

## **BEV Selection Criteria for Championships 2017**

Statement: “British Equestrian Vaulting is committed to ensuring a balanced and ethical selection process in line with the ideals of the BEF strategic plan and upholding the principles of clean sport and fair competition that ultimately produces the best possible outcomes for Team GBR.”

### **1.0 Selection Class**

BEV may select for Senior Championships;

- 1 x Squad
- 3 x Senior Female Vaulters
- 3 x Senior Male Vaulters
- 2 x Pas de Deux

BEV may select for Junior Championships;

- 1 x Squad
- 3 x Junior Female Vaulters
- 3 x Junior Male Vaulters
- 2 x Pas de Deux

### **2.0 Procedure**

#### **2.1 Application Process**

- a) Membership - Competitors must be fully paid up members of BEV Ltd throughout the Selection process.
- b) Notification - The criteria will be published on the website and emailed out to members. Members have 10 days to appeal against the criteria.
- c) Prescribed Format - All competitors wishing to be considered for 2017 selection must apply in writing to the National Selection Co-ordinator in the format of the official BEV Ltd forms. (Appendices 1, 2, & 3)
- d) Fees – Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. The fees for 2017 are as follows:

**Squads £95,                      Individuals £30,                      Pas de Deux £35.**

Competitors may apply for both age groups providing the correct fee is paid for each. For example a squad may apply for both Junior and senior but must pay £190.

- e) Deadline - application forms with the correct fees to be received **Wednesday 30th November 2016**

f) Late Entries - The National Selection Co-ordinator may accept late entries, (with the required costs) in exceptional unforeseen circumstances.

## **2.2 Public disclosure of those up for Selection**

The list of those who have applied for selection will be published in the next available newsletter, on the website and BEV Facebook page after **30th November 2016**.

## **2.3 Training Days**

Competitors are expected to attend at least one of the National Squad training days. Competitors are advised to follow and check emails for notification. A contribution towards running costs will be required.

## **2.4 Nominated Event**

All competitors who have applied for selection will receive notification by email if they are required to compete at the nominated BEV National competition. Competitors will be notified of the date and venue at least 8 weeks before the event. If notification is received attendance will be mandatory.

The British event will be run according to BEV Ltd rules. In the event of a British Selection Trials there will be a minimum of two international judges (FEI 3\* or FEI 4\*) and two National judges. In exceptional unforeseen circumstances the number or level of judges may be changed.

## **3.0 Submission of Scores**

Vaulters must submit at least one score at the required level from a CVI in 2017

### **3.1 Squads**

If Vaulters compete at both competitions within a Squad (selected 2017) for which scores are submitted, and then withdraw from that Squad to compete in Individual, Pas de Deux or the alternate age group Championships this will lead to de-selection of that squad.

Reserve Squad Vaulters must compete at a minimum of one competition in 2017 in the CVI\*/\*\*/\*\*\*, CVICh\*/\*\*, CVIJ\*/\*\*, BEV Official individual, intermediate, junior or advanced squad competition attaining a minimum compulsory score of 5.0, this being the average from all judges.

Note: Any Squad changing 3 Vaulters after selection (50%) will be considered as a different squad and will be de-selected.

### **3.2 Individuals**

Individuals must fulfil the FEI qualification criteria before the close of nominated entries.

### **3.3 Pas de Deux**

Individuals must fulfil the FEI qualification criteria before the close of nominated entries.

### **3.4 Horses**

British horses & reserve horses to have achieved in a class above novice level a minimum score of 5.8 at a BEV affiliated competition or a CVI\*/\*\*/\*\* within 2017.

Scores are the average over one round of a competition.

A competitor/s wishing to use foreign horse must provide evidence of the required minimum score from CVI2\*, CVIJ2\* or CVI3\* since 1st January 2017. This must be provided to the selection co-ordinator by **12th June 2017**.

Any additional British Horses not previously nominated must be submitted to the National Selection Co-ordinator prior to **12th June 2017** with the required score.

At all selection events if the first choice horse fails inspection or is not fit to compete, the participants should appear on a reserve horse. Veterinary evidence in writing of the failed horse's fitness to compete at the event requiring selection will have to be provided within 14 days to the National Selection Co-ordinator. It is the intention of BEV Ltd to offer help and select medically fit competitors.

### **3.5 Lungers**

Lungers & reserve Lungers must have lunged competitively in a class above Novice level. Squad Lungers must have lunged competitively for squad vaulting in a class above Novice level.

### **3.6 CVI Rugby**

In the event that all available spaces have not been filled following the close of score submission on **12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**, the selection panel may consider competitors who achieve the required FEI qualification scores at CVI Rugby. Such scores will be considered on a case by case basis.

