



HORSE SPORT IRELAND

Selection Policy

**FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2023 CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA, France
19-22 October 2023**

The FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2023 FEI qualification requirements are [available HERE](#). At the time of publication, the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2023 schedule remains to be released. Details with the 2023 schedule will be updated when received by the National Federation.

SECTION I TIMELINES

1.1 The selection timelines for the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA are as follows:

25/04/23	An expression of interest form opened for competitors/owners to complete. The performance of these animals will be monitored by the Le Lion D'Angers Team Manager throughout the eventing season. Failure to complete this form may result in the animal not being selected.
	With athlete permission, a group correspondence will be set up to notify athletes of any training opportunities throughout the year for these Horses.
September	The Le Lion D'Angers Team Manager will formally select the three (3) NF combinations for the CHM-YH-CCI2* and twelve (12) NF combinations for the CHM-YH-CCI3*.
As per FEI schedule	(Subject to change with FEI schedule) Horse Sport Ireland formally submits the nominated entries (6 combinations) for the CH-M-YH-CCI2* and up to 24 combinations for the CH-M-YH-CCI3* to the FEI, to include a certificate of capability, pursuant to Article 521 of the FEI Eventing Rules, 2023.
As per FEI schedule	(Subject to change with FEI schedule) Horse Sport Ireland will submit the Definite Entries to the FEI.
	Selected combinations for both the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CHM-YH-CCI3* will be invited to official squad training, dates/times to be announced.

Please note that the number of combinations is based on 2022 FEI allocation. This document will be updated once 2023 allocation is provided by the FEI.

SECTION II ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

- 2.1 An FEI maximum of (3) **three** 6-year-olds and (12) **twelve** 7-year-old horses will be selected to represent the Irish WBFSH Studbooks at the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2022. 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 in a Studbook and possess a unique equine life number (UELN) issued by an Irish studbook that is a Full Member of the WBFSH. Only the Studbook in which the horse in question is first registered, is acceptable for participation at the Championships. The quota for each country is for horses registered in a Studbook which is originally recognised in that country. In Ireland's case, these studbooks are the Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH) and the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI).
- 2.2.1 Please see Appendix one for non-Irish studbook selection and participation.
- 2.3 All athletes wishing to compete at the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA, (FRA) must in the first instance achieve a Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) in accordance with Article 521 of the FEI Eventing Rules.
- 2.4 It is the sole responsibility of each Eventing Athlete to ensure that as a combination they have the required MER for the level of the Championship. In this case the MER for the CH-M-YHCCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA pursuant to Art.521 is as follows:
- 2.4.1 All qualifying events must be achieved as a combination.
- 2.4.2 The FEI deadline for obtaining the minimum eligibility requirements is 3 weeks before the 1st Dressage Day of the Championship and must be obtained in the calendar year in question or the preceding calendar year.

Minimum qualifying events to be achieved

Based on 2022:

Young Horse Championship 6 years old 1 x CCI 2*S with zero obstacle penalties on XC and max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping test

Young Horse Championship 7 years old 1 x CCI2*L + 1 x CCI 3*S, both with zero obstacle penalties on XC and max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping test

- 2.5 Thereafter, Eventing Athletes, should be mindful that the MER as stated above, is only a MINIMUM requirement.
- 2.6 Selectors will prioritise IRL athlete combinations who are capable of achieving a podium finish at the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* competing with any of the two Irish WBFSH breed codes. Thereafter, the quota will be filled, where places allow, by IRL athlete combinations

competing with non-IRL WBFSH breed codes and/or non-DAFM approved Pedigree Studbooks, where applicable.

- 2.7 Eligible horses must be ridden by FEI Licenced Irish riders.
- 2.8 Eligible horses will be selected irrespective of their country of birth.
- 2.9 The following breeding criteria will be applicable for the IRL WBFSH books:
 - 2.9.1 All horses registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook with the breed code ISH, and with sire and dam recorded on their studbook passport
 - 2.9.2 All horses registered in the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland with the breed name Irish Warmblood, and with sire and dam recorded on their passport, are eligible for selection.

