



SA Show Jumping Youth Olympics 2018 Selection Policy

Overview

The following document outlines the selection policy, processes and timelines that will be followed in order that SA Show Jumping will fairly and transparently select the athlete that is able to achieve the best possible results at the 2018 Youth Olympics in both team and individual capacities.

Definitions

Athlete:	Combination of a Horse and Rider.
SASJ	South African Show Jumping South Africa
SASJ Squad:	Those athletes remaining in the successive steps of the Selection Process after the announcement of the Long List.
FEI:	Federation Equestre Internationale
MER:	FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement.
SAEF:	South African Equestrian Federation.
SASCOC:	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee
Selectors:	The appointed Selectors of SA Show Jumping.
Selection Process:	The Selection Process will commence from the 1 st of August 2017 and continue until selection from the FEI has being finalized by the 31 May 2018 .
YOG 2018	Youth Olympic Games 2018, BUENOS AIRES.



Timeline

The Selection Process will follow a reducing participation format, where:

1. **1st May 2017:** All athletes interested and eligible to compete at YOG2018 must make their intentions clear by the **1st August 2017**. These athletes will form the long list.
2. **1st Dec 2017:** Athletes to have competed and obtained certificate of capability in the FEI Jumping Challenge 2017 or events as per FEI YOG Qualification System.
3. **30th Apr 2018:** Athletes from the Long List will be selected for the Squad Short List.
4. **21st Jul 2018:** Athletes from the Short List will be selected for the SA Show Jumping Team.
5. SASJ nominates athlete to SASCOC.

Athlete Eligibility – **1 May 2017**

In order to be eligible for selection to compete at YOG2018 for SA Show Jumping, the following eligibility requirements will need to be met by each Athlete by the **30 April 2018**.

FEI Criteria

The FEI have the following minimum Athlete eligibility criteria:

1. Be eligible to compete for South Africa as per FEI regulations Art 119.
2. Be registered to compete for South Africa.
3. All Athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.
4. To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games in Jumping, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.
5. Certificate of Capability. All Athletes taking part in the YOG must have obtained a certificate of capability at The FEI World jumping Challenge Category A. Each Athlete must obtain a score of not more than eight penalties in the first round of The FEI World Jumping Challenge. Certificates of Capability must be obtained between 1 April 2017 and 1 December 2017.
6. The qualification system will be that the FEI World Jumping Challenge shall obtain a place for the Nation not for the individual.

SAEF & SASCOC Criteria

The SAEF and SASCOC have the following minimum eligibility criteria:

The individual must be a South African Citizen and be a South African Passport Holder



1. That each athlete has competed in their National Championships at the highest level in the prior year of selection. From 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017
2. The athlete must have not had any disciplinary action pending against him at the time of selection of during the selection process.

SA Show Jumping Criteria

For athletes to be eligible for selection to compete at YOG 2018, all athletes will be required to:

1. be a current member of Show Jumping South Africa in good standing;
2. have completed the 'Expression of Interest' forms that for selection and such forms must have been received by the SA Show Jumping National Office;
3. have signed the 'Code of Conduct' agreement for any such agreement must have been received by the SA Show Jumping National Office;
4. in the last 24 months not have used, administered, or allow to be administered any substance that, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted a positive drug violation as defined by the South African Institute for Drug-free Sport ("SAIDS") and/or the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA");
5. Have demonstrated to the satisfaction of SA Show Jumping that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing at YOG2018 to the highest possible standard.
6. Not have acted in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Show Jumping, SA Show Jumping, SAEF, SASCOC, or South Africa into public disrepute or censures since beginning 2016.

Squad Long List – 1 December 2017

Eligible Athletes will have to meet the following requirements to progress to the SA Show Jumping Squad.

Athletes will be required to have:

1. Achieved at 8 penalties or less at a FEI World Jumping Challenge Cat A event or have achieved 8 penalties or less in a CSI * or CSI ** Grand Prix Competition.
2. Signed the SA Show Jumping Squad Agreement.

Should there be more than 8 Athletes that meet the SA Show Jumping Squad requirements, then the Selectors will review all the athletes and select the most appropriate Athletes for the SA Show Jumping Squad as per the Selectors Evaluation Process.



