

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA

SELECTION CRITERIA (VERSION - IV) FOR RIDERS AND HORSES OF INDIAN EQUESTRIAN TEAM FOR 19TH ASIAN GAMES, WEF 23 SEP TO 08 OCT 2023 AT HANGZHOU, CHINA

General

1. It has been intimated by the Olympic Council of Asia that the 19th Asian Games, Hangzhou, will be held wef 23 Sep to 08 Oct 2023. Accordingly, it has become necessary to review the process of selection as stipulated in Para 2 (b) of Version-3 Selection Criteria of the Indian equestrian team to seize the opportunity provided by the extended period to select athletes who are competent, consistent and current.

2. In order to achieve the above objectives, a fresh set of trials will be conducted under the aegis of the EFI and in cooperation with the conducting federations abroad, as per details given in the paragraphs that follow.

General Standards for Trials

3. Selection criteria for riders and horses of Indian Equestrian Team for 19th Asian Games, Hangzhou, 2023 is based on the technical standards for Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing as given below:-

(a) **Dressage**

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| (i) | Team | Prix St-Georges (Test). |
| (ii) | Individual | Prix St-Georges (Test)
Intermediate - I (Test) and
Intermediate - I Free Style to Music (Test). |

(b) **Show Jumping**

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| (i) | Team | Height - 1.40 m. |
| (ii) | Individual | Height - 1.50 m. |

(c) **Eventing (Team & Individual)** CCI2*(Long).

Dates and Format

(a) A fresh set of selection trials for the 19th Asian Games will be conducted under the aegis of the Equestrian Federation of India between 15 August 2022 and 15 February 2023 as per technical standards for qualification. The exact dates of trials in India will be published by EFI separately. The cut-off date for conclusion of trials has been set as 15 February 2023 based on the lead time required for veterinary protocols, movement of horses to training facilities abroad and their further movement to the venue of the Games.

(b) In case of any change in technical standards / other protocols/ schedule by the

OC of Asian Games, the criteria for selection of the Indian team will be revised accordingly by the EFI and intimated to all concerned participating in the selection trials.

(c) In India, these trials will be conducted in the form of competitions meeting FEI standards of CDI, CSN and CCI for Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing respectively, abiding by the standards and specifications laid down by the OC of the Asian Games.

(d) Riders based abroad will be required to participate in FEI competitions as approved by EFI meeting the standards and specifications laid down by the OC of the Asian Games for Eventing and Dressage. For Show Jumping discipline, they can take part in FEI CSI/NF CSN competition on two round basis wherein the rider will have liberty to choose the venue/competition which will be as per competition/ specification laid down by the OC of the Asian Games for Show Jumping and intimate to EFI.

5. **Conduct of Trials**

(a) During the period 15 August 2022 to 15 February 2023, the EFI shall organize Four competitions for each discipline in India to be considered as selection trials. A horse-rider combination can participate in all four in order to achieve the qualifying scores. The results of the best of three attempts in which Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) have been met by the horse-rider combination will be counted towards preparation of the comparative merit for selection of probables.

(b) Six riders (to be called 'Probables') shall be selected per discipline (Dressage, Eventing and Show Jumping). These six riders per discipline will be selected based on the comparative merit of the horse-rider combination having the least cumulative penalties in Eventing and Show Jumping, and the most cumulative score in Dressage in the three trials in which they have attained MERs. The process of drawing up the merit list is elucidated in paragraph 32.

6. **Anti-doping Protocols and Medication Controls.** These will apply to all riders and horses including those participants based abroad, in all the trials including Coaching Camps for 19th Asian Games. However, the frequency of test to be conducted will be at the discretion of EFI. Any horse or rider found positive in such dope / medication testing will be dealt with as per FEI rules on the subject.

7. **Eligibility.** Eligibility conditions for riders and horses for participation in the Asian Games and Selection Trials are as given below:-

(a)	<u>Nationality of riders.</u>	A rider must be a citizen of India. He / she should not be disqualified from holding a passport of the Republic of India.
(b)	<u>Minimum age requirement of riders.</u>	Dressage : Rider should reach 16 th birthday in 2023.
		Show Jumping : Rider should reach 18 th birthday in 2023. & Eventing
(c)	<u>Minimum age requirement of Horses.</u>	
	(i) Eventing	06 years and above as on 01 Jan 2022 are eligible (born in 2016 or before).