### **4.0 Changes in Application**

Any competitor (including lungers and horses) applying for selection (or their agent) must inform the National Selection Co-ordinator in writing of any detrimental changes to their health between the 1st April 2017 and 12th June 2017. If selected, the National Selection Coordinator and Chef d'Equipe must be informed in writing of any detrimental changes to competitor's health before the championships. It is the intention of BEV Ltd to offer help and select medically fit competitors.

If de-selection is necessary the National Selection Co-ordinator will liaise between the competitor (or their agent) and a quorum of the management committee. Changes in selection may occur after consultation with & confirmation by a quorum of the management committee. The National Selection Co-ordinator is responsible for notification of changes to selection.

The National Selection Co-ordinator will notify competitors affected of the decisions reached in writing.

After competitors have commenced travelling to the competition the Chef d'Equipe is responsible for changes to selection.

### **5.0 Definitions**

A quorum is over 50% of the members of the management committee. The selected unit will consist of the entered Vaulters(s), Lunger, horse and reserves of the aforementioned.

The word "competitors" encompasses Vaulters, reserve Vaulters, horses, reserve horses, Lungers and reserve Lungers.

### **6.0 Rules**

New BEV and FEI rules and qualification criteria will be incorporated into the selection process as they are ratified and clarified. Athletes and their representatives are responsible for ensuring they have read and understood FEI and BEV rules and criteria.

Competitors must familiarise themselves with the current FEI Rules and Regulations in particular those relating to Horse Welfare and Prohibited Substances and Qualification for Championships. These are available on the FEI web site.

Implementation of Chapter IX in the BEV rules will apply.

At the discretion of the selection panel if a competitor/squad of proven competitive stature having received notification by email then fails to attend the mandatory selection event, due to circumstances beyond their control/injury and the class is not already over-subscribed the afore mentioned competitor/squad may apply in writing to the Selection Panel for the use of another 2017 competition score to be used in the selection calculation. The competition must have judges of an equal or higher level than the selection event. If the panel and the management committee are quorum in agreement, an invitation may be offered.

Additional specific selection costs (judge, secretarial, etc.) may be applicable to those up for selection on a per competitor basis and be advertised in the selection event schedule due to ongoing increasing costs of running events.

### **7.0 Selection Panel**

#### **7.1 Definition**

The Selection Panel will be appointed by the BEV Directors and members of the BEV Management Committee. The members of the Selection panel should have no conflict of interest. Conflict of interest includes: Past or present - owner, Lunger, close relative or regular trainer of competitor up for selection. The proposed nominees for the Selection Panel for 2017 are; Wendy Bell, Ann Hunt & Liz Lukehurst.

## 7.2 Obligations of Selectors

The Selectors are required to use their best endeavours in the interests of British Equestrian Vaulting to select those competitors who they believe to be the best possible combinations for the purpose of representing Great Britain at a Championship in accordance with this criteria.

## 7.3 Request for Information

Selectors may from time to time request further information regarding Vaulters/ Horse fitness or other matters. It is expected that such information will not be unreasonably withheld.

## 7.4 Consequences of non -disclosure

Should the applicant fail to divulge such information when requested to do so (without reasonable excuse) which leads to a failure of the ability of the selectors to obtain substantial and/or accurate information the panel reserves the right to disclose all facts to the Management Committee for their decision.

## 7.5 Duty of Care

Selectors are to exercise a duty of care not to disclose sensitive /personal or confidential information in their deliberations particularly where additional information is requested from those up for selection.

## 8.0 Criteria to be used in making selection

- i) Fulfilment of the BEV Ltd procedure and obligations detailed above and FEI Eligibility Criteria. (See FEI 2017 Qualification tables)
- ii) To compete in the event designated (if required) for selection by BEV Ltd.
- iii) Final selection result calculation:

Vaulters must submit 2 results achieved since 1st January 2017 by email to the National Selection Co-ordinator **by 12th June 2017**. These may be from any CVIJ2\* for juniors and any CVI3\* for seniors. The score from the nominated BEV competition may also be used and will carry the same weight as a CVI for selection purposes.

The partnership between competitor and horse is considered key. Squads, Individuals and Pas de Deux should submit scores on their preferred horse where ever possible to demonstrate their successful partnership.

The scores will be added together and divided by 2.

iv) In the event of a tie the factors determining selection are likely to include but will not be limited to;

- a) Experience in the class applying to compete
- b) Prior performance at that level over previous 12 months
- c) Proven partnership with their horse
- d) Recent competition history
- e)

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Opportunity to compete in another class f) Attendance to training g) Fitness of competitor/competitors

### **8.1 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

**INDIVIDUALS:** Places will be allocated on the highest average score. The scores submitted should be the average of compulsories, technical test and freestyle.

