



### **Expression of Interest**

#### **Eventing 2020+ Horizon Squad (incorporating the U25 Elite Development Squad Eligibility/Selection criteria 2020+ Horizon Squad**

The purpose of the squad is to select the combinations that are developing, and have demonstrated an ability to improve, from participating in a High Performance Programme and be committed to:

- Success individually and as a Team Ireland Member;
- Personal bests at targeted competitions;
- Taking ownership of their performances;
- Being willing to make change and develop;
- Commitment to team and to drive best team culture;
- Have personal coaches, individual performance plans, personal fitness structures and horse management programmes in place;
- Ownership of the horse must be secured and they must be available to compete for Team Ireland.

#### **Horizon Athletes:**

- Display good recent form (2016 onwards) at CCI2/3\* level **or** finish in the top 25% at a CIC2/3\*, and are ready to move up to CCI3\* or above in 2018.
- In order to give themselves the best possible chance of selection, horse/athlete combinations should be aiming to achieve consistent results at CIC2/3\* level or above of **70%** or better in the **Dressage**, **Zero Show Jumping penalties**, and **Clear Cross Country** with no more than **8 time penalties** (or no more than 20 seconds slower than the fastest horse in the class).

#### **Eligibility/Selection criteria U25**

- Riders must be between 20 and 25 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018
- Riders must be eligible to compete for Ireland
- Riders will be required to have a horse with International potential
- Riders must have ambitions to ride at 3\* and 4\* level with a view to representing Ireland at Senior Team Level.

#### **U 25 Athletes should have attained one of the following:**

- Short listed for Young Rider European Squad
- Top 20% placing in a Senior or Under 25 CCI2\*
- Clear round XC at a CIC3\* or CCI3\* with 63% or above in dressage and no more than 8 pens SJ and 36 time pens XC
- Show Jumped successfully at National 1.30m or above SJI Classes.

Selection for the U25 Squad will be made by the Senior Eventing High Performance Director in consultation with the Coaches and Vet.

The Selection process may consist of an Interview, and if required a ridden assessment. Training will start in January 2018 date TBC

**Expression of Interest Applications:**

To apply for the 2020+Horizon Squad or U25 Squad Assessment/Training Days please send an Expression of Interest with the following details to Aileen Cartwright at [acartwright@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:acartwright@horsesportireland.ie) by close of business **8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017**.

This programme will be run by the Senior Eventing High Performance Director: Sally Corscadden

**Please note places are limited to 10 applicants**

- Rider Information: Name, Age, Competition Level, Experience
- Plans re. College exams, work commitment etc.
- Horse Information: Name, Age, Competition Level, Experience
- Current Coaches/Trainers/Vet
- Competition Plans & Aims for 2018