	(ii) <u>Dressage</u>	07 years and above as on 01 Jan 2022 are eligible (born in 2015 or before).
	(iii) <u>Show Jumping</u>	07 years and above as on 01 Jan 2022 are eligible (born in 2015 or before).
(d) Horses and riders reaching the minimum eligible age on 01 Jan 2023 will be permitted to participate in trials held, if any, between 01 Jan and 15 Feb 2023 and are required to achieve MERs during this period to be considered for selection in case the same conform to the stipulations laid down in the Technical Handbook to be issued by the OC of the 19 th Asian Games.		

8. **Horse and Rider Combination.** For the purpose of selection for 19th Asian Games, the horse and rider as a combination will be considered. Each horse-rider combination will be allowed to participate in four trials. A rider may participate in these trials in any discipline on more than one horse without any upper limit on the number of horses.

9. **Quarantine / Vaccination / Testing of Horses.** Horses shall be quarantined / vaccinated / tested in accordance with the quarantine / health protocols promulgated in consultation with FEI, by the Organizing Committee of Asian Games.

10. **Restrictions on Horses**

(a) There is no embargo on the number of horses a rider may compete on in each discipline and in each trial.

(b) A horse-rider combination is permitted to participate in only one discipline in any trial for the purpose of consideration for selection to the Indian Team.

(c) For the purpose of selection, horses nominated for a particular discipline (Dressage / Jumping / Eventing) in the first trial shall be allowed to participate only in that discipline in all remaining trials.

(d) In order to participate in the selection trials for the Eventing discipline (CCI2*-Long format), the horse should be eligible to participate as per FEI guidelines.

(e) The nominated horse-rider combinations for Eventing & Dressage discipline must intimate to the EFI at least fifteen days prior to the date of the veterinary inspection of each trial at the competitions nominated by EFI for their participation both in India or abroad. For Show Jumping trials, riders based abroad who wish to have the EFI approach the FEI / local NFs / OCs to facilitate their participation in two-round competitions, they must give to the EFI a prior notice of at least 30 days before the veterinary inspection of the event / competition they wish to compete in.

11. **Conflict of Interest**

(a) Any person with conflict of interest must not be a part of any selection / appointment that could influence selection as per Appendix 3 of FEI Internal Regulation, Article 013, Chapter IV of statutes of EFI and relevant rules as laid down by the FEI for other events / disciplines.

(b) A judge / TD / CD in India is permitted to be an official in only one discipline and only in one selection trial.

- (c) Athletes participating in trials abroad are not permitted to participate in events to be considered as their nominated entries for any discipline in which any judge / official is an Indian or a person of Indian origin.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR SELECTION QUALIFIERS / TRIALS IN INDIA AND ABROAD

Dressage (Team & Individual)

12. All participants competing in the Dressage discipline are required to participate in all three tests (Prix St Georges, Intermediate-I and Intermediate Free Style to Music) progressively in each trial in India in case they achieve the minimum standards laid down for each test. For riders based abroad, in case the competitions do not have any one or two of these three tests, they may participate in these tests in other competitions to acquire MERs for the Team or Individual categories. For an individual / team selection, a horse-rider combination shall attempt in four trials to be conducted under the aegis of the EFI in India and in FEI CDI competitions to be held abroad. A horse-rider combination will only be considered for selection if they achieve three laid down MER as per Selection Criteria for either Team or Individual category as elucidated below.

13. The test for selection of Dressage Team will be Prix St-Georges (Test). For consideration for selection to the team, a rider will have to score a minimum of 66% marks in atleast three selection trial as the MER. Best scores achieved in three trials held wef 15 August 2022 to 15 February 2023 in which MERs have been achieved will be counted towards the computation of relative merit.