**SQUADS:** Places will be allocated on the highest average score. The scores submitted should be the final score, whether over one round or two. Scores must be in line with the graph in the Strategic Plan.

**PAS DE DEUX** Places will be allocated on the highest average score. The scores submitted should be the score from any one round.

### **8.2 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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**SQUADS:** Places will be allocated on the highest average score. The scores submitted should be the final score, whether over one round or two. Scores must be in line with the graph in the Strategic Plan.

**PAS DE DEUX** Places will be allocated on the highest average score. The scores submitted should be the score from any one round.

### **8.3 Evidence for Selection: Scoresheets**

Competitors are required keep their score sheets from all competitions safe and to have them available if requested by the National Selection Co-ordinator

### **9.0 Invitation**

At its own discretion The Selection Panel may recommend to the Management Committee to appoint by invitation combinations who they feel will give credibility to Team GBR (Quorum vote required). The circumstances in which a combination will be able to be appointed will be determined by the Selection Panel without conflict of interest.

### **10.0 Ratification**

After the deadline for scores to be submitted on **12th June 2017**, a meeting will be held in which the National Selection Co-ordinator and Selection panel present their recommendations to the BEV Directors and management committee

### **10.1 Notification to Applicants**

Once the competitors have been selected the National Selection Co-ordinator will notify Coaches of the decision reached by telephone. Subsequently Individuals and Pas de Deux competitors will receive confirmation of the decisions reached in writing. The National

Selection Co-ordinator will send confirmation to the Squad Lungers of the decisions reached in writing.

### **11.0 Selection Obligations once selected**

Selected competitors and horse owners must read, sign and adhere to the BEV and BEF squad agreement if requested.

Competitors forward for selection must attend review meetings and take part in performance analysis and National Selection Training sessions if requested by BEV or BEF. They must provide information or take part in any press related activity if requested to help promote BEV, BEF, FEI, and/or the sport as requested.

Competitors in the run up to selection and most importantly in the period up to Championship have a responsibility to ensure they stay up-to-date with the requirements of UKAD. Whilst BEV will do its utmost to ensure such information is available on their website and via other communication mediums the ultimate responsibility for being a “clean athlete” and understanding and following of the UK and FEI Anti- Doping Regulations and World Anti- Doping Agency Rules lies with the competitor (Vaultler/Lunger)

### **12.0 De-Selection**

The Management Committee reserve the right to de-select or remove from the selection process any candidate whose behaviour is deemed inappropriate; and where the Management Committee perceive that its nature may cause offence to its members and the general public. In appropriate behaviour will include but is not limited to pending criminal convictions and/or a public display of inappropriate behaviour where the selection of such a candidate could bring BEV into dis-repute. All representatives of Team GBR must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.

### **13.0 Complaints**

In the event of a complaint about how the application of the process has been handled he can send a letter of complaint highlighting the issue to the Selection Panel. (With attached fee of £100) The complaint will then be investigated according to the following policy;

Obligation; BEV selectors and Management Committee will do their utmost to avoid unnecessary complaints and complete the task of selection in an unbiased fair and ethical manner.

Procedures are in place for fairly and objectively examining complaints disputes and allegations against BEV, the selectors & any members of their Management Committee. Further BEV has resolved not to dilute procedures relating to or tainted by impartiality arising from personal conflict or organisational conflict of interest, or any other form of bias.

### **13.1 Confidentiality & Corrective Action**

Upon receiving the complaint The Selection Panel will assure the complainant of complete confidentiality. All factual and supporting information will be acquired in order to ascertain the events leading to the complaint and the panel will use best endeavours to urgently resolve the matter and if necessary take corrective action in order to remedy the situation.

### **14.0 Retaliation**

BEV Selectors and their management Committee have a policy not to tolerate or engage in any form of retaliation by the management or any associated member of the Committee. The policy provides for a duty to handle such cases of retaliatory misconduct as expeditiously as possible without compromising responsible solutions.

### **15.0 Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Selectors and the Management Committee will responsibly credit promptly and in public or private as appropriate those whose allegations have been substantiated.

If the conclusion is inadequate for the purposes of the competitor there is the further recourse to appeal.

### **16.0 Appeals**

Any appeals to the results of selection must be made to the National Selection Co-ordinator within 48 hours of the competitor being notified of the outcome of the selection process.

#### **a) Appeals Panel**

The Appeals Panel consists of Directors of BEV without a conflict of interest & a BEF appointee

#### **b) Outcome of Appeal**

The results will not be announced to the press until after the appeals window is closed.

### **Overview of Dates**

**Closing date for applications                      Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Closing date for score submission              Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**