British Dressage Selection Policy for
CDIY / CDIJ / CDIP / CDICh 2021
Amended April 2021

1. Definitions

'**Selectors'** – The people selected by the British Dressage (BD) Board to undertake selections on their behalf for GBR riders competing in Under 21 dressage competitions.
'**International Director'** (ID) – Refers to the member-elected representative of the British Dressage Board of Directors, responsible for managing International Teams.
'**British Equestrian' (BEF) –** the Federation who is the national governing body.
'**Chef d'Equipe' –** the person appointed by BD as the manager for those competing internationally at this level.

2. Selection Panel

2.1 The athletes representing GBR will be selected by the British Dressage voting Selectors.

2.2 Selectors will be nominated by the British Dressage (BD) Board. The voting Selectors will be appointed on the basis that they have the knowledge and expertise required to select athletes to represent GBR at this level and will be free from all vested interests/conflicts of interest, in so far as is possible.

2.3 The Selection Panel shall comprise the following positions:

International Director (ID) – Judy Harvey (casting vote only)
Selector – Nikki Herbert (voting)
Selector – Leanne Wall (voting)

Non-voting
Performance Analyst – Claire Ballantyne (non-voting)
Secretariat – U21 International Officer (non-voting)

2.4 Other advisors may be invited to attend the meeting with the sole purpose of providing relevant evidence and insight, but will not have the right to vote.

2.5 All voting Selectors will have equal voting rights. They will at all times use their discretion honestly and with integrity having regard to and acting in compliance with any applicable BD and BEF codes of conduct and/or code of ethics in force from time to time.

2.6 Decisions must be reached by a majority vote and with no abstentions, unless a Selector is required to abstain due to a declared conflict of interest.

2.7 In the event of a majority decision not being achieved or possible, or due to a declared conflict of interest, the International Director will have the casting vote.

2.8 This information will include, but is not limited to:

- a detailed summary of actual and average competition scores (taken from the FEI website) from relevant competitions
- an assessment of anticipated performance based on the data available

3. Objectives

3.1 The prime objective of this Selection Policy is to select athlete/horse/pony combinations that will maximise the potential to (in priority order):

3.1.1 Achieve the best possible results for Great Britain with the ultimate goal of developing medal winning capabilities at future championships.

Prepare combinations and, where possible, give them opportunities to compete in International competitions. These scores will enable them to become contenders for selection for consideration for selection for the FEI European Championships 2021.

3.1.2 Enable athlete/horse/pony combinations, where possible, to compete in international competitions to assist in their performance progression.

4. Eligibility for Consideration for Selection

4.1 Athlete/horse/pony combinations are eligible for consideration for selection provided that:

- the athlete is a British Citizen with a valid British passport valid for at least six months after the date of competition
- the athlete is a full and active member of BD
- the horse/pony is fully registered with BD
- horse owners must be a minimum of a paying member (I.E Premier Club)
- both athlete and horse/pony have the appropriate and current FEI licence(s) issued via the application process undertaken by the National Federation of Great Britain in accordance with Article 113 and 117 of the FEI General Regulations; and they have satisfied all eligibility and qualification criteria under the BD, BEF and FEI Dressage rules and regulations for the competition.

4.2 In advance of any selection the BD U21 International Officer will ensure that each athlete available for selection is eligible to represent Great Britain based on the above criteria.

5. Selection Criteria for International Competitions

5.1 The Selectors will act as experts and are entitled within the boundaries of the Selection Policy and detailed selection criteria, to use their absolute discretion to select the best athlete/horse/pony combinations to fulfil the objectives of the policy.

5.1.1 Minimum performance criteria for Foreign International CDIY / CDIJ / CDIP / CDICh

Athlete and horse/pony combinations need to have achieved at least once one of the minimum performance scores (final score) outlined below in order to be considered to compete at an International CDI:

- 68.5% or above – FEI Pony Team Test, FEI Pony Individual Test
- 68.5% or above – FEI Junior Team Test, FEI Junior Individual Test
- 68.5% or above – FEI Young Rider Team Test, FEI YR Individual Test
- 69% or above – FEI Children Team Test, FEI Children Individual Test Elementary (any BD national qualifiers, also subject to video review)

5.1.2. Minimum performance criteria for Domestic (home based) CDIY / CDIJ / CDIP / CDICh

Athlete and horse/pony combinations need to have achieved at least once one of the minimum performance scores (final score) outlined below in order to be considered to compete at an International CDI:

- 68% or above – FEI Pony Team Test, FEI Pony Individual Test
- 68% or above – FEI Junior Team Test, FEI Junior Individual Test
- 68% or above – FEI Young Rider Team Test, FEI Young Rider Individual Test
- 69% or above – FEI Children Team Test, FEI Children Individual Test, Elementary (any BD national qualifiers, also subject to video review)

For domestic CDIs selectors can exercise their discretion when considering minimum performance scores in order to ensure that the full quota of places are allocated.