14. The tests for selection for Dressage Individual will be Prix St. Georges, Intermediate - I and Intermediate Freestyle to Music. In order to qualify for selection as an individual entry, a combination must:-

- (a) Compete in the Dressage Team event and complete the Prix St. Georges dressage test.
- (b) Compete in the Intermediate – I test and score 69% marks or more in at least one selection trial.
- (c) Compete in Intermediate Freestyle to Music and score 69% or more marks in the test.

15. Number of Riders

(a) The total number of riders for Dressage Team category can be three or four and all members of the Team Event may also be fielded for the Individual Event in the Asian Games provided they compete in the team event and complete the Prix St Georges Test. However, in case at least three riders do not qualify for selection to the Dressage Team and therefore, it is not possible to field a team, the horse-rider combination(s) that has / have achieved the MER laid down for Individual event may be fielded as individual entry(ies) in the Asian Games.

(b) While considering the composition of a team, all riders who have attained MERs in individual category will be placed higher in merit over those who have attained MERs in the Team Event only, even if they have not achieved MER in team events.

16. For selection qualifiers/ trials for India and abroad, the composition of jury will be as under:-

(a)	Prix St-Georges (Test)	-	Minimum three FEI Panel Judges (At least two foreign FEI Panel Judges for trials in India)
(b)	Intermediate-I (Test)	-	Minimum three FEI Panel Judges (At least two foreign FEI Panel Judges for trials in India)
(c)	Intermediate-I Free Style to Music (Test)	-	Minimum three FEI Panel Judges (At least two foreign FEI Panel Judges for trials in India)

Note:- To be considered for a place in the team or as an individual entry, the minimum qualifying standards have been fixed in the Selection Criteria based on the average score / penalty achieved by the team placed fourth or the score / penalty of the athlete placed in the eighth position in an individual competition in that discipline, in the previous Asian Games.

Show Jumping (Team & Individual)

17. The conditions governing selection trials for Show Jumping (Team and Individual) will be as given below:-

(a) EFI will conduct a fresh set of four competitions on two-round basis in India. Riders based abroad are required to participate in competitions as per calendar / events schedule issued by FEI / local NF the rider wishes to participate in. Such athletes should approach Local NF / OC, where they wish to participate, to request them to conduct a second round of similar technical standards as given in these selection criteria. EFI shall assist and extend all necessary cooperation to the athletes including communication to the local NF / FEI / OC of the individual. In case a rider based abroad needs assistance from the EFI to approach the FEI / local NF / OC for facilitating participation in a second round of competition at any of the venues chosen by him / her as a nominated entry, a prior notice of at least 30 days should be given to the EFI to carry out such communication.

(b) It is at the discretion of the FEI level CD to plan the course as per technical standards at para 3 (b) above, to maintain parity between trials conducted as CSN in India and FEI CSI / NF CSN for riders based abroad.

(c) In case, it is not possible to form a team of three or four riders for the Asian Games, and if any horse-rider combination is to be considered for selection in individual category, they are required to have acquired at least three MER for individual category.

(d) While considering the composition of the team, all riders who have attained MERs in individual events will be placed higher in merit even if they may not have achieved MERs in the team category.

18. MERs for Show Jumping

(a) **Team.** To qualify for selection as a team entry, a horse-rider combination should

not have incurred more than 08 penalties (including time penalties) in a two-round competition at 1.40 m height and their best of three trial results will be counted towards order of merit for selection of probables.

(b) **Individual.** To qualify for selection as an individual entry, a horse-rider combination should not have incurred more than 12 penalties (including time penalties) in a two-round competition at 1.50 m height and their best of three trial results will be counted towards order of merit for selection of probables.

(c) For the purpose of assessment of MERs and for computation of relative merit, the system of calculation of time penalties will be as per the revised FEI rule on time penalties effective wef 01 January 2022 will be taken into consideration (at the rate of one penalty for each commenced seconds in excess of time allowed).

