



Nomination and Selection Policy
FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses 2023
CH-M-YH-S Lanaken, BEL
21 – 24 September 2023

Participation in FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships
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SECTION I TIMELINES

1.1 The selection timelines for the CH-M-YH-S are as follows:

July/Aug 2023	The Lanaken Chef D'Equipe shall nominate the combinations in the respective breed (Irish Sport Horse or Irish Warmblood) and age categories (5-, 6-, and 7-year-olds) to Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) in its role as the National Equestrian Federation/FEI Affiliate and selector.
August 2023	Selected combinations will be required to complete FEI Registration immediately prior to Definite Entries.
AS per FEI Schedule	HSI will submit the Definite Entries to the FEI.

SECTION II ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

- 2.1 A maximum of **19 horses** shall be selected to represent the Irish WBFSH-Member Studbooks at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses. For the avoidance of doubt, the Irish WBFSH Studbooks are the Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH) and the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI).
- 2.2 All horses must be registered and possess a unique equine life number (UELN) issued by an Irish studbook that is a Full Member of the WBFSH. Specifically, only horses whose first registration is with the ISH or WSI Studbook are eligible to compete in the Championships.
- 2.3 Eligible horses will be nominated and selected irrespective of their riders' nationality.
- 2.4 Eligible horses will be nominated and selected irrespective of their country of birth.
- 2.5 Breeding criteria: All horses registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook with the breed code ISH, and with sire and dam recorded on their passport, and all horses registered in the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland with the breed code WSI, are eligible for nomination and selection.
- 2.6 Only horses nominated by the ISH or WSI Studbook and nominated according to the criteria and rules contained in this document, may be selected by the NF to compete in the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships.
- 2.7 In 2025, the Breeding nomination and selection criteria will include that all Irish Studbook horses must be sired by a stallion that is Approved by the ISH or WSI Studbook or is Approved by one or more other WBFSH-member studbooks; they must have three generations of recorded pedigree with no missing ancestors.



SECTION III FEI/WBFSH Quota Agreement/OC WILDCARDS

3.1 The information below is based on the 2022 FEI Schedule; information will be updated following the release of the 2023 Schedule. Athletes, Owners, and Personal Management teams should familiarise themselves with the FEI/WBFSH/OC Agreement in respect of National Federation (NF) quotas and wildcards.

3.2 For the Irish NF, a maximum of 6, 7 and 5 horses will be the quota in each of the following age categories (as per 2022 FEI schedule), respectively:

- 6 x 5 year olds;
- 7 x 6 year olds;
- 5 x 7 year olds;

3.3 FEI Schedule 2022 for the Championships provides for the respective countries quota as noted below:

AGE CATEGORY	WBFSH QUOTA	FEI QUOTA
5 YEARS OLD	85	85
6 YEARS OLD	95	95
7 YEARS OLD	70	70

All horses must be registered in a studbook, which is a member of the WBFSH. Only the studbook in which the horse in question is first registered is acceptable for participation at the Championship. The quota for each country is for horses registered in a studbook which is originally recognized in that country.

Countries, which are not mentioned, because there is no WBFSH Member Association, can apply for a FEI Quota-place.

WBFSH Quota/Home-bred horses

	WBFSH Quota	WBFSH Quota	WBFSH Quota
	5-YR	6-YR	7-YR
Austria	1		
Australia		1	1
Belgium	7	8	6
Bulgaria	1	1	
Croatia		1	1
Czech Republic	1	1	
Denmark	5	5	5
Estonia	1	2	1
Finland	1	1	
France	12	12	10
Germany	13	14	11
Great Britain	4	4	4
Hungary	1	2	1
Ireland	6	7	5
Italy	5	5	5

	WBFSH Quota	WBFSH Quota	WBFSH Quota
	5-YR	6-YR	7-YR
Latvia		1	
Lithuania	1	1	1
Luxembourg	1	1	
Netherlands	10	11	9
Norway	1	2	1
Poland	1	1	
Portugal	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	1	
Slovenia	1	1	
Spain	2	2	2
Sweden	7	8	5
Switzerland	1	1	1

Riders must be 16 years or older in the year 2022.



