



SELECTION & NOMINATION POLICY FOR THE 3rd ASIAN YOUTH GAMES BAHRAIN 2025

22 OCTOBER 2025 – 31 OCTOBER 2025

| JUMPING |

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The 2025 Asian Youth Games will be held in Manama, Bahrain from 22 October to 31 October 2025.

2. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. This Selection & Nomination Policy (Policy) describes the process and criteria set under the Equestrian Federation of Singapore (EFS) to select and nominate athletes to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) for the representation of Singapore at the 2025 Asian Youth Games in the Equestrian discipline of Showjumping. Athletes are advised that participation at the Games is on a self-funded basis and little to no funding assistance should be expected.
- 1.2. This Policy is guided by the principle that only those who have the highest potential or a high potential to make Singapore proud at the Games would be selected and nominated by EFS, while FINAL selection of athletes remains at the discretion of SNOC.
- 1.3. This Policy is to select the athlete/horse combinations who can deliver the best possible results for Singapore at the 2025 Asian Youth Games. Details of the Team composition shall be with reference to, and in accordance with, the Technical Handbook of the 2025 Asian Youth Games as such may be published and, from time to time, amended by the event organisers. At the time of publication of this document, it is expected that athlete/horse combination(s) will be selected only for the Showjumping (Individual) event.
- 1.4. EFS will publish the Policy via email broadcast, including any updates or changes to the Policy. Athletes and coaches will be responsible for ensuring that they are fully aware of and understand the Policy and its content, as well as updates and changes, if any, to the Policy.

2. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 2.1 It is vitally important for the integrity of the Policy and those involved in its application as athletes, selectors or other officials, to uphold a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on the selection at all times.
- 2.2 Any person who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the selection and nomination process. All confidential information, conversations and discussions will be identified as such.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES & HORSES

- 3.1 To be eligible for Selection by SNOC for the 2025 Asian Youth Games, the athlete must:
- be a Singapore citizen;
 - be, unless otherwise stated in the Technical Handbook, at least (14) to (17) years of age (born in 2008 – 2011) for Jumping;
 - be a registered and recognised athlete by the Equestrian Federation of Singapore;



- be eligible to compete for Singapore in International Events according to the FEI General Regulations and the Technical Handbook;
- be able and willing to undertake an agreed training and competition programme recommended by the High Performance Manager after consultation with the athlete;
- submit a detailed training and competition plan to the EFS Selections Committee upon application for Team selection;
- obtain the qualifying scores set out below, as applicable for their discipline;
- have signed the Athlete Agreement;
- submit qualifying scores as athlete/horse combinations;
- have acted and at all times act in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the sport or EFS into public disrepute or censure;
- not have used nor administered any substance to the Horse that is in contravention of the FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations unless they have been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed.

3.2 To be eligible for Selection by SNOC for the 2025 Asian Youth Games, the horse must satisfy any age criteria that may be set out in the Technical Handbook and:

- be registered with FEI and the athlete is responsible to ensure the fulfilment of the registration;
- have a valid FEI Passport or an FEI approved national passport with a valid FEI Recognition Card as a means of identification and to establish ownership;
- not be subject to a current sanction under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

4. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Only athlete/horse combinations who have met all eligibility conditions in Clause (3) will be considered for selection and nomination.
- All achievements should be achieved from publication for this policy up to approximately 23 June 2025 (exact date pending the nomination deadline via SportSync).
- Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country."

4.1 Other Performance Factors¹

- Athlete/horse combination's consistency and most recent form
- Athlete/horse combination's health and fitness to compete
- Ability of athlete to cope with pressure
- Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, ***whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise.***
- General conduct ***and character*** which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
- Ability of athlete to be a good ambassador for Singapore and Equestrian sports.
- Ability of athlete to contribute to a positive team atmosphere.
- **Past disciplinary record.**
- Current skill level and fitness; and **character**
- Level of commitment and attendance, including adherence to any set training programme submitted to EFS



- Potential for future development, taking into consideration current sporting results, feedback from coaches etc.
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
- Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.
- Athlete's previous experience, performance at FEI International competitions
- Achievement of the Policy's objectives