19. All the selection trials in India and abroad will be held under the following officials:-

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| (a) Jury | - | Three-member jury of FEI panel judges (At least one foreign FEI panel judge for trials in India and for trials abroad in FEI CSI /NF CSN competitions, jury will be as approved by FEI/NF) |
| (b) Technical Delegate (TD) | - | FEI panel TD (As per FEI GR 152 for trials in India). |
| (c) Chief Steward | - | FEI panel steward. |
| (d) Course Designer | - | FEI panel CD (A foreign FEI panel CD for trials in India). |

Note:- To be considered for a place in the team or as an individual entry, the minimum qualifying standards have been fixed in the Selection Criteria based on the average score / penalty achieved by the team placed fourth or the score / penalty of the athlete placed in the eighth position in an individual competition in that discipline, in the previous Asian Games.

Eventing (Team & Individual)

20. A total of Four fresh trials in the Eventing discipline will be conducted and a horse-rider combination is required to meet the MER specified in Paragraph 22 below in at least three trials. The selection trials will be of FEI CC12* (Long) level. Due to paucity of time and limited number of competitions available for competitors based abroad, Dressage Test 'A'/'B' will apply for the purpose of the trials. However, in India, all trials will be conducted with Dressage Test 'B'.

21. All the selection trials in India and abroad will be held under the following officials:-

(a)	Jury	-	As per FEI Eventing Rule 513.2 (At least one/two foreign FEI panel judges for trials in India)
(b)	Technical Delegate (TD)	-	FEI panel TD (Foreign TD for trials in India).
(c)	Chief Steward	-	FEI panel steward.
(d)	Course Designer	-	Foreign FEI panel CD (Foreign CD for trials in India).

22. **MER for Eventing**

- (a) **Team.** A horse-rider combination should achieve at least three MER in FEI CCI2* (Long). The horse-rider combination should not have incurred more than 43 penalties towards selection in the team in at least three trials.
- (b) **Individual.** A horse-rider combination should not have incurred more than 34 penalties in at least three trials, for consideration for selection as an individual entry.
- (c) Since the total number of riders for Eventing team category can be a maximum of four riders, the contenders for team category will also be fielded for the individual category. However, in case at least three riders do not qualify for the Eventing Team, and therefore, it is not possible to field a team, the horse-rider combination(s) that has / have achieved MER for the individual event will be fielded as individual entries.

Note:- To be considered for a place in the team or as an individual entry, the minimum qualifying standards have been fixed in the Selection Criteria based on the average score / penalty achieved by the team placed fourth or the score / penalty of the athlete placed in the eighth position in an individual competition in that discipline, in the previous Asian Games.

GOVERNING CONDITIONS FOR RIDERS BASED ABROAD

23. **Eventing and Dressage**

- (a) Riders based abroad participating in selection trials must intimate the EFI by SMS, email, fax or WhatsApp, at its official address / number(s), their choices of six FEI competitions where they would be participating to be considered as trials which will enable EFI to nominate four of the same.
- (b) The horse-rider combination may participate in as many events abroad as they wish to but must intimate to the EFI, a maximum of six competitions so that EFI shall nominate four competition where they can participate. Results of three competition shall be taken into consideration for compiling the comparative merit. Such intimation of six choices shall be given to EFI 30 days prior to the date of the first veterinary inspection of first event in which the combination intends participating to enable EFI select the three competitions. Only one competition in a country will be permitted. The EFI will acknowledge the receipt of such communication through the same platform on which it has been received from the riders. The riders must ensure that they are in receipt of the acknowledgement from the EFI. The information regarding the nominated competitions for riders based abroad will be posted on the website of the EFI.
- (c) In case any of the nominated FEI events get cancelled by the organizers / FEI, the rider will be required to nominate an alternate event (or events) from the FEI Calendar, 15 days prior to the veterinary inspection of such trial(s) so that he / she can get an equal platform to compete over five trials like other competitors. The same will be uploaded on the EFI website for information of all concerned.
- (d) Once the entry is given for riders based abroad, it will be considered as an attempt and will be counted as such unless cancelled by FEI or the OC. A written proof of the same should be sent to EFI within 48 hours of such notification.

(e) The events and venues should be listed on the FEI calendar and the level of competition must conform to the technical specifications / standards for selection qualifiers / trials in India and abroad as laid down in these criteria.