- 3.4 In respect of Wildcards, Athletes, Owners, Personal Management teams should note the following position will be outlined in the 2022 [FEI Schedule](#):

VI. INVITATIONS

1. GENERAL

The Organizing Committee (OC) in accordance with the FEI reserves the right to invite approximately 170 5-yr old horses, 190 6-yr old horses and 140 7-yr old horses entered only by their NF plus approx. 30% additional wildcards from the Organizing Committee (except the competitions for the Sires of the World). The distribution is as follows:

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SECTION IV VETERINARY

- 4.1 Horse Sport Ireland can request that a horse be made available for inspection by the Team Veterinarian(s) or an appointed Veterinarian at any time. Athletes must comply with this request.
- 4.2 Athletes must notify the Championship Chef d'Equipe of any change in their horse's health status or of any veterinary issues when they first become apparent;
- 4.3 Horse Sport Ireland can send the Team Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian to take a blood and/or urine sample from a horse at any time, for the purposes of testing for prohibited substances, and/or as part of an assessment of the horse's well-being;
- 4.4 Athletes (at their own expense) shall make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian, the veterinary records of horse(s) selected for the Championship. In addition, Athletes, (at their own expense), shall be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses selected for the Championship. Failure to comply with any request of the Team Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian may result in the removal of the Athlete/horse combination from selection.
- 4.5 Each Athlete will be required to keep a medication logbook for their horses in which they shall record all products, treatments, foodstuffs and supplements used on or given to their horse from 1st July 2023 until the conclusion of the Championship.
- 4.6 The Team Veterinarian will be entitled to view this logbook at any time. Athletes are required to submit this logbook (in strict confidence) together with the Medication and Anti-Doping Control Declaration (Appendix 3) to the Team Veterinarian for assessment on or before the FEI Final Definite Entries [date to be confirmed] in line with Rule 8.12 of the Horse Sport Ireland General Rules.
- 4.7 In the event that treatments and medications are necessary subsequent to the submission of the logbook, express approval is required from Team Veterinarian following notification of the Chef d'Equipe by the Athlete. This is a mandatory requirement to ensure that selected horses are managed appropriately within the pre-competition window and before departure.



SECTION V SPECIFIC NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 The primary aim of this criteria is to select athlete and horse combinations who are capable of achieving podium finishes in each of the respective age categories at the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses 2023.
- 5.2 The following criteria shall be used for nomination and selection within each age category:

5 Year Old Category

- 5.2.1 (1) place of the quota of (5) places for the 5-year-old category will be allocated the winner of the Dublin Horse Show 5-year-old Championship.
- 5.2.2 The remaining quota places will be allocated by the Chef D'Equipe based on the Competition and general measures are outlined in sections 5.3 and 5.4 below.
- 5.2.3 Non-Travelling reserves shall be selected in the 5-year-old Table 1. Such reserves shall be listed in ranking order and must be available to travel in the event of a selected combination is unable to travel.

6 Year Old Category

- 5.2.4 (1) place of the quota of (5) places for the 6-year-old category will be allocated the winner of the Dublin Horse Show 6-year-old Championship.
- 5.2.5 The remaining quota places will be allocated by the Chef D'Equipe based on the competition and general measures outlined at section 5.3 and 5.4 below.
- 5.2.6 (2) Non-Travelling reserves will be selected in the 6 year old category. Such reserves will be listed in ranking order and must be available to travel in the event of selected combination unable to travel.

7 Year Old Category

- 5.2.7 (1) place of the quota of (5) places for the 7-year-old category will be allocated the winner of the Dublin Horse Show 7 year old Championship, provided that they obtain a clear round in round 1 of the final.
- 5.2.8 The remaining quota places will be allocated by the Chef D'Equipe based on the competition and general measures outlined at section 5.3 and 5.4 below.
- 5.2.9 (2) Non-Travelling reserves will be selected in the 7year old category. Such reserves will be listed in ranking order and must be available to travel in the event of combination unable to travel.

