



**Nomination and Selection Policy**  
**WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy -**  
**Tops International Arena – Valkenswaard, NED**  
**26 - 29 September 2024**

**Participation in WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy**  
**Irish Sport Horse Studbook**

**SECTION I: TIMELINES**

**1.1 The selection timelines for the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy are as follows:**

May – August 2024	Athletes interested in being included on the Horse Sport Ireland Young Horse Squad to represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy in Valkenswaard, Netherlands must fill out an official HSI Expression of Interest online.
26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	All selected combinations will be required to submit documentation to HSI to complete FEI Registration immediately prior to Definite Entries.
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2024	All FEI Registrations must be completed in advance of final selection.  More information can be found by clicking <a href="#">HERE</a>
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	HSI will submit the Definite Entries to the FEI.
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Selected combinations must inform Horse Sport Ireland of their intention to have their horses nominated for inclusion in the auction on the Saturday night of the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.

**SECTION II: ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION**

- 2.1 A maximum of **24 horses** shall be selected to represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy. As per the rules of the show, the Irish Sport Horse Studbook will be represented by 6 horse and Athlete combinations. Each Studbook Team is composed of maximum 6 Athletes and 6 horses, minimum 3 Athletes.
- 2.2 In the Final, each Studbook must be represented by 3 different Athletes. Change of the Athlete during the event is not allowed; horse must compete in the 3 competitions with the same Athlete.
  - 2.2.1 Horse and Athlete combinations that are not selected for the Team Final will be automatically selected for the Consolation Final.
- 2.3 All horses must be registered and possess a unique equine life number (UELN) issued by the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
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- 2.5 Eligible horses will be nominated and selected irrespective of their country of birth.
- 2.6 Breeding criteria: All horses registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook with the breed code ISH, and with sire, dam and damsire recorded on their passport.
  - 2.6.1 Horses must have three generations of recorded pedigree with no missing ancestors to be eligible for selection.
- 2.7 Each Athlete can compete for the same Studbook in different categories.
- 2.8 Each Athlete can compete with a maximum of 2 horses per category except in the Final.
- 2.9 Only horses nominated by the ISH nominated according to the criteria and rules contained in this document, may be selected by the NF to compete in the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.
- 2.10 In 2025, the Breeding nomination and selection criteria will include that all Irish Sport Horse Studbook representative horses must be sired by a stallion that is preliminary Approved/Approved/Recognised by the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

**2.11 Horses selected to represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships in Lanaken, Belgium from 24 – 28 September 2024 in the 5-, or 6-year-old age categories will not be selected to represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.**

### **SECTION III: WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy Quota Agreement**

- 3.1 The information below is as per the 2024 FEI Schedule; information which can be found here: [WBFSH/FEI](#). Athletes, Owners, and Personal Management teams should familiarise themselves with the FEI/WBFSH/OC Agreement in respect of National Federation (NF) quota.
- 3.2 For the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, a maximum of 5 horses will be nominated per age category:
  - 6 x 5-year-olds.
  - 6 x 6-year-olds.
  - 6 x 7-year-olds.
  - 6 x 8-year-olds.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 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 WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy 2024.
- 5.2 The following criteria shall be used for nomination and selection within each age category:
- 5.3 In assessing the performance of combinations, the Chef d'Equipe will only consider nominations that have completed an online Expression Of Interest 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 Athlete. The Chef D'Equipe Chef D'Equipe will give consideration to the performances in 2024 at the following events:

5.3.1	DAFM 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;
5.3.5	Official HSI team viewing day(s) at the National Sports Campus Arena. If/where these occur athletes will be charged a fee for same.

5.4 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), if any, must be submitted on or before the 18th of August 2024 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 Athlete.
- 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 Valkenswaard and for the unexpected conditions of the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy (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 team 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 an event such as the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.
- 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 WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.
- 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 Valkenswaard.
- 5.4.11 Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a podium outcome may be a consideration.



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 WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy 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 WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.

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 WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy, 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 WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.

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.

- 6.7 Athletes must sign the HSI code of conduct
- 6.8 Athletes must have their own personal accident and liability cover.
- 6.9 Submission of an expression of interest states that athletes agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Horse Sport Ireland against all liabilities, losses, costs, demands, orders, recommendations, determinations, judgments, damages, actions, expenses, fines, penalties, interest, reasonable legal costs and expenses and all claims howsoever and whenever incurred by the Company:
  - 6.9.1 Relating to any income tax, PRSI, levies, contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made in connection with either the provision studbooks trophy competition; and/or any payment or benefit claimed or received by any person engaged by me (or associates) in connection with the studbook's champions trophy, where such recovery is not prohibited by law:
  - 6.9.2 As a consequence of any allegation or claim related to employment or alleged employment, transfer or employment, worker status or worker remuneration brought by me, or by any person or persons procured by me in the provision of the Services whether under contract, in equity, at common law or pursuant to Funded by National Breeding Services statute (including, without limitation pursuant to the Unfair Dismissals Acts 1977 to 2007), or otherwise;
  - 6.9.3 Relating to injury, loss or damage caused by an act or omission by me or by any person or persons procured by the me in the studbook's trophy competition;

## **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.

- 8.3 Athletes and their horses may be asked to wear, or have their horses wear, clothing or tack branded on behalf of a sponsor who has provided in-kind support to the Irish Sport Horse Studbook for the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy. Athletes who do not cooperate will not receive whatever (if any) funding supports from DAFM National Breeding Services are made available for their participation at the WBFSH Studbook Jumping Global Champions Trophy.
- 8.4 This initiative is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under National Breeding Services, Horse Sport Ireland shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of any change or reduction in funding available, where the competing combination may be liable for some additional or all associated competing costs.

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