(f) The three best results from the trials in which MERs have been achieved, will be considered for selection to the list of Probables.

24. **Show Jumping.** Riders based abroad are required to participate in competitions as per calendar/events schedule issued by FEI / local NF the rider wishes to participate in. Riders based abroad should approach Local NF / OC, where they wish to participate, to request them to conduct a second round of similar technical standards as given in these selection criteria. EFI shall assist and extend all necessary cooperation to the athletes including communication to the FEI / local NF / OC of the individual. The rider should inform EFI at least 30 days in advance before participation in such events (nominated by him / her to be his/her trial for 19th Asian Games) to enable EFI to approach FEI / Local NF / OC well in time. A horse-rider combination should mandatorily achieve three MER in at least three trials.

25. **Communication of Results to EFI.** The results of a qualifier trial held abroad should be intimated on telephone (SMS) / fax / WhatsApp / email, by the riders to the Secretariat of EFI within 24 hours of declaration of the results, for compilation of final results for selection. The EFI will acknowledge the receipt of such communication through the same platform on which it has been received from the riders. The riders must ensure that they are in receipt of the acknowledgement from the EFI. The results thus communicated will be verified by the EFI from the website of the FEI / Local NF / OC before compilation, for computation of comparative merit.

26. **Criteria for Riders / Horses based Abroad.** The following criteria will be valid for selection of riders and horses based abroad: -

(a) Cutoff date for selection of probable riders and horses abroad will be same as for riders and horses in India i.e. 15 February 2023.

(b) The riders/horse owners will be required to strictly comply with all quarantine, veterinary / health protocols, requisite vaccinations and laboratory testing for specified diseases in OIE approved laboratories as per guidelines laid down by the OC of the 19th Asian Games host country and or FEI Veterinary Protocols.

(c) It shall be the sole responsibility of the rider to possess knowledge of the veterinary and quarantine rules / health protocols for the Games as applicable to the respective countries where they are based.

(d) The EFI will make efforts to facilitate all administrative requirements of riders based abroad through the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in India. However, it will be the rider's responsibility to keep abreast with all the requirements and inform the Secretariat of the Federation well in advance for such facilitation.

(e) The EFI shall not be responsible for delays / non-submission of the entry of the rider(s) by the date specified if there is a failure on part of the rider(s) to submit by the due date, any information asked for by EFI, for whatever reasons. The riders must seek and obtain from the EFI, a confirmation of receipt of the information sent by them in case there is default on the part of the EFI in acknowledging their communication.

- (f) MERs to be achieved by the riders based abroad will be same as that for riders based in India.

Procedures for Assessment of Performance of Riders Based Abroad

27. Performance of horse-rider combinations based abroad will be critically monitored by a designated member of the EFI. A nominated member of the EFI may visit the venues and monitor the performance levels of riders, fitness of horses and adherence to veterinary protocols, if considered unavoidable. The member visiting the venue will submit a written report to the Selection Committee and the Secretariat of the EFI covering technical conduct, participation, outcomes, administrative, veterinary and any other relevant aspects of the events.

28. The undermentioned conditions will apply to riders based abroad or to those desiring to be selected on horses taken on lease / being imported from abroad, for participating in selection for the 19th Asian Games for Team / Individual competitions of all disciplines: -

