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Team Ireland Rider Selection Criteria and Supporting Information



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Introduction

Student Sport Ireland is the sole sanctioning body responsible for identifying, selecting and organising Irish teams and individuals to attend the 2016 FISU World University Championships.

Events

Individual Tournament	Team Tournament
Show Jumping	Team Jumping classification if dressage is not organised
Dressage (optional)	
Individual Combined Classification (optional if dressage is organised)	Team Combined Classification if dressage is organised

Participation

Each country may enter a maximum of nine (9) persons of which four (4) competitors and five (5) officials.

In each event, each country is authorised to enter: a maximum of four (4) riders of whom only three (3) may compete.

The dressage and jumping events will be organised following the "knock out" system from which the combined classification will be established.

2016 World University Equestrian Championship Selection

The following criteria has been submitted by the appointed Team Manager following consultation with Horse Sport Ireland Equestrian. To be considered for selection student riders must have

1. Frequently competed at the required levels during 2014, 2015 and 2016
2. Competed to a minimum of 1.25m level both nationally and internationally at show jumping events
3. Competed at advanced medium level dressage or equivalent and above both nationally and internationally
4. Competed to Two Star eventing and above both at national and international events (CCI**, CIC** or CNC**)

Notes

1. 1.25m relates to the height of the fences and the height at which the semi-final of the WUEC will be built
2. Advanced medium level dressage relates to the 6th highest category in dressage and is the level of test which must be performed in the semi-final of the WUEC
3. Two Star eventing relates to a multidiscipline format encompassing showjumping, dressage and cross country. Eventing Levels in Ireland are as follows:
 - i. Three star
 - ii. Two Star
 - iii. One Star
 - iv. Pre-novice
 - v. Intro
4. National means any affiliated competitions run in Ireland under Eventing Ireland, Showjumping Ireland or Dressage Ireland rules which also includes Inter-varsity and Inter-Provincial Championships.
5. International means any affiliated competitions run in Ireland and abroad under FEI rules including those run under AIEC (European student equestrian governing body).

Rider Selection

The Team Manager will submit to Student Sport Ireland the student rider list for participation at the Championships. SSI High Performance Committee, aided by the selection criteria outlined above and student athlete nomination forms submitted (see below), will review each student rider nominated individually and adopt her/his nomination as appropriate.

1. The Team Manager will nominate eligible riders who have achieved the selection criteria, within the timeframe allowed, to be considered for selection for the WUC by SSI HPC
2. All students being considered to participate at the WUCs must meet the FISU and SSI Eligibility Criteria for International Competitions published on the SSI web site. Please click on the following link to view the eligibility criteria: [SSI Eligibility Criteria for International Competitions](#);
3. Students who meet the criteria can be nominated for consideration by either their college or NGB. All students nominated must complete and submit a student nomination form for the SSI HPC to review and ratify where appropriate.

Ultimately the decision of whether a student rider is selected on the team that travels to the Championships rests with SSI High Performance Committee.

Nomination Forms:

To establish that individual student riders meet the above selection criteria, FISU and SSI Eligibility Criteria and to subsequently facilitate submission of his/her Nominative Entry Forms to FISU students will be required to submit to Student Sport Ireland the following documentation and which are available to download from here: [2016 World University Championships](#):

- a completed stamped and signed hard copy of SSI's Student Nomination Form;
- hard copy Academic Eligibility form signed and stamped by the college registrar's office;
- two passport photos and
- a copy his/her passport page.

Please note that unsigned and unstamped forms will not be processed and returned.

Age: The competitors must be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on 1st January 2016 (i.e. students must be born between the 01/01/1988 and the 31/12/1998).

Funding: Student Sport Ireland itself will not be in a position to provide any funding to support student riders participating at WUCs.

Ultimately the cost of participation is the responsibility of the student rider but in many instances the NGB does provide significant support. In addition the student's college may be in a position to also support his/her participation. It is advised that student riders under consideration approach their Sports Officer in their college to indicate their interest in participating in the event at the earliest opportunity and to determine if the College may be in a position to support their participation.

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