



British Equestrian Vaulting Policy

SELECTION CRITERIA 2020

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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."

This document has been produced by the 2020 selection panel and ratified by the BEV Management Committee.

1. 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. Procedure

In order to be considered for Selection the following must be adhered to:

2.1 Application Process

a) Membership of Governing Body – Athletes (including Lungers and Horses) must be fully paid up members of BEV Ltd throughout the Selection process.

b) Notification - The criteria will be published on the website and e-mailed out to members. Members will have 10 days to appeal against the criteria from the date published.

c) Prescribed Format - All competitors wishing to be considered for 2020 selection must apply by email to Joanna McLaren on the format of the official BEV Ltd forms. (Appendices 1, 2, & 3)

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d) Fees – Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

The fees for 2020 are as follows: Squads £120, Individuals £50, Pas de Deux £70.

These fees must be paid directly to BEV Ltd

Payment Details - *BEV LTD Account Number: 73725448 Sort Code: 20-61-55*

e) Deadline – fully completed application forms with the correct fees must be received by 31st January 2020

2.3 Public disclosure of those up for Selection

The list of those who have applied for selection will be published on the website and BEV Facebook page after 31st January 2020

2.4 Training Days

Competitors are required to attend at least one of the National performance days in the previous 18 months before the close of selection on the 21st June 2020. (Excluding horses)

2.5 Nominated Event

All competitors who have applied for selection will receive notification by e-mail if they are required to compete at a 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*) and two National judges. In exceptional unforeseen circumstances the number or level of judges may be changed.

3. Submission of Scores

All individual Athletes must have achieved the FEI Qualifying score at a CVI between the 31st January 2020 and the 21st June 2020. ([LINK TO THE FEI QS](#))

All Pas de Deux must have achieved the FEI Qualifying score at a CVI between the 31st January 2020 and the 21st June 2020. ([LINK TO THE FEI QS](#))

Senior Squads must have achieved a CVI3* score of 6.5 at a CVI between the 31st January 2020 and the 21st June 2020.

Junior Squads must have achieved a CVI2* score of 6.0 at a CVI between the 31st January 2020 and the 21st June 2020.

3.1 Squads

If Vaulters compete at competitions within a Squad (selected 2020) 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.

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

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3.2 Horses

British horses & nominated reserve* horses to have achieved a score of 6.5 at a CVI between 31st January 2020 and the 21st June 2020. Scores are the average over one round of a competition. An Athlete wishing to use foreign horse must provide evidence of the 6.5 score from CVI2*, CVIJ2* or CVI3* since 1st January 2020. This must be provided to Joanna McLaren by 21st June 2020. At all selection events if the first choice horse fails inspection or is not fit to compete, the participants should appear on their nominated reserve horse.

*A reserve horse may use a score obtained at a British competition.

3.4 Lungers

Lungers & reserve Lungers must have lunged competitively at a CVI in 2020

4.0 Changes in Application

Any competitor (including lungers and horses) applying for selection (or their agent) must inform the BEV Selection Panel of any detrimental changes to their health between the 1st April 2020 and 21st June 2020.

Upon selection the Chef d'Equipe must be informed of any detrimental changes to any 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 BEV Selection Panel will liaise between the competitor (or their agent).

Changes in selection may occur after consultation with the selection panel and confirmation by the management committee.

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

5.0 Definitions

The selected unit will consist of the entered Athlete(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

Team GBR Athletes and their representatives (this includes but isn't limited to Parents/Guardians, Grooms, Travel Supervisors and other Club members) are responsible for ensuring that 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 and regularly updated on the FEI web site.

Implementation of Chapter IX in the BEV rules will apply.

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7.0 Selection Panel

The Selection Panel will be appointed by the BEV Management Committee. The nominees for the Selection Panel for 2020 are: Alice Venables, Elizabeth Phillips and Joanna McLaren.

7.1 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 document and its associated appendices.

7.2 Request for Information

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

7.3 Consequences of non -disclosure

Should the applicant fail to divulge such information when requested to do so (without reasonable cause) 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.

7.6 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 Qualification tables)
- ii) To compete in 2 BEV Ltd competitions between 31st January 2020 and 21st June 2020

3* athletes must provide a score for Technical Test from a CVI and at least 1 other Competition in order to be considered for this class.

Scores from the CVI and the 2 BEV Events will be averaged to provide final scores for selection. Once Minimum requirements are met the Selectors will choose based upon highest Average score across all rounds and all competitions.

- iii) 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) Performance improvement over Selection window – Scores from all competitors will be marked on a Performance Curve. In the event of a tie, the athletes showing improvement will be preferable to those whose performance has plateaued or declined during the Selection window
 - c) Prior performance at that level over previous 12 months
 - d) Proven partnership with their horse

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- e) Recent competition history
- f) Opportunity to compete in another class
- g) Attendance to training
- h) Fitness of competitor/competitors

8.1 CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUALS: Places will be allocated on gaining the FEI qualifying scores throughout the season. Selection will be made on the first round scores of a CVI. The selectors are looking for consistent and improving performances throughout the season.

SQUADS: Selection will be made at the selectors discretion, taking into consideration CVIJ2* performances during 2020.

PAS DE DEUX: Places will be allocated on gaining the FEI qualifying scores throughout the season. Selection will be made at the selectors' discretion, taking into consideration the Pas de Deux performances during 2020.

8.2 Evidence for Selection (Scoresheets)

Competitors are required keep their score sheets from all competitions safe and to have them available if requested by BEV Selection Panel.

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. The circumstances in which a combination will be able to be appointed will be determined by the Selection Panel and approved by the Management committee.

10. Ratification

After the deadline for scores to be achieved on 21st June 2020, a meeting will be held in which the Selection panel present their recommendations to the BEV management committee.

10.1 Notification to Applicants

Once the competitors have been selected the BEV Chairman or deputy will inform Coaches of the decision reached by email. Subsequently Individuals and Pas de Deux competitors will receive confirmation of the decisions reached by email.

11. Selection Obligations

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

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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 (Athlete/Lunger). UKAD offer a free online course for athletes and Team GBR support over 18.

12. De-Selection

The BEV Management Committee reserve the right to de-select or remove from the selection process any candidate whose behaviour is deemed inappropriate; and where the BEV Management Committee perceive that its nature may cause offence to its members and the general public. Inappropriate 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.

Athletes may be de-selected if injured or in ill-health. Horses may also be de-selected if found to be unfit to compete. In this instance BEV Management Committee would refer to the Selection Panel for advise on replacements if required.

13. Complaints

In the event of a complaint about how the application of the process has been handled a letter of complaint can be sent 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 BEV 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 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.

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14. Retaliation

BEV Selectors and the BEV 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. Conclusion

In conclusion, the Selectors and the BEV 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. Appeals

Any appeals to the results of selection must be made to the BEV Chairman within 48 hours of the competitor being notified of the outcome of the selection process.

- a) Appeals Panel: The Appeals Panel consists of members of BEV Management Committee 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 31st January 2020.

Closing date for score submission 21st June 2020.