

International Team Selection

Introduction

The Association of Irish Riding Clubs, on occasions, receives team invitations to compete at shows in the UK and further afield in Europe.

Invitations are not received on an annual basis and therefore this document sets out the criteria and procedure for team selection by the International Affairs Committee of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs.

British Riding Clubs National Championships

The British Riding Clubs National Championships usually take place in September each year. It is open to teams of four riders from a riding club to compete in the Senior Open Team Championship.

This is a team and individual show jumping championship over a course of approximately 1.10m but can go upwards of 1.20m.

World Club Tournament (France)

The tournament is a friendly international competition for clubs and riding schools across the world. It takes place every summer during the Generali Open of France at the Parc Equestre Federal, 41600 Lamotte Beuvron, France. Lamotte Beuvron is in the Loire Valley, about 140kms south of Paris.

It is open to teams of 4 riders over a course of approximately 0.90m to 0.95m in height with a max width of 1.00m. The competition will be run over 2 days: 2 rounds and a final. The final is reserved for the five best teams after the first two rounds.

Team Selection

If an invitation is received for an international show, clubs will be invited to submit an expression of interest before a closing date.

The International Affairs Committee of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs will take the following into consideration when selecting a team:

- The proposed team members are members of the same riding club and is a current registered member of the Association.
- The proposed team members have been registered members of the Association in the past three years.
- The proposed team members have a proven track record in the following competitions in the previous three years:
 - British Riding Clubs National Championships

- Team Show Jumping Challenge (Riding Clubs Festival)
- Individual Championship (National Show Jumping Championships)
- World Club Tournament (France)
 - Team Competition (Riding Clubs Festival)
 - Individual Championship (National Show Jumping Championships)

Team Chef d'Equipe

The Team Chef d'Equipe will be appointed by the International Affairs Committee of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs and will be responsible for the teams affairs while at the show.

Finance

Travelling teams will be expected to cover the majority of the costs involved. A grant may be provided by the Association.

Exclusions

Clubs, who have previously represented the Association at a respective show in the previous two calendar years will be excluded, unless no suitable expressions of interest have been received for that particular show. Only one application per club shall be permitted, per invitation.

Review

The Board of Directors reserve the right to amend, alter or terminate this document at any time without consultation or explanation.