¹ In line with global and/or regional health regulations, athletes should be aware of the possibility of vaccination requirements imposed as prerequisites for participation in the 2025 Asian Youth Games and, in submitting themselves for consideration, agree to comply with such prerequisites (if any) should they be selected to the Team

4.2 Competition and Training Observation

- The selectors may invite athlete/ horse combinations to compete at a specific show to compare the combinations performing under the same conditions
- The selectors may wish to see athlete/ horse combinations in training with their own coach and/ or their Team coach from time to time, particularly if the combination has not competed in the previous 3 months
- The selectors may request the athlete/ horse to undergo medical assessment by the Team Doctor/ Vet to ascertain fitness for selection
- Any of the above listed requests should be accommodated without delay by the athlete to assist the EFS Selections Committee to make the best selection decisions possible
- Athletes are not obliged to accept such requests but to not do so may have an impact on their selection prospects

5. APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION

All athletes whether local or overseas based who wish to be considered for selection for the 2025 Asian Youth Games must submit the following documents to EFS as early as possible and no later than 23 June 2025 (exact date pending the nomination deadline via SportSync) unless otherwise stated or later accepted by the Selections Committee:

- Completed Expression of Interest Form (to be submitted on or before **13 May 2025**)
- Digital Photo (JPEG Format)
- Passport Copy (JPEG Format)
- Results of athlete/ horse combinations (ongoing requirement)
- Detailed training & competition plan up to the Games
- Videos submitted by YouTube or other links and (where applicable ie Dressage, Jumping) all judges' test sheets and results sheets of qualifying performances (ongoing requirement) and obtain the qualifying scores in paragraphs 7, 8 or 9 below as applicable. The term "qualifying scores" in these Criteria or the Policy refers to scores required for qualification for the long list, nomination to the short list or Team selection, as context requires

6. QUALIFICATION & NOMINATION (JUMPING)

6.1 Qualification for the Long List (Jumping)

Athletes seeking to qualify for the long list must obtain the following scores:

- Obtain 3 scores, each with a maximum of 4 faults, in 1.10 m (Class subjected to confirmation of the Team event in the Technical Handbook) jumping classes or higher at FEI and EFS sanctioned events².



- A qualifying score must be obtained on a competition course designed by a FEI Course Designer or a national equivalent Course Designer qualified to build courses of 1.30m and above. In the case of a Course Designer with equivalent national qualifications, the responsibility lies with the athlete to provide evidence of such qualifications and the EFS Selections Committee may, in its discretion, reject any qualifying score for consideration if in the view of the Committee the veracity of such qualifications is in doubt.
- For scores to count, they can be obtained in the following:
 - Competitions against the clock under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Edition I Updates effective 01 January 2024.) Article 238.2, where there is a minimum of 2 double combinations
 - Normal Competition over one round under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Edition I Updates effective 01 January 2024.) Article 261.
 - Competition Over Two Rounds under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Ed.) Article 273. In the second instance, if the 2 rounds are unequal in length, only the longer round can be submitted for a qualifying score. If the 2 rounds are identical in every way, each round can be submitted as a separate qualifying score.
 - Two-Phase competition under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Ed.) Article 274, where there is a minimum of 2 double combinations, both phases completed in a normal class, or Special Two-Phase.
- The following competition formats will not count: Puissance or 6 Bar; Accumulator; Table C; Power & Speed; Jump Off.
- Long list qualifying scores must be obtained on an athlete's own horse or on leased, contracted or sponsored horse with written proof of the athlete's and owner's commitment to provide the horse for Team Singapore for the event under selection².
- Qualifying scores obtained overseas must be at FEI sanctioned events or national equivalent e.g. BSA, EA
- EFS must be informed of the name of the FEI Course Designer and FEI designation or national equivalent prior to the event
- Athletes must check with the EFS Selections Committee prior to competing overseas in any particular class whether that class will be accepted
- Videos and result sheets must be submitted for every result being logged with EFS to count towards qualification, nomination or selection

²Where an athlete has qualified on a horse which later on is not, due to logistics and/or quarantine requirements, able to travel to the venue and wishes to ride a leased horse instead at the Games (where such a change in horses is permitted under the Technical Handbook), the athlete must obtain at least 1 score on the new horse that would qualify the rider/horse combination onto the Short List before the Entry by Name deadline set by SNOC, which is expected to be some time in August 2025.