5.1.3. Combinations based abroad:

- Athlete/horse/pony combinations must be scoring 68.5% (70% for COH) or more at National competitions in their country of residence at the relevant level and subject to competition video approval in order to be considered for selection.

5.2 Achievement of the minimum performance score (see Sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2) does not guarantee selection.

5.2.1 Continuing performance criteria

For the duration of this Selection Policy any athlete and horse/pony combination that has competed in a foreign or domestic CDI must achieve/have achieved a minimum percentage of 66% in either the Team Test or Individual Test at any CDI competition.

a. Scores gained in a Consolation Test (Team or Individual) or Freestyle to Music Test at a CDI will not be taken into account.

b. Failure to achieve this will result in a reassessment before that combination can be nominated for future CDIs. As a minimum athlete and horse/pony combinations will be required to fulfill in Section 5.1.1 before they can be considered for entry into future foreign international CDI's.

5.3.1 As a minimum requirement rider/horse/pony combinations must subsequently fulfil the selection criteria of achieving 68.5% at the relevant level in a Premier League, High Profile Show or Foundation Academy test riding day before they can be considered for a entry into a future international competition abroad.

- For COH riders the above is applicable, but with scores gained at 69% at the level at national competition.

5.3.2 When considering results of athlete/horse/pony combinations who have not competed in FEI international competitions the following will be given due regard

- Demonstration of an ability to achieve a total minimum score in BD Premier League and High Profile Shows relevant to or above the level requested for an international competition weighted 2* or more.

  - 68.5% or above – FEI Pony Team Test, FEI Pony Individual Test
  - 68.5% or above – FEI Junior Team Test, FEI Junior Individual Test
  - 68.5% or above – FEI Young Rider Team Test, FEI Young Rider Individual Test
  - 69% or above – FEI COH Team Test, FEI COH Individual Test (Elementary and BD national qualifiers, subject to video review)
  - For CDIs, individual test scores achieved at Premier League or High Profile Shows can also be taken into account, with the exception of Children (see Annex two)

6. Selection Process

6.1 Following the achievement of minimum performance criteria and, within the timeframes circulated by BD, athletes should submit their requests on the International dates availability form available from the BD U21 International Officer.

6.2 The Selectors will select the requisite number of athlete/horse/pony combinations for each show. The number will be dictated by the schedule and accompanying FEI Dressage rules.

6.3 Athletes able to gain private invitations to specific FEI CDI P/J/YR/Ch shows should indicate on the International dates availability form, if that is an option available to them. They may be requested to take up that option in order to access additional places. Private invitations should not take priority over an athlete/horse/pony combination selected to compete at a show.

6.4 Athletes will be informed if they have been selected to compete at a show by the BD U21 International Officer (via email) within the timeframes indicated in the show schedule and/or FEI entry system (Definite Entries).

6.5 Athletes should confirm their acceptance with the BD U21 International Officer, who will be responsible for submitting the entry on the FEI system prior to Definite Entries. Athletes are responsible for their own costs as indicated within the show schedule unless they are informed otherwise by the Chef d'Equipe / U21 International Officer.

6.6 In order to keep athletes informed a show planner indicating athlete/horse/pony combination requests to attend each show/those selected for shows is circulated on a monthly basis by the BD U21 International Officer (via email) to those who have asked to be considered for selection.

6.7 Should an athlete have to withdraw prior to Definite Entries the BD U21 International Officer will contact the next athlete on the wait/reserve list.

7.0 Withdrawals

7.1 Once an athlete has committed to compete at an international show (in writing to the Selectors or BD U21 International Officer) they are expected to compete. However, if they find at any time and for whatever reason that they have to withdraw they are obliged to notify the BD U21 International Officer and Chef d'Equipe immediately.

7.2 The BD U21 International Officer is responsible for withdrawing the athlete's entry on the FEI system.

7.3 After Definite Entries have taken place, and as per FEI rules, a veterinary/medical certificate will be required before a withdrawal is accepted.

8.0 Other Considerations in Support of the Selection Policy

8.1 Conflicts of Interest

8.1.1 In order to protect the integrity of the selection process selectors, , shall not take any measure nor exercise any influence in relation to a matter where any conflict of interest or any other conflict exists or is perceived to exist.

8.1.2 Selectors must therefore take all reasonable steps to avoid situations where there may be a potential conflict of interest, whether that is a real or perceived conflict of interest.