- (a) No additional or exclusive trials for Show Jumping, Eventing and Dressage will be organized.
- (b) Results of riders abroad will also be corroborated from the results on FEI's / Local NF's / OC's official authenticated website for the FEI / NF competitions in addition to the communications received from riders.
- (c) Identity of the horse-rider combination contending for selection must be intimated at least 15 days prior to the date of the veterinary inspection of each trial attempted by the combination, to the Secretariat of EFI by SMS / email / fax / WhatsApp and the same will put up on EFI's website for information of all concerned.
- (d) A letter of consent signed by the owner / lessor of a foreign horse to include making necessary changes in the FEI passport of the horse as warranted by the OC of Asian Games should be submitted to the EFI latest by 15 February 2023, or on a subsequent date that may be intimated by the EFI. The said letter of consent must indicate the willingness of the owner / lessor to allow the horse to participate with its Indian rider, as an Indian Team or Individual entry in the 19th Asian Games. In the absence of such certificate, the entry of the horse-rider combination will be considered void.
- (e) Anticipated expenses on freight from the present location of the horse to the venue of the Asian Games competition and back are to be furnished to the Secretariat of EFI as and when asked for. This information is essential for seeking budgetary support for the Indian team from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
- (f) An FEI veterinarian's certificate to the effect that the horse is sound, free from infectious / contagious diseases and not having been administered any prohibited substances (as verified by a dope test) at the time of being considered towards selection, should be forwarded within two weeks of conclusion of the last trial. It will be the sole responsibility of the rider to ensure that the horse has been given the mandatory vaccinations based on veterinary protocols required by the host country, as per laid down schedules and guidelines in vogue.

29. Ordinarily, each Indian rider based abroad and selected to represent India for 19th Asian Games will be allowed to have one person accompanying him / her as a groom, to the venue of

19th Asian Games on Government of India expenses. This permission is subject to government approval.

GENERAL PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR RIDERS BASED IN INDIA AND ABROAD FOR SELECTION FOR ASIAN GAMES

30. All riders intending to be considered for the selection trials shall submit an undertaking to the Secretariat of EFI before commencement of their first trial that they will abide by the selection criteria laid down by the EFI. A written undertaking as per **Appendix 'A'** to these instructions in this regard shall be communicated to the EFI before commencement of the first trial. In case of minors (aged between 16 and 18 years) participating in the trials, the undertaking of parents or guardians as per **Appendix 'B'** to these instructions should be communicated to the EFI before commencement of their first trial.

31. No additional/special competition or trial will be held any time before, during or after the scheduled trials. The presence of at least one member designated by EFI is mandatory at each of the trials to be held in India.

32. **Order of Merit for Probables**

(a) Only the horse-rider combinations that have achieved the laid down MER as per Selection Criteria laid down for the Asian Games trials, will be considered for selection.

(b) Only penalties / scores attained in trials in which the horse-rider combinations have attained the best of three MERs will be considered and will be added up to arrive at the order of merit. At least three MER should have been acquired mandatorily in the new set of trials to be held during the period from 15 August 2022 to 15 February 2023.

(c) A rider with more MERs (subject to three best attempts in which MER have been met) will be placed higher in the order of merit than one with a lesser number of MERs.

(d) If the horse selected in a horse-rider combination becomes unsound after selection for any reason, the combination standing next in merit will take its place. The original rider may not claim the same position in the list on a different horse unless that combination happens to be next in the order of merit on the list.

(e) Amongst riders having the same number of MERs, their relative merits will be decided based on the aggregate of scores / penalties. A rider with a higher cumulative score for Dressage or a lesser cumulative penalty for Show Jumping and Eventing, will be placed higher than the others.

(f) In the event of equality of MERs and scores in Dressage or penalties in Eventing, the merit will be decided as per FEI Rules. In case of Show Jumping, it will be decided on lesser cumulative penalties. In the event of equality in the penalties, the speeds of the second round of jumping in qualifying competitions (length of course divided by time taken) in which MER have been achieved will be considered. A horse-rider combination with higher average speed will be placed higher in merit.

(g) Riders who have attained MERs in Individual category will be placed higher in merit over those who have attained only team category MERs for Show Jumping and Dressage only, even if such riders may not have attained MERs at team level.

33. Based on the order of merit, a team of six riders including reserves as set out above, will be selected for each discipline for further training under the aegis of the EFI. These riders will

be trained in India or abroad as per availability of budget and other conditions, as determined by the EFI.

34. **Coaching Camps and Coaching.** Riders and horses selected following the trials will be required to attend coaching camp(s) at designated locations and under the coaches organized by EFI. Dates for conduct of coaching camps will be notified by the EFI to the athletes concerned as soon as the details are finalized. With the permission of the EFI, riders may choose to train with their individual coaches based abroad provided there is no additional financial burden on the EFI.