SECTION III RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 It is the sole responsibility of Eventing Athletes to be fully cognisant of the current FEI Rules for Eventing and the FEI Clean Sport policy.
- 3.2 Athletes must strictly abide by the principles of the following:
 - i. FEI General Regulations;
 - ii. FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse;
 - iii. FEI & HSI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules and the Human Anti-Doping Rules as set out by the FEI and Sport Ireland;
 - iv. Horse Sport Ireland General Rules, where applicable;
 - v. The Horse Sport Ireland 'Athlete Code of Conduct' and act in a manner that does not bring Horse Sport Ireland into disrepute
 - vi. HSI Social Media Policy
- 3.3 The athlete must ensure that the expression of interest form is completed so the selector is aware of their interest in being selected for the championships. Failure to do so may result in the equine/combination being omitted from selection.
- 3.4 Prompt communications with the Selectors, appointed Veterinarian and Horse Sport Ireland in relation to the Le Lion D'Angers Programme are required throughout the season.
- 3.5 Athletes must show a commitment to personal fitness and professional behaviour.
- 3.6 All Athletes selected will be required to wear the official Horse Sport Ireland designated kit while participating at the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA.

SECTION IV VETERINARY

- 4.1 The Team Manager and/or Horse Sport Ireland can request that a horse be made available for inspection by the appointed Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian at any time. Athletes must comply with this request.
- 4.2 Athletes must notify the Team Manager of any change in their horse's health status or of any veterinary issues when they first become apparent.

- 4.3 The Team Manager Horse Sport Ireland can send the 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 appointed Veterinarian, the veterinary records of horses being considered for selection. In addition, athletes, (at their own expense), shall be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the appointed Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Athletes, (at their own expense), are to consider any treatment prescribed by the appointed Veterinarian, in consultation with the horse's regular Private Treating Veterinarian. Failure to comply with any request of the appointed Veterinarian may result in the removal of the athlete/horse combination from selection by the Selectors.
- 4.5 Each selected athlete will be required to keep a log book for their horses in which they must record all feeds, products, treatments, supplements used on or given to their horse from 20th August 2023 until the first vet inspection on of the 2023 event. The date is to be provided by the Le Lion D'Angers organising committee. The appointed Veterinarian will be entitled to view this log book at any time. Athletes are required to submit this log book to the Team Veterinarian on or before departure in line with Rule 8.12 of the Horse Sport Ireland General Rules.
- 4.6 For the purposes of section IV, the Le Lion D'Angers Team Manager reserve their right to remove an athlete combination from selection, where the athlete does not comply with any of the above veterinary requests or the horse is deemed unsound by the appointed Veterinarian and/or Physiotherapist to travel and compete at the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA. The decision of the Team Manager on advice from the appointed Veterinarian and/or physiotherapist is final. A HSI veterinarian and or Physiotherapist may be present on the final viewing day to examine horses prior to selection.

SECTION V SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 Team Manager
- 5.1.1 The Team Manager will be appointed by Horse Sport Ireland.
- 5.1.2 The Team Manager will have the knowledge and experience required to select CH-M-YHCCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* combinations and will be free from conflicts of interest. Horse Sport Ireland will maintain a register of conflicts of interest and the Team Manager will declare any potential or perceived conflicts as soon as they arise.
- 5.1.3 The Team Manager will act throughout as expert and is entitled within this Selection Policy to use their absolute discretion, to select athlete/horse combinations for the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* having regard to the criteria set out below. They must at all times use their discretion honestly and with due integrity.
- 5.1.4 The specific aim of this Policy is:
- a) To select combinations capable of achieving a medal at the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* 2022

- b) To select the best horses to represent the WBFSH member Studbooks in Ireland
- c) To develop potential Championship team horses for the future.

5.1.5 The Team Manager may be contacted to discuss individual horses and their interest in attending the championships. Please contact Horse Sport Ireland if you wish to get in contact with the Team Manager.

5.2 CRITERIA

5.2.1 Pursuant to Art.116 of the 2022 FEI General Regulations and the FEI Eventing Rules, Athletes are invited by the Organising Committee through their NF. The following are the maximum number of horses per NF (including host NF):

Maximum number of horses per athlete:

2 horses per athlete for the entire event: whether 2 in the CH- 2* if not limited by excessive number of entries whether 2 in the CH- 3* if not limited by excessive number of entries whether 1 in the CH- 2*+ 1 in the CH- 3*, please see FEI Memo.

CH-M-YH-CCI2* - 6-year-old category

5.2.2 In order to retain a squad place for the CH-M-YH-CCI2* the following competition and general measures will be considered by the Chef d'équipe.

5.2.3 In addition to the MER for CH-M-YH-CCI2*, the Selectors have set a minimum dressage score of 65% to be achieved at international events in order to be considered for selection.