- 5.3 In assessing the performance of combinations, the Chef d'Equipe will consider nominations provided by Irish studbooks but will retain the ability to select based on the 5.3 and 5.4 below in the interest of safeguarding the welfare of both horse and rider. The Chef D'Equipe Chef D'Equipe will give consideration to the performances in 2023 at the following events:

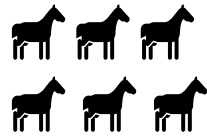
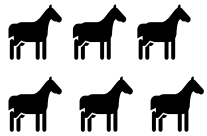
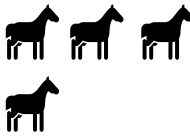



5.3.1	Horse Sport Ireland Studbook Series (Show Jumping)
5.3.2	Show jumping Ireland national events inclusive of relevant age classes;
5.3.3	FEI designated events in Ireland and abroad inclusive of relevant age classes;
5.3.4	All relevant competitions approved by other National Federations;



5.4 In assessing the performance of combinations, the Chef D'Equipe will give consideration to the following general measures. These measures include, but are not limited to:

- 5.4.1 Studbook nomination(s) which must be submitted on or before the 21st of July 2023 for consideration. Where nominations are/are not received, the Chef d'equipe will select on the basis of details contained within the selection criteria (v) to safeguard the horse and rider.
- 5.4.2 An athlete's form on other horses may also be taken into consideration;
- 5.4.3 The suitability of the Combination with regard to the likely characteristics of the arenas in Lanaken and for the unexpected conditions of the CH-EU- S (taking into account the objective of the of this Policy)
- 5.4.4 The ability of the Athlete and his/her support team to operate and perform in a FEI championship environment which is highly regulated & pressurised;
- 5.4.5 The ability of the Athlete and/or support team to contribute towards an effective team and winning orientated environment;
- 5.4.6 The overall balance of the Combinations that have been selected;
- 5.4.7 The ability and experience of the Combination to compete successfully at a high level of international competition;
- 5.4.8 Demonstrated experience and/ or success at Championship level; the ability, or potential ability, of a Horse and/or Athlete to perform under the stress and pressure of a FEI World Championships;
- 5.4.9 The ability of the Athlete, and/or their personal management team to prepare their Horse appropriately to peak condition for a major campaign, such as the FEI Championship;
- 5.4.10 Overall form of the combinations under similar conditions (e.g. similar time allowed, water fences, light fence material, width of oxers) to those that will be met at Lanaken;
- 5.4.11 Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a medal outcome may be a consideration;

Table 1. Irish Studbook allocation and selection criteria

5-year-old	6-year-old	7-year-old	Studbook/ Comp.	Criteria
			WSI & ISH	As per section V
			RDS	The winner of the RDS 5-, 6- and 7-year classes.
Horse figures are based on the 2022 allocation for Irish Studbooks by the FEI (19). Should the allocation change, the places will be re-allocated on a consultation basis. Where any Irish studbook allocation is unfilled due to lack of suitability/nomination/performance it will be back-filled by the other Irish studbook.				

5.5 The Chef D'Equipe will consider section 5.4.8 in the following guise:

- i. Individual success;
- ii. Personal bests at targeted competitions;
- iii. Taking ownership of their performances;
- iv. Willingness to change and develop;
- v. Commitment to excellent horsemanship;
- vi. Have personal coaches, individual performance plans, personal fitness structures and horse management programmes in place;