8.1.3 All conflicts of interest will be declared to the BD CEO so that they can be managed in an appropriate manner

8.2 Confidentiality

8.2.1 It is vitally important for the integrity of the Selection Policy and out of respect for the athletes, owners, selectors, staff and other parties, that there is at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to any information which may have a bearing on selection.

8.3 Code of Conduct / Team Charter

8.3.1 Athletes, parents/guardians, owners, trainers, grooms and athlete support teams are expected to abide by any BD and/or British Equestrian and/or Athlete/Parent Code of Conduct which may be in force.

8.3.2 Athletes, parents/guardians, owners, trainers, grooms and rider support teams are expected to behave at all times in a manner that does not negatively affect performance or bring the sport into disrepute.

8.3.3 Any breach in the BD and/or British Equestrian Charter and/or Athlete/Parent Code of Conduct by any rider, parent/guardian or a member of their support teams, including the misuse of social media, will result in disciplinary action and may lead to exclusion from any international involvement.

8.4 Clean Sport

8.4.1 Selection is subject to compliance with FEI and BEF Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules, and FEI, BEF and WADA rules on anti-doping.

8.5 Cancellation / Postponement

8.5.1 In the event of cancellation, the relevant parties will be notified immediately. In the event of postponement, a situation might arise where new combinations may need to be selected. In which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.

8.5.2 In the event of exceptional circumstances (force majeure) beyond the BEF or BD's control, e.g. disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, the British Dressage Board, in consultation with the ID and BD Chief Executive, reserves the right to make the decision either to change the Selection Policy or the procedure, which might include withdrawing Individuals from competition.

8.6 Policy Changes

8.6.1 The Selectors will have the right, in exceptional circumstances, to amend or change the Policy where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objectives of the Policy.

8.6.2 Any changes to the Policy must be approved in writing by the ID and BD CEO. The amended Policy, in its entirety, will be communicated to all athletes by email and the new document, along with the revisions highlighted, will be published on the BD website.

8.7 Point of Contact

8.7.1 The ID is the key point of contact relating to this Selection Policy. The point of contact for riders wishing to discuss their intended competition plans is the Chef d' Equipe or the U21 International Officer.

8.8 Finance

8.8.1 All international competitions, will be entirely self-funded by riders. Chefs d'Equipe may be named to travel to international competitions.

8.9 Home Trainers

8.9.1 Home trainers will be expected to work under the direction of and in co-operation with the nominated Team Trainer for the benefit of the athlete and horse/pony combination. To enable the home trainer and Team Trainer to achieve the best results it is anticipated that British based riders attend any organised training camps, ideally with their home trainers.

9. Appeals Process and Procedures

9.1 Athletes have the right to appeal against a Selection Decision of the Selectors, but only on the grounds that the Selectors have failed to comply with this Policy or have made a decision that no rational body of competent Selectors could reasonably reach.

9.2 An appeal must be made by submitting notice in writing to the Chief Executive of BD, in accordance with the BD Selection Appeal Rules (the "Appeal Process"), within 48 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the Selectors' decision.

9.3 The Chief Executive of BD who shall, on receipt of the notice of appeal, seek to bring together all parties for a without prejudice discussion that may, if all are agreed, take the form of facilitated mediation.

9.4 For the avoidance of doubt the Appeal Process shall continue to run during the course of such discussion. However, in the event that both parties notify the BEF (within 48 hours of receipt of the notice of appeal) that such discussion/mediation has resolved the appeal, the Appeal Process shall be stayed.

The Appeal Process is set out on the BEF website and copies of the Selection Appeal Rules can be obtained from the BEF office.

10. Changes in Policy

The Selectors will have the right, in exceptional circumstances, to amend or change the Policy where necessary at any time in order to fulfill the objectives of the Policy, including (but not limited to) as a result of COVID-19. This may include alternatives to the selection criteria (Section 6.0), as a necessary response to the impact of COVID-19 on the international competition calendar, including any travel restrictions, to enable the objectives of the Policy to be fulfilled. Any such alternatives would be communicated to the athletes at the earliest opportunity.

