



# SELECTION CRITERIA

## For Team and Individual Riders 2025-2026

### 1 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO REPRESENT THE BAHAMAS

- 1.1 For International Competition (FEI Competitions), the individual must be a Bahamian citizen and hold a valid Bahamas Passport.
- 1.2 Non-citizens may apply to compete in International Competitions under the nationality of The Bahamas as per the provisions of FEI Gen. Reg. Art. 119 on sport nationality.
- 1.3 For non-FEI competitions, athletes must be legal residents of The Bahamas and conform to any citizenship or residency requirements of the competition.
- 1.4 Athletes must be in good financial standing with Equestrian Bahamas

### 2 POLICIES GOVERNING THE SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 All participants, officials and administrators who represent The Bahamas in local or international events must agree to abide by the following rules and sign said declaration before participating:
  - 2.1.1 The Equestrian Bahamas Code of Conduct
  - 2.1.2 The Equestrian Bahamas/FEI Policy on Welfare of the Horse
  - 2.1.3 The Equestrian Bahamas/FEI Policy on Clean Sport/Doping/Administration of Banned Substances
- 2.2 No individual may represent The Bahamas if:
  - 2.2.1 They are in bad standing with Equestrian Bahamas
  - 2.2.2 They are involved in a disciplinary matter with EB that has not yet been concluded.

### 3 SELECTION PROCEDURES

#### 3.1 Selection Criteria

- 3.1.1 Current national and/or international rankings of athlete or athlete/horse combination. However, ranking is not the predetermining factor in selection.
- 3.1.2 Current form of rider and/or horse
- 3.1.3 Rider's performance and ability to be a team player is considered in the selection process.
- 3.1.4 Riding at a higher level than the competition under consideration does not necessarily ensure a higher chance of selection.
- 3.1.5 Long-term development of national equestrian sport plan
- 3.1.6 Bahamian citizens who are members of EB and temporarily living abroad will be considered for team selection if they submit their

official competition results from abroad to the Equestrian Bahamas Results Secretary for record keeping.

### 3.2 Selection Procedures

- 3.2.1 Information regarding upcoming competitions will be posted on the Equestrian Bahamas website. Such information will include minimum eligibility requirements and a deadline for athletes to express interest in selection.
- 3.2.2 Selection procedures may include any or all of the following: expressions of interest; rankings/results; video submissions; qualifying events if deemed necessary; possible selection clinics.
- 3.2.3 After applying the criteria as described above, a short list will be identified for final selection and announced by Equestrian Bahamas.
- 3.2.4 The final selection of individuals or team members will be made once the availability of the short-listed athletes is confirmed.
- 3.2.5 Selection will be determined by the Training and Selection Sub-Committee (TSSC), in consultation with the National Coach. The selection shall be submitted to the Equestrian Bahamas Executive Committee for endorsement.
- 3.2.6 The individuals or team members announced by Equestrian Bahamas will be considered **final** and will be publicized along with accompanying team officials.