CH-M-YH-CCI3* - 7-year-old category

5.2.4 In order to retain a squad place for the CH-M-YH-CCI3* the following competition and general measures will be considered by the Chef d'équipe.

5.2.5 In addition to the MER for CH-M-YH-CCI3*, the Selectors have set a minimum dressage score of 63% to be achieved at international events in order to be considered for selection.

Competition & General Measures applicable for the 6- & 7-year-olds.

5.3.1 The Team Manager will select combinations based on their performances at any national Eventing Ireland or BE events, young horse classes or international events throughout the 2023 season, such selections will be made by the Team Manager in their absolute discretion to achieve the best possible result at the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA.

- It is advised that the Team Manager is notified of the international competitions that you intend to compete in.
- Results at the DAFM supported HSI Studbook Series in eventing will be taken into consideration for selection where applicable.

5.3.2 In assessing the performances of combinations, the Selectors will consider the following Competition Measures:

- i. The final score (across all three phases of the competition);
- ii. The scores achieved in each individual phase; and
- iii. The final placing of the Combination (note that the score and the placing of each Combination will be considered but do not automatically position one Combination above another for selection purposes)

5.3.3 In assessing the performance of combinations, the Selectors will give consideration to General Measures. These general measures include, but are not limited to:

- i. Past performances and present form of the athlete and horse combination, with particular emphasis on international results.
- ii. The suitability of the Combination with regard to the likely characteristics of the cross-country course and the arenas at Le Lion D'Angers, FRA and for the unexpected conditions of the CH-M-YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* (taking into account the objective of securing podium finishes for the IRL WBFSH Studbooks);
- iii. The ability of the Athlete and his/her support team to operate and perform in a FEI championship environment which is highly regulated & pressurised;
- iv. The ability of the Athlete and/or support team to contribute towards an effective team and winning orientated environment;
- v. The overall balance of the combinations that have been selected;
- vi. The ability and experience of the Combination to compete successfully at the highest level of international young horse competition;
- vii. Demonstrated experience and/ or success at Championship level and the ability, or potential ability, of an Athlete to perform under the stress and pressure of a FEI Championships;
- viii. The ability of the Athlete to prepare their Horse to peak for a major campaign, such as the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2023;
- ix. Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a medal outcome may be a consideration;
- x. Exceptional ability of a Combination (and the potential to achieve an individual medal) may be a consideration and may, in the Selectors discretion, place a Combination with less experience or consistency ahead of another Combination;
- xi. The athlete must be in good standing with the FEI, EI and HSI.

5.3.4 FEI Points

Athletes should note that the FEI will rank combinations based on their performances in international competition and these can be used by the FEI to allocate places in the two competitions, if oversubscribed. It is not possible to determine what the cutoff point will be but it is **essential for combinations to have FEI points** i.e. placings at international level. In 2022 there were three places for Ireland in the six-year-old competition and twelve in the seven-year-old competition.

The definite entry date is as per FEI schedule 2023 (not yet published). FEI Points are awarded as Follows:

CIC2S: 11 , 9 , 8 , 7 , 6 , 5 , 4 , 3 , 2 , 1

CIC3S: 21 , 19 , 18 , 17 , 16 , 15 , 14 , 13 , 12 , 11 & so on down in increments of 1 CCI2L: as for CIC above**

CCI3L: 41 , 38 , 36 , 34 , 32 , 30 , 28 , 26 , 24 , 22 & so on down in increments of 2

Prospective candidates should note that while Team Manager will have a mind to the point's level of each combination with a view to them getting into their class it will not be the case that combinations will be selected based exclusively on FEI or EI points. The Team Manager selection is final.

