



## **Equestrian Bahamas: Youth Development and Performance Pathway Guide**

Welcome to Equestrian Bahamas, the officially recognized National Federation for equestrian sport in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. EB is one of 136 National Federations affiliated with the Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI), the International Federation which governs international equestrian sport.

Our mission is to facilitate equestrian sport development in The Bahamas through our core values, which are at the heart of our Federation. They are the foundation of who we are and what we do.

### **Excellence:**

- We recognize achievement at all levels.
- We promote best practices and comply with high standards of horsemanship, horse welfare and horse sport.

### **Inclusion:**

- We embrace the equality and diversity of our membership.
- We believe that there are many paths to joy in equestrian sport.
- We seek to provide opportunities for all to achieve their goals in equestrian sport.

### **Guardianship:**

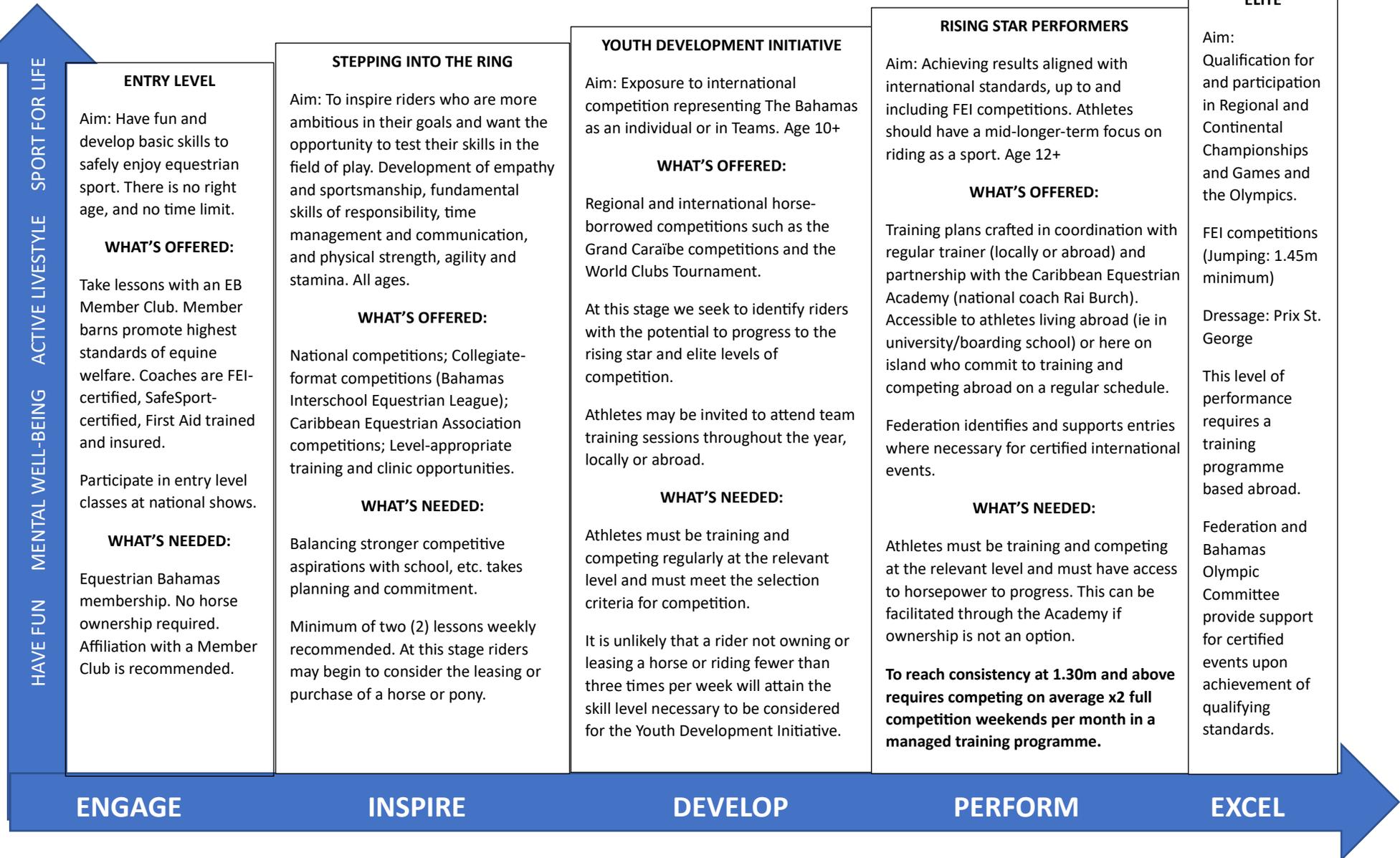
- We acknowledge that we are responsible for our horses' welfare and prioritize meeting their needs
- As Guardians we build true partnerships based on trust and respect, which in turn lead to sporting excellence

### **Integrity:**

- We believe that fairness in the field of play is paramount.
- Our decisions will be reasoned, evidence-based, and transparent.
- We act in accordance with the high moral and ethical standards laid out by the EB Code of Conduct.
- We hold each other accountable for our actions.

## OVERVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

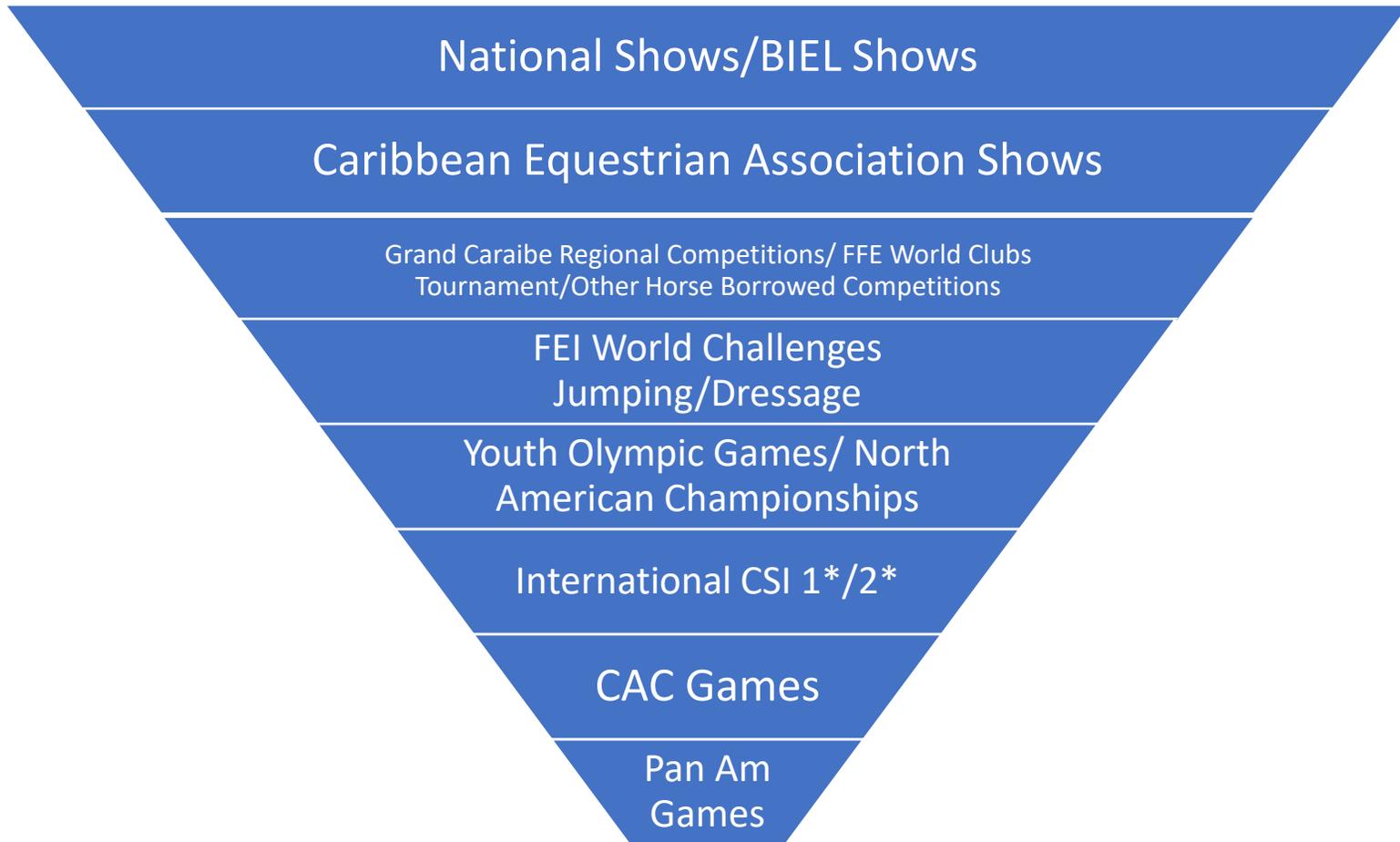
We recognise that not every rider has high-level competitive aspirations, and that a rider's focus and aspirations can change. The Performance Pathway is designed to provide our members with an overview of how Equestrian Bahamas can help riders to find joy in equestrian sport, engage in activities that promote physical and mental well-being, and facilitate the training and development necessary for entry into higher-level competition and beyond.



**To reach consistency at 1.30m and above requires competing on average x2 full competition weekends per month in a managed training programme.**

Federation and Bahamas Olympic Committee provide support for certified events upon achievement of qualifying standards.

# The Path



## Understanding International Standards

The following summarize the general categories for FEI jumping competitions.

Under FEI Rules age is calculated according to the calendar year in which that age is attained. For example, as of 1 January 2026 all riders born in 2008 are considered to be 18 as they will turn 18 at some point during 2026.

Category Name	Age Reference	Max Fence Heights
Childrens	12-14	1.30m
Pre-Junior	14-16	1.30m
Junior	14-18	1.40m
Young Riders	16-21	1.50m
U25	16-25 14-16 allowed if fence height max is ≤ 1.40m	1.50m
Borrowed horse competitions: Max Fence Height across all age categories is 1.20m		
Youth Olympic Games: Riders ≤17 years old    Fence heights 1.30m		
Minimum competitor age at Regional/Continental/Olympic Games for Jumping: 18		
Minimum competitor age at Regional/Continental/Olympic Games for Dressage: 16		