



SportsAid Framework British Equestrian Federation 2009-2010

Introduction

SportsAid is a charity that financially supports young talented sports people to help them to achieve sporting success. Within the sport of equestrian, SportsAid has supported young able bodied and disabled riders when they are on the first rungs of the sporting ladder to Olympic and Paralympic success for approaching 30 years.

In 2008/9 SportsAid supported over 30 riders through both the SportsAid and the TASS schemes (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) to the value of about £20k. The grants have been used to benefit the riders in a variety of ways including rider and horse equipment, competition entry fees and training.

Grants usually vary between £500 and £1000 and can be gained on either a National or Regional basis. This financial contribution is gratefully received because participating in equestrian sport is very costly, but it should not overshadow the huge personal, psychological and media advantages of being recognised by both their NGB's and SportsAid as a talented young individual.

Talented Athlete Pathway

SportsAid sits very neatly into the equestrian Performer Pathway and assists riders in their preparation to move onto the more advanced grant / lottery funded schemes of TASS, Foundations Squads , World Class Development and ultimately World Class Podium. All riders must reach minimum competitive criteria and have an endorsement from both a discipline representative and the NGB SportsAid Manager before a nomination can be made.

The figure below provides a clear diagrammatic representation of the rider development pathway within equestrian sport. It is a generic diagram and does not provide detail for any one discipline, but an overview of all.

The Talented Athlete Pathway

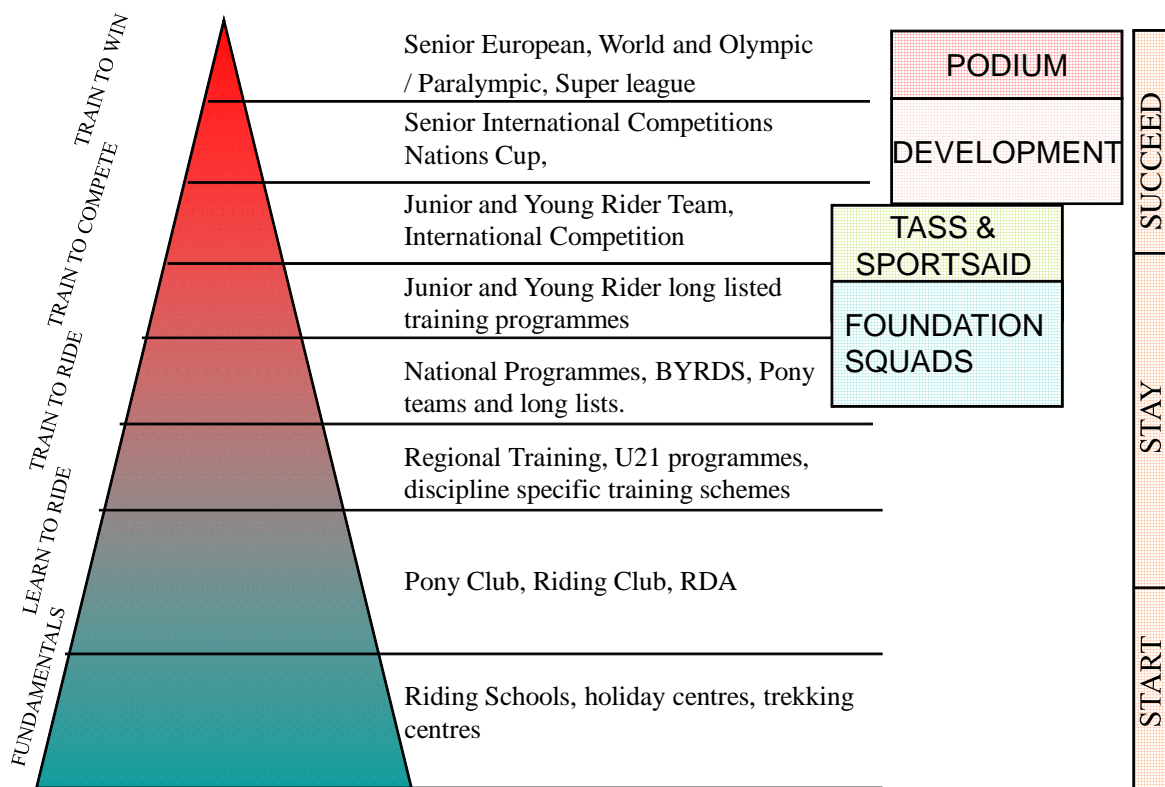


Fig 1: *The Talented Athlete Pathway for Equestrian*

Allocation of funding

Riders are encouraged to spend their grant on the following items:

- *Competition entries/stabling/shipping costs*
- *Equipment and clothing required for your sport*
- *Training costs*
- *SSM support, i.e. veterinary, physio, farrier*
- *Bedding/horse feed costs.*
- *Horse & rider registrations.*
- *Paying towards your trainer attending squad training and shows if required*
- *Horse Insurance.*
- *Lorry Tax and MOT*
- *Seminars, conventions and conferences*

**Estimation of Costs Incurred by a Competitive Rider During One Season on One Horse
(please note that most riders will have a number of horses)**

Training / Competition Expense	Cost (£) per annum Approx per horse	Details
Transport for training and charged for use of facilities	£1,200	Will vary as some will have facilities at home. Horse lorry costs approx 70ppm to run.
Horse Management costs	£700	Bedding, feeding,
Veterinary fees	£500	Routine plus clinical
Farriery fees	£600	£50 - £125 every 6-8 weeks per horse
Other Equine SSM (physio etc)	£200	Physiotherapy, nutrition
Coaching fees	£1200	Up to £60 per session
Personal equipment costs	£600	Hats, boots, jodhpurs etc
Horse equipment costs	£600	Saddle, bridle, rugs, boots etc
Competition costs including stabling, entry fees	£6,200	Riders will compete every week, international competitions may easily costs £1,500 each
Human SSM fees	£200	Physiotherapy, psychology
Total	£12,000	Per horse

Management

The SportsAid programme for Equestrian will be primarily managed by Sarah Armstrong. Each of the three Olympic and one Paralympic disciplines also have a SportsAid representative who is responsible for collecting the initial information and checking results and details against those on the database. Support is also extended to the following on a limited basis Reining, Driving, and Vaulting

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Monitoring and Evaluation of an Athletes Performance

The riders will be monitored periodically and their results evaluated to ensure that they are progressing up the performer pathway in the correct manner.

Criteria set by SportsAid

SportsAid require the able bodied athletes to fit into the following criteria:

- Performance: Member of the GB/England team or squad member.
- Location: Live and train in England.
- Age: between 12 and 18 years old.
- Income: must not earn over £8,000 a year.
- Funding: should not be in receipt of any other funding such as a TASS Award or Lottery.

All applications must come through the NGB.

Criteria set by NGB or lead body

- Aged between 12 to 18 years old (up to 25 for disabled dressage)
- Not in receipt of any other training grant / scholarship
- Live and Train in England
- Must not earn over £8,000
- Individual circumstances will be taken into consideration
- Minimum competitive criteria as follows:

Discipline	Criteria
Dressage	Pony Training Squad (FEI Level) – achieving 68% at Medium or Pony FEI Junior Training Squad (FEI Level) – achieving 68% at Adv Medium or above
Eventing	Long Listed Pony/Junior Rider European Championship Team Registered to compete in the JRN system
Show Jumping	Long Listed Pony/Junior Rider European Championship Squad, Home Pony International Team (148cm). Children on Horses Team
Para Equestrian Dressage	Consistently Achieving a minimum of: 60% at BD National Level Competitions Or competing at RDA Championship level @ 62%

Identification Process

Information about the SportsAid awards will be available on the BEF and discipline web sites:

www.bef.co.uk

www.britisheventing.co.uk

www.britishdressage.co.uk

www.bsja.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE : Each discipline will approach relevant key personal such as team coaches, Chef d'Equipe's and selectors to nominate individuals who they feel would be suitable for the award. These riders will in turn be sent a letter and nomination form inviting them to apply.

Action and timescales for 2009/10

Key dates are as follows although these may be subject to confirmation / alteration.

5th November Applications open.

20th November Closing date for nomination forms to be returned to the BEF

BEF checks information on nomination forms and creates shortlist based on results and individual circumstances.

30th November All nominations sent to SportsAid

SportsAid will let BEF know the names of the riders that have been successful at receiving National Level awards by 31st December 2009.