Jason Brautigam
Chief Executive
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ANNEX 1 – JUNIORS & YOUNG RIDERS

Timeline of Important Dates

29 /30 May	Proposed Selection Meeting at Somerford PL
w/c Mon 31 May	Riders informed by International Director
Fri 4 June	Team announcement
20/21 June	Pre-Euro camp at The Unicorn
5-11 July	European Championships, Oliva Nova, ESP

Major International Shows / Selectors' Observation Trial

Championship team selection will be based on FEI Team Test results from the major international spring shows that run a CDIOJY and/or CDIJY, as well as a Premier League Selectors' Observation Trial, as listed below:

~~19-21 March~~	~~CDIJYP Keysoe, GBR~~
~~15-17 April~~	~~CDIJYPCh Sint-Truiden, Belgium~~
~~29 Apr-2 May~~	~~CDIOJYP/CDIJYPCH Le Mans, France~~
11-16 May	CDIJYPCH Wellington, GBR
27-30 May	CDIJYP Compiegne, France
28-30 May	Somerford Park PL, Cheshire (Selectors' Observation class)
~~8-13 June~~	~~CDIOJYPCH/CDIJYPCH Hagen, Germany*~~
~~11-14 June~~	~~CDIJYPCH Exloo, NED*~~

- ~~For competition experience only, not for selection purposes~~

Other international results may be taken into account, as well as results from the competitions listed below:

23 - 25 April	Keysoe Premier League, Bedfordshire
30 April - 5 May	Myerscough Premier League, Lancashire
21 - 23 May	Hickstead Premier League, West Sussex

Competition Rules

All combinations will need to comply with the relevant FEI qualifications regarding age and experience for the 2021 competition year. No whips can be used in any qualifying score tests.

ANNEX 2 – CHILDREN ON HORSES

Timeline of Important Dates

29 /30 May	Proposed Selection Meeting at Somerford PL
w/c Mon 31 May	Riders informed by International Director
Fri 4 June	Team announcement
20/21 June	Pre-Euro camp at the Unicorn
5-11 July	European Championships, Oliva Nova, ESP

Major International Shows / Selectors Observation Trial

Championship selection will be based on FEI Team and/or Individual test results from the major international spring shows that run a CDIOCh and/or CDICh as well as a Premier League Selectors Observation Trial as listed below:

~~19-21 March~~	~~CDIJYP Keysoe, GBR (requested Children class at Keysoe, tbc)~~
~~15-17 April~~	~~CDIJYPCh Sint-Truiden, Belgium~~
~~29 Apr-2 May~~	~~CDIOJYP/CDIJYPCH Le Mans, France~~
~~6-9May~~	~~CDIJYPCh Exloo, NED~~
~~8-13 June~~	~~CDIOJYPCH/CDIJYPCH Hagen, Germany~~
11 - 16 May	CDIJYPCh Wellington, GBR
28 - 30 May	Somerford Park PL, Cheshire (Selectors Observation)

Riders who wish to be considered for selection for the EU-CH-Ch-D will be expected to compete at a minimum of one CDI, achieving scores of 70% and above on a minimum of two occasions. Scores gained in both Team and Individual tests ridden at the same competition will be considered. Due consideration will be given to recent scores and an upward trajectory, providing the minimum requirement of 70% has been met.

Rules

All combinations will need to comply with the relevant FEI qualifications regarding age and experience for the 2021 competitive year. F or European selection consideration, snaffle bridles must be worn in qualification. No whips can be used in any qualifying score tests.

ANNEX 3 – PONY RIDERS

Timeline of Important Dates

w/c Mon 21 June	Proposed Selection Meeting
w/e Fri 25 June	Riders informed by International Director
w/c Mon 28 June	Team announcement
3/4 August	Pre-Euro camp at The Unicorn
11-15 August	European Championships, Strzegom, POL

Major International Shows / Selectors' Observation Trial

Championship team selection will be based on FEI Team Test results from the major international spring shows that run a CDIOP and/or CDIP, as well as a Premier League Selectors' Observation Trial, as listed below:

~~19-21 March~~	~~CDIJYP Keysoe, GBR~~
~~15-17 April~~	~~CDIJYPCh Sint-Truiden, Belgium~~
~~29 Apr-2 May~~	~~CDIOJYP/CDIJYPCH Le Mans, France~~
11 – 16 May	CDIJYPCH Wellington, GBR
27 - 30 May	CDIJYP Compiegne, France
28 - 30 May	Somerford Park PL, Cheshire (Selectors' Observation)
8 - 13 June	CDIOJYPCH/CDIJYPCH Hagen, Germany
11 - 14 June	CDIJYPCH Exloo, NED

Other international results may be taken into account, as well as results from the ~~nominated selection~~ competitions listed below:

23-25 April	Keysoe Premier League, Bedfordshire
30 Apr-3 May	Myerscough Premier League, Lancs
21-23 May	Hickstead Premier League, West Sussex

Competition Rules

All combinations will need to comply with the relevant FEI qualifications regarding age and experience for the 2021 competition year. For European selection consideration, all classes are to be ridden in a snaffle bridle; only test results where ponies were ridden in snaffle bridles will be considered for selection purposes. No whips can be used in any qualifying score tests.