- 5.6 The soundness of the horse to meet the challenges of competing and travelling to the CH-EU- S will be a significant factor in any selection decision. Athletes must keep the Chef D'Equipe fully briefed on any health or soundness issues the horse may have both historically and throughout the Season. From the date of selection, all squad members must immediately inform the Chef D'Equipe and Team Veterinarian(s) of any illness or injury (however minor). Where it becomes apparent that a squad horse is unsound, and/or that there was a non-disclosure relating to soundness, the Chef D'Equipe reserves the right to remove that combination from selection with immediate effect. The decision of the Chef D'Equipe advice from the Team Veterinarian is final.
- 5.7 Prior and subsequent to selection, the Chef D'Equipe may undertake regular evaluations as to the combination's standard of fitness, their progress in training, their preparedness for the event and their form. Any advice provided by the Team Veterinarian, and medical professionals may be utilised by the Chef D'Equipe, where required. However, such evaluations shall be discretionary on the part of the Selector.
- 5.8 Furthermore, the Chef D'Equipe shall have the authority to remove a selected horse/athlete combination from Selection, where the selected horse and/or athlete has not maintained their fitness, standard of performance, or any other performance related matter in which the HPD considers important, which is not a standard comparable to that exhibited so as to gain selection to represent Ireland at the CH-EU- S.
- 5.9 The Chef D'Equipe 's decision in respect of selected combinations is final and binding.

SECTION VI FORCE MAJEURE

- 6.1 In considering the performances of athletes and horses to compete at the Championships, the Chef d'Equipe may, at their discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- 6.2 For the purposes of section 6.1 above, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, or perform at an optimum level arising from:
 - i. Injury or illness;
 - ii. Bereavement or personal misfortune, and/or;
 - iii) Any other factors reasonably considered by the Chef d'Equipe to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 6.3 Athletes unable to compete at camps, events, trials or other attendances required under this policy must advise the Chef d'Equipe by email of this fact, and the reasons thereof, as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise.
- 6.4 In the case of injury or illness, athletes may be required to undergo a confidential medical examination by a doctor or doctor (s) nominated by Horse Sport Ireland. The findings of the examination will be disclosed to HSI without the written consent of the Athlete; the doctor must advise HSI in writing whether or not it is advisable, based on the findings of the examination, for the Athlete to participate in the Championship. The Chef d'Equipe reserves his right to remove an athlete where the designated medical officer deems the athlete unfit to compete at the level that resulted in their selection for CH-EU- S.
- 6.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the Chef d'Equipe on a case-by-case basis.
- 6.6 Post selection, Athlete substitutions will normally not be allowed except on medical or veterinary grounds, but all substitution decisions will be at the discretion of the Chef d'Equipe. In the case of a bona fide sale, where an Athlete substitution is requested, the Chef d'Equipe reserves all rights in respect of granting the substitution request.

SECTION VII REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 7.1 An Athlete shall be removed from squad selection (individual or team), non- travelling reserve selection, FEI Nominated Entries, and FEI Final Entries by the Chef d'Equipe pursuant clause 5.6, 5.8 & 6.4 above;
- 7.2 An Athlete may be removed from non- travelling reserve selection, FEI Nominated Entries, and/or FEI Final Entries for any of the following reasons, as determined by Horse Sport Ireland Sport Panel;



- i. Notification of an adverse analytical finding following on from testing pursuant to the FEI & HSI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules & FEI & Sport Ireland Human Anti-Doping Protocols;
- ii. Violation of the FEI & HSI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules & FEI & Sport Ireland Human Anti-Doping Protocols;
- iii. Violation of the FEI Hypersensitivity Protocol;
- iv. Violation or alleged violation of the FEI Sport Rules and Regulations, HSI General Rules and/or Policies;
- v. Violation or alleged violation of the HSI Code of Conduct and Jumping Programme Participation Agreement.
- vi. Any action which could damage the reputation of the National Federation, Sport, or the Country.

7.3 Pursuant to Section 7 above, the Chef d'Equipe's decision is final and binding.

SECTION VIII DISCLAIMERS

- 8.1 These procedures are based on FEI General Regulations and applicable FEI Sport Rules as presently known and understood. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to HSI. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.
- 8.2 As such, this policy can be amended at any time by the National Federation (Horse Sport Ireland). Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to amend or change the Selection Policy where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objective of the Selection Policy. In the event, that Horse Sport Ireland is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in any of the above stated rules, regulations and agreements, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.