Selection of Final Teams for 19th Asian Games

35. **Strength of Teams.** The final composition of the teams for the three disciplines to be fielded in the 19th Asian Games will be as follows:-

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| (a) | Dressage | - | Team | : 03 or 04 riders. |
| | | | Individual | : Those who qualify as per Para 14. |
| (b) | Show Jumping | - | Team | : 03 or 04 riders. |
| | | | Individual | : Those who qualify as per para 18(b). |
| (c) | Eventing | - | Team | : 03 or 04 riders. |
| | | | Individual | : Those who qualify as per para 22(b). |

36. **Selection is Provisional.** All selected combinations in all the disciplines will be considered as 'Probables' till the EFI, in consultation with Selection Committee and coaches for each discipline, again reviews the entire selection process before submission of final entry for Asian Games. Fitness of riders and horses, suitability of horse-rider combinations, performance during coaching camps and merit ascertained from competitive exposures will be of paramount importance and will be taken into consideration for final selection of teams / individuals in order to ensure that the best are selected to win medals for the country.

37. **Competitions during Training Period.** Horse-rider combinations selected as 'Probables' will be required to participate in competitions at venues to be decided and facilitated by the EFI to provide necessary competitive exposure, ensure maintenance of fitness, form and to enable the Selection Committee to take a call on the final order of merit, based on which, the teams for the three disciplines will be finalized.

38. **Change of Horses.** In case a rider attain MER on different horses, only his top two horses shall be accepted in the list of six probables as per merit list. A rider in the top four positions may, in consultation with the coach, be allowed to switch his / her horse on which he / she has been placed in the top five positions on two horses.

39. **Selection of Manager / Chef d'Equipe.** Selection Committee will also select the Manager of the Indian Equestrian Team based on competence, experience, exposure and knowledge of rules and regulations of the sport. The nominated person should be in a position to meet the administrative / managerial requirements of the Team. The manager is required to take on responsibilities immediately on declaration of Probables so that the riders and coaches are free to concentrate on training / competition. The manager will be attached with the team from the day of declaration of Probables to organize all administrative aspects right until the dispatch of the riders and horses to their respective destinations on completion of the 19th Asian Games.

40. **Questions not Addressed.** Any matter that has not been addressed in these criteria that may arise at any stage will be put up to the Selection Committee for consideration. The minutes of the deliberations of the Selection Committee will be published on the website of the EFI and the decision taken by the Selection Committee will be considered final and binding.

41. **Rights to Make Amendments to the Selection Criteria.** EFI reserves all rights to make amendments to these Selection Criteria, should it become necessary, to do so under compelling circumstances.

Appendix 'A'

(Refers to Para 30 of the Selection Criteria)

FORM OF CONSENT TO SELECTION CRITERIA: 19TH ASIAN GAMES, HANGZHOU

1. I, _____ (name of rider), son / daughter of _____, resident of _____ do hereby consent to being considered for selection by the Equestrian Federation of India, to the Indian equestrian team for the 19th Asian Games, 2023.

2. In giving this undertaking for selection to the national team, I affirm my commitment to abide by the terms and conditions governing the selection and participation in the said Asian Games as have been laid down by the FEI, EFI and other bodies governing the sport. Further, I fully understand and acknowledge the following :-

(a) I have been provided with, or have been given access to the selection criteria for various disciplines, of the EFI for the selection of riders for 19th Asian Games 2023 laid down in the Selection Criteria and agree to abide by and be bound by the statutes.

(b) Based on technical / administrative / veterinary, similar or other conditions, the selection criteria laid down by the EFI may be amended by the Federation to cater to changed circumstances. I shall continue to remain bound by the revised EFI selection criteria.

(c) Selection criteria for every discipline and amendments to the same, if any, will be posted on the website of the EFI for public attention.

(d) The decision on nomination of competitors to the national team and their selection as the main or reserve participants will be taken by the Selection Committee in consultation with the coach for the concerned discipline, based on the laid down criteria, the outcome of the selection trials and performance in the coaching camps that will follow the announcement of the probable athletes.