6.2 Nomination to the Short List (Jumping)

Athletes seeking nomination to the short list must obtain the following scores:

- Obtain 3 scores, each with 4 or less jumping and time faults, in 1.20 m (Class subjected to confirmation of the Individual Final in the Technical Handbook) jumping classes or higher at FEI or EFS sanctioned events²
- A qualifying score must be obtained on a competition course designed by a FEI Course Designer or a national equivalent Course Designer qualified to build courses of 1.30m and above. In the case of a Course Designer with equivalent national qualifications, the responsibility lies with the athlete to provide evidence of such qualifications and the EFS Selections Committee may, in its discretion, reject any qualifying score for consideration if in the view of the Committee the veracity of such qualifications is in doubt.
- For scores to count, they can be obtained in the following:
 - Competitions under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Edition I Updates effective 01 January 2025.) against the clock Article 238.2, where there is a minimum of 2 double combinations
 - Normal Competition over one round under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Edition I Updates effective 01 January 2025.) Article 261.



- Competition Over Two Rounds under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Ed.) Article 273. In the second instance, if the 2 rounds are unequal in length, only the longer round can be submitted for a qualifying score. If the 2 rounds are identical in every way, each round can be submitted as a separate qualifying score.
- Two-Phase competition under FEI Jumping Rules (27th Ed.) Article 274, where there is a minimum of 2 double combinations, both phases completed in a normal class, or Special Two-Phase.
- The following competition formats will not count: Puissance or 6 Bar; Accumulator; Table C; Power & Speed; Jump Off.
- Scores for short list and Team selection must be on the athlete's own horse or on a contracted, leased or sponsored horse with written proof of the athlete's and owner's commitment to provide the horse for Team Singapore for the event under selection³
- A final Selection Trial may be held closer to the nomination and/ or entry-by-name deadline set by the SNOC
- Qualifying scores obtained overseas must be at FEI sanctioned events or national equivalent e.g. BSJA, EA
- EFS must be informed of the name of the FEI Course Designer and FEI designation or national equivalent prior to the event
- Athletes must check with the EFS Selections Committee prior to competing overseas in any particular class whether that class will be accepted
- Videos and result sheets must be submitted for every result being logged with EFS to count towards qualification, nomination or selection and results for the nomination to the short list must be submitted by June 2025 (exact date pending the nomination deadline via SportSync), although the EFS Selections Committee reserves the right to accept any results submitted after this date.

³ Please see note 2 above.

6.3 Specific competitions as Selection Trials (Jumping)

- 6.3.1 EFS may organise or specify any FEI or EFS-sanctioned competition as a Selection Trial in Singapore or overseas to obtain qualifying scores
- 6.3.2 The EFS Selections Committee reserves the right to revise the criteria set out in this paragraph 8 to align the same with the Technical Handbook, upon its publication. Any such revision of the paragraph will be disseminated in the manner set out in paragraph 2.4 above

7. **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUIRED SCORES**

- 7.1. According to the Selection Criteria of SNOC, athlete(s) must have currently achieved or show potential to equal or surpass at least 6th placing (scores/marks) of the 2013 SEA Asian Youth Games. As Equestrian was not featured at the 2013 Asian Youth Games, EFS will use the following benchmarks which would equate to a strong potential of a Top 6 finish at the 2025 Asian Youth Games.
- 7.2. For Jumping, the 6th placing amongst athletes representing Asian Federations in the World Ranking of Category B of the 2024 FEI Jumping World Challenge (in 44th place) will be used as a benchmark for athlete nominations.

8. **NOMINATION PROCESS**

- 8.1. EFS will submit selected athletes for nominations to SNOC, based on the eligibility and nomination criteria outlined in this Policy. If, based on such criteria, the number of athletes equally eligible for nomination exceeds the entry limit of the discipline, more weight will be given to the most recent results submitted by the athlete and overall consistency of the specific rider/horse combination.



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- 8.2. All nominations approved by the EFS Selections Committee will be submitted to SNOC. The successful nominations will be announced via email broadcast.
- 8.3. As the national body representing to Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), SNOC has the sole and final decision in the selection of athletes to represent Singapore at the 2025 Asian Youth Games.