- 5.3.5 Athletes should note that where a squad place is secured as stated above, this place is wholly dependent on the athlete/horse combination maintaining fitness, form and soundness.
- 5.3.6 The soundness of the horse to meet the challenges of competing and travelling to the CH- MYH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA will be a significant factor in any selection decision. Athletes must keep the Team Manager fully briefed on any health or soundness issues the horse may have both historically and throughout the selection period. From the date of selection all selected squad members must immediately inform Team Manager 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, Selectors reserve the right to remove that combination from the squad with immediate effect. The decision of the Team Manager on advice from the appointed Veterinarian is final.
- 5.3.7 Prior and subsequent to selection, Team Manager may undertake regular evaluations as to the combinations standard of fitness, their progress in training, their preparedness for the event and their form over three disciplines (as a combination and on other horses). Any advice provided by the appointed Veterinarian, Programme Coaches, and support professionals may be utilised by Team Manager where required. However, such evaluations shall be discretionary on the part of the Team Manager.
- 5.3.8 Furthermore, Team Manager shall have the authority to remove a selected horse/athlete combination from the squad or as a reserve, where the selected horse and/or athlete has not maintained their fitness, standard of performance, form over three disciplines or any other performance related matter in which Team Manager considers important, which is not a standard comparable to that exhibited so as to gain selection to represent Ireland at the CHM- YH-CCI2* & CH-M-YH-CCI3* Le Lion D'Angers, FRA.
- 5.3.9 FEI qualified combinations may be invited to a training day (date TBC) for the purposes of a final viewing day before selection. If necessary, FEI qualified combinations based in the UK may be required to attend a final viewing day before selection. This viewing take will take place in the UK. Once selected, combinations may be invited to a training day where the designated squad kit will be provided, and a press call will take place. All selected combinations are required to attend, if hosted, unless expressly excused by the Team Manager.

SECTION VI FORCE MAJEURE

- 6.1 In considering the performances of athletes at events or other attendances in line with this policy, Team Manager may, in 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 Team Manager to constitute extenuating circumstances;
- 6.3 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials or other attendances required under this policy must advise Team Manager and HSI 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 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 Team Manager reserves the right to remove an athlete where the designated medical officer deems the athlete unfit to compete, at the level which resulted in their selection for the CH-EU-YR-CCI2* & CH-EU-YR-CCI3*.
- 6.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by Team Manager on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION VII REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 7.1 An athlete shall be removed from squad selection, non-travelling reserve selection, FEI Nominated Entries and/or FEI Final Entries by the Selectors pursuant clauses 4.4 & 6.4 above;
- 7.2 An athlete may be removed from squad selection (individual or team)
- 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 of the FEI Sport Rules and Regulations and HSI General Rules;
 - v. Violation or alleged violation of the HSI Code of Conduct;
 - vi. Any action which could damage the reputation of the Sport or the Country;
- 7.3 The decision of the Team Manager 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. This athlete selection policy is 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 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.

Appendix 1: Non-Irish Studbook allocations

- 1.1. Irish Studbooks are herein referred to as the Irish Sport Horse (ISH) Studbook and the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI), as in 2.1.
- 1.2. From time-to-time non-Irish studbook horses are selected to attend and participate in the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses where the allocation is available. Please note the following:
 - 1.2.1. Non-Irish Studbook horse-rider combinations will not be in receipt of funding to participate in the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses.
 - 1.2.2. Non-Irish studbook horse - rider combinations will be selected on the basis of the HSI selection criteria for the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses and must abide by all rules and regulations therein.
 - 1.2.3. Non-Irish studbook selections are completed in line with the invitation system below:

VI. INVITATIONS

1. GENERAL

Invited NFs	Unlimited A total of 110 Horses will be allowed to participate: 40 six-year old Horses in the CH- 2* / 70 seven-year old horses in the CH- 3*. In order to participate in the FEI WBFSH Eventing World Championship for Young Horses 2022, all horses entered must be registered in a WBFSH member studbook. The list of member studbooks can be found here: Our Members WBFSH - World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses
Number of athletes from the host nation	15 3 for the CH-2* & 12 for the CH-3*
Number of athletes per NF	15 3 for the CH-2* & 12 for the CH-3*
Maximum number of horses per athlete	2 2 horses per athlete for the entire event: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• either 2 in the CH- 2* if not limited by excessive number of entries• either 2 in the CH- 3* if not limited by excessive number of entries• either 1 in the CH- 2*+ 1 in the CH- 3*
Ballot procedure in case of excessive entries	In case of excessive entries (more than 110 horses for both competitions), a ballot system based on FEI Eventing Horse Ranking (established for the purpose of this championship only) will apply, and taking into account the limit of authorized quota of Horses per nation, to be determined on the date of the nominative entries: All the Horses with the same number of points of the 40th ranked Horse for the 6 year olds and 70th ranked Horse for the 7 year olds on the list will be accepted. The slots in the Rankings are attributed to the National Federations and are not nominative. Each Horse guarantees a slot for his Nation but the final selection of combinations belongs to the National Federation.

Athletes are invited by the Organiser through their National Federation.
One (1) groom per athlete.

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