(e) The decision to send all or a part of the selected team will be at the discretion of the EFI. The decision not to send a team to the Asian Games too, if it so feels, shall also rest with the EFI.

(f) My nomination as one of the Probables is not a guarantee of my participation in the Asian Games and such participation shall be subject to my meeting the necessary criteria and at the discretion of the EFI.

3. I undertake not to engage in any manner of conduct by an act or omission, whether before or after my nomination to the national team, which will or is likely to bring me or my sport into disrepute or censure. I shall refrain from doing anything which is or is likely to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the EFI and the sport.

4. I will not, at any time (whether before or after my selection), indulge in any activity that may result in my conviction for or being charged with, any serious offence involving violence, alcohol, drugs, or any sex offence, racism, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities of any nature, or otherwise for any offence which is punishable under the laws of the land.

5. I have so far done and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to EFI and the concerned authorities, about any conduct that might be in breach of any of the provisions given in paragraphs 3 and 4 above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which I have been charged, or of which I have been convicted, whether in India or abroad.

6. I accord my consent to EFI and to relevant authorities for conducting inquiries to ascertain my antecedents and to obtain details relating to my criminal records, if any, details of any charges pending or any past convictions required to be disclosed by law. I hereby give my consent to those authorities providing to the EFI any information in answer to such inquiries.

7. I understand that in any matter relating to any of the provisions given herein, the EFI has the full right and authority to take cognizance of or to excuse any transgressions of minor nature in its sole and absolute discretion.

8, **Disclosure**

(Please provide details if there are any matters to be disclosed in respect of paras 1 to 6 of the Form of Consent to Selection Criteria: 19th Asian Games).

9. My contact details are : -

Address :

Mobile and WhatsApp Nos :

Email :

10. I will notify EFI in writing of any change in the above contact details. Any failure by me to advise EFI in informing of a change in my contact details may be to my detriment. Any announcement to be made or notice required to be sent relating to the selection criteria may be sent on the abovementioned details.

Signed at _____ (place) this _____ day of _____, 20....., in the presence of the following witnesses.

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Name of competitor

(Witness No 1)
Name :
Address :
.....
Mob No :
Date :

(Witness No 2)
Name :
Address :
.....
Mob No :
Date :

Appendix 'B'(Refers to Para 30 of the
Selection Criteria)**FORM OF UNDERTAKING BY PARENTS / GUARDIANS FOR MINORS
FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE SELECTED FOR THE NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN TEAM
FOR THE 19TH ASIAN GAMES, HANGZHOU**

1. I, _____, son / daughter of _____
resident of _____ am the parent / guardian of
_____ (name of the rider). I have read the terms and conditions
relating to the selection of the national team by the EFI for participation in the 19th Asian
Games, 2022 and confirm the following: -

(a) The above named rider is under the age of 18 years as on the date of signing
this form of consent.

(b) I have read and understood the Selection Criteria applicable to the various
disciplines of equestrian events for selection of the Indian equestrian team for the 19th
Asian Games 2023. I have read out and fully explained to the rider, all terms and
conditions given in the selection criteria. To this end, I 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.

(c) The rider has read the selection criteria and, together with the benefit of my full
explanation, understands their meaning and effect. The selection criteria have been
framed for providing a standard and unambiguous qualitative requirement applicable
across the board for all riders vying for a position in the nation equestrian team.

(d) The rider's eligibility for being considered for nomination by the EFI for selection
to the Indian equestrian team may cease in the event of any breach of any of the
selection criteria and statutes relating to discipline.

2. I hereby confirm that I have read out and explained to the aforementioned rider, the
terms and conditions of selection and participation of the national equestrian team in the 19th
Asian Games, 2023, and he / she agrees to abide with them.

Signed at _____ (place) this _____ day of _____, in the
presence of the following witnesses.

Signature _____
(_____)
Name of competitor
Mobile Number: _____

Signature _____
(_____)
Name of parent / guardian
Mobile Number: _____

(Witness No 1)
Name :
Address :
.....
.....
Mob No :
Date :

(Witness No 2)
Name :
Address :
.....
.....
Mob No :
Date :