9. APPEAL PROCESS

- 9.1. Appeal against non-nomination by EFS must be made in writing to the Chairperson of the EFS Appeals Committee within 48-hours of the announcement of the athletes being nominated by EFS for selection for the 2025 Asian Youth Games.
- 9.2. An appeal to the EFS Appeals Committee must be made in writing with supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$200.00. If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.
- 9.3. The EFS Appeals Committee will, in writing, inform all parties about the decision taken to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision will be final, and no further correspondence will be entertained.

10. DE-SELECTION OF ATHLETES & HORSES

- 10.1 An athlete selected for the 2025 Asian Youth Games may be de-selected by SNOC/EFS from the team if he/she:
 - Due to illness or injury becomes unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the responsible National Coach and Team Manager (after receiving medical advice); or
 - Demonstrates a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or competition preparation in the opinion of the responsible National Coach and Team Manager; or
 - contravene the FEI or EFS Codes of Conduct, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EFS Rules and policies; or
 - Fail to comply with the terms of their Athletes agreement; or
 - Breaches or fails to fulfil the requirements of the Anti-Doping Policies of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Anti-Doping Singapore and SNOC; or
 - Encounters any travel delays, whether inadvertent or otherwise; or
 - Suffers any equipment failure for any reason whatsoever
- 10.2 A horse selected for the 2025 Asian Youth Games may be de-selected by SNOC/EFS from the team if:
 - Due to illness or injury becomes unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the responsible National Coach and Team Manager (after undergoing a veterinary examination by the National Team Vet or by a vet nominated by the National Coach or Team Manager)
 - Breaches or fails to fulfil the requirements of the Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication Regulation (EADCMR) by FEI

11. CONTACT PERSONS

- 11.1 The Members of the EFS Selections Committee (for FEI disciplines) are:
 - Valerie Oh (member, Bukit Timah Saddle Club, Singapore Polo Club, Board Member of EFS)
 - Nai Yue Ho (honorary member, Singapore Polo Club, Board Member of EFS)
 - Audrey Loi (veterinarian)
 - Predrag Marjanovic (coach, Bukit Timah Saddle Club)
 - Edric Lee Chin Hon (coach, Abu Dhabi Equestrian Centre)
- 11.2 The Members of the EFS Appeals Committee are:
 - Stephanie Masfield (member, Singapore Polo Club, Board Member of EFS)
 - Roderick Tan (President, EFS)
 - Cheong Su-Yen (member, Bukit Timah Saddle Club, Singapore Polo Club)



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- 11.3 **Conflict of Interest:** Any member of the EFS Selections Committee and/or the EFS Appeals Committee shall recuse himself/herself from the selections process if, after the close of submissions for Expressions of Interest set out in paragraph 6 above, the relevant member, his/her direct family member or his/her client (in the case of members who are coaches) has submitted an Expression of Interest.
- 11.4 To seek clarification on the Policy or to submit an appeal under paragraph 09, please contact:

Equestrian Federation of Singapore

High Performance Manager

Email: highperformance@efs.org.sg





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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Full Name (according to your passport)		
Discipline(s)		FEI ID Number
Passport Number	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	Gender
Email Address		Contact No.

COMPETITIVE HISTORY & ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION

Please include FULL details of competitions (as applicable)

- Name, Dates & Venue of Competition
- Official Draft Schedule, Results, Judging Sheets, Course Plans
- Recorded videos of tests/rounds

Athlete Acknowledgement

In submitting this Expression of Interest, I, _____ (full name), acknowledge that I have read and understood the Policy and agree to abide and comply with the requirements and responsibilities set out in the Policy. I further acknowledge that I am aware of, and accept, the responsibilities (including financial expenses that may be incurred and for which I may not receive reimbursement) and commitment expected of an athlete representing Singapore in the 2025 Asian Youth Games. In particular, I understand that participation in the Games is on a total self-funded basis with little to no funding expected. If selected to the Team, I undertake to fulfil such responsibilities and demonstrate the level of commitment expected of me and understand that failure to do so may lead to de-selection from the Team and the imposition of other penalties.

Signature

Date