SA Show Jumping Squad Long List selection will be published by **31st December 2017**.

Squad Short List – 30 April 2018

On the 30th April 2018, the number of Athletes on the SA Show Jumping Squad will be reduced to 4 Athletes. Athletes wishing to remain on the SA Show Jumping Squad will have to meet the following requirements:

1. All athletes must meet the criteria as set out by the YOG2018 Organizing Committee in the FEI YOG Set Criteria.
2. Athletes must have performed consistently well at Open level for the period between 01 January 2018 to 30 April 2018:

Should there be more than 4 Athletes that meet the SA Show Jumping Squad requirements, then the Selectors will review all the athletes and select the most appropriate Athletes for the SA Show Jumping Squad as per the Selectors Evaluation Process.

Should there be less than 4 Athletes that meet the SA Show Jumping Squad requirements, then the Selectors may, at their discretion and with good reason, add additional Athletes from the Eligible Athletes to a maximum of 4 SA Show Jumping Squad Athletes as per the Selectors Evaluation Process.

SA Show Jumping Squad Short List selection will be published by 30th April 2018.

Individual Selection – 1 June 2018

To be considered for selection for the SA Show Jumping Team, the Athlete must have achieved the following criteria:

1. FEI Qualification – Athletes must have met the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for the YOG 2018.
2. Should the selectors feel it necessary they may at their discretion require the Athletes to compete in a competition which will determine the most capable athlete to be selected? The competition will involve the swapping of horse to ascertain the best rider.

The Selectors will review all the Athletes and select the most appropriate Athlete for the SA Show Jumping Individual Positions as per the Selectors Evaluation Process.

SA Show Jumping Individual position selection will be published by 1st June 2018.

General Selection Process Conditions

At all times throughout the Selection Process, all athletes must:



1. be able and willing to undertake any training and competition programs recommended by the Selectors and or coach after consultation with the athlete, unless a written exemption has been granted by SA Show Jumping or the Selectors, in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption;
2. not use, administer, or allow to be administered any substance that is constituted as a positive violation as defined by the South African Institute for Drug-free Sport (“SAIDS”) and/or the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”);
3. agree to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis to SA Show Jumping, including residence, stabling, and all competition participation;
4. Satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by SA Show Jumping prior to or at the time of selection for the SA Show Jumping;
5. notify SA Show Jumping that they are suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing at YOG2018 to the highest possible standard;
6. act in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Show Jumping, Sa Show Jumping, SAEF, SASCOC, or South Africa into public disrepute or censure; and

Selectors Evaluation Process

In evaluating the performances of Athletes, the Selectors will consider, and have the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the following in considering athletes and horses for selection:

1. The Selectors will primarily consider performances of the athletes at CSN and higher events from 1st August 2017. Performances prior to 2017 may also be considered but will generally have lesser weight;
2. The Selectors may, in their sole discretion, place greater emphasis on results achieved at higher rated shows;
3. Placing in any head-to-head performances will be considered but will not automatically position one athlete above another for selection;
4. Competition-based factors will be taken into consideration when assessing each athlete’s performance, These include, but are not restricted to:
 1. The performance Athletes in relation to the quality and number of competitors;
 2. The technical features of the competition.
 3. The quality of the riding by an athlete;
 4. the general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather and footing; and



5. The suitability of the Athlete for YOG2018, taking into account the objective of the team and individual competition and the type of Athlete required achieving the best possible results in the expected conditions.
5. The ability and experience of the athlete to compete successfully at high level international competition on different horses. Consideration will be given to:
 1. The ability, or potential ability, of athletes to perform under the stress and pressure of a World Championship;
 2. The ability of athletes to prepare to peak condition for a major campaign;
 3. The demonstrated ability of athletes that they are suitable representatives of South Africa.
6. Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team score may be considered.

Appeals

Appeals concerning the non-selection of Athletes for the SA Show Jumping Individual position will be heard by an SAEF Appeal Committee in accordance with the SA Show Jumping constitution.

There will be one level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that the Selection Policy was not properly followed and/or implemented.

Only Athletes may appeal their non-selection.

An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with the Management Committee of SA Show Jumping within three (3) working days from the date of the announcement of