more trials will be held in EDFZ for final selection of team and aggregate of percentage scored over best three results in all four trials will be considered. 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

16. 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) 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 (15 Aug 2019).
- (d) If list of probables exceeds 04 after 15 Aug 2019, additional trials will be held to select final team. Methodology will be as follows:-
 - (i) On meeting criteria for inclusion as probables, riders based abroad will forward additional list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held between 15 Aug and 15 Oct 2019 to enable EFi to nominate two competitions as trials for final selection of Team.
 - (ii) Cut-off date for final shortlisting of probables will be 15 Oct 19, and final selection of team will be after all planned trials in the EDFZ/abroad are completed. The aggregate of best three results out of the four trials will be considered for final selection of the team/indl competitors.



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

RIDERS BASED IN INDIA

17. **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 02 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). These trials will determine the probables to move into EDFZ. After move into the EDFZ, in case probables are more than four (including riders based abroad), two more trials will be held in EDFZ for final selection of team and aggregate of penalties over best three results in all four trials will be considered. In case, 3/4 riders are not selected for ACC 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).

RIDERS BASED ABROAD

18. 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.
- (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 (15 Aug 2019).
- (d) If list of probables exceeds 04 after 15 Aug 2019, additional trials will be held to select final team. On meeting criteria for inclusion as probables, riders based abroad will forward additional list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held between 15 Aug and 15 Oct 2019 to enable EFi to nominate two competitions as trials for final selection of Team. Cut-off date for final shortlisting of probables will be 15 Oct 19, and final selection of team will be after all planned trials in the EDFZ/abroad are completed. The aggregate of best three results of all four trials will be considered for final selection of the team/indl competitors.



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR EVENTING (INDL & TEAM)

RIDERS BASED IN INDIA

19. **Technical Standards for Selection Qualifiers/Trials.** One qualifier for Eventing will be held to select probables and all competitors with 60 penalties or less will be selected for move into EDFZ.
20. A total of 02 trials will be conducted at the EDFZ for the above probables for final selection of team. Only scores of 50 penalties or less will be considered in these two trials. The technical standard of all trials will be of CCI 3*(S) level.
21. To equate all the riders participating in trials in India and abroad the least aggregate of the penalties of the later two selection trials in order of merit will count towards the selection of team/indl members. Any score more than 50 penalties (including time penalties) will not be counted towards selection.

RIDERS BASED ABROAD

22. 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 CCI 3*(S) competitions will be considered.
 - (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 (15 Aug 2019).
 - (d) On meeting criteria for inclusion as probables, riders based abroad will forward additional list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held between 15 Aug and 15 Oct 2019 to enable EFI to nominate two competitions as trials for final selection of Team. Cut-off date for final shortlisting of probables will be 15 Oct 19, and final selection of team will be after all planned trials in the EDFZ/abroad are completed. The aggregate of the later two trials will be considered for final selection of the team/indl competitors.

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

23. 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.
24. 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.



25. 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.

26. 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.

27. **Instructions for Riders based Abroad.**

(a) **Expression of Interest.** All riders interested in being considered for ACC will register their combination with EFI by 20 May 2019. Thereafter, they will send list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held before 15 Aug 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 two competitions for each rider in Dressage and Jumping and one competition for each rider in Eventing. These will be unique to each rider though it will be endeavor of EFI to get maximum participants into the same competition. Riders who qualify in will forward another list of 05 FEI approved competitions being held before 15 Oct 2019 within one week of qualification to enable EFI to earmark two additional competitions (*Mandatory for eventing and if required for dressage and jumping*).

(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. They 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 ACC 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.
- (iii) 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.



(iv) 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 ACC is not sent by 15 Aug 2019.

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

(vi) 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.

(e) 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

28. At the end of qualifiers/trials/competitions in India/abroad, Selection Committee will select riders & their horses for each discipline by 15 Oct 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 ACC are sent. The selection for the team, individual and reserve riders for each discipline will be as under:-

- (a) Dressage - 4 riders and 1 reserve.
- (b) Jumping - 4 riders and 1 reserve.
- (c) Eventing - 4 riders and 1 reserve.

29. 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:-

- (a) Indian coaches for each discipline.
- (b) Manager
- (c) Vet Doctor
- (d) Assistant Vet Doctor
- (e) Quarantine Protocol Officer
- (f) Farrier



30. 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.
31. 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.
32. The entire Selection Committee will convene for Selection of the team by 15 Oct 2019. This date for selection of the Indian team will apply for all riders and horses, based in India or abroad.
33. After the Indian Team has been selected for the ACC, 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. 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.
37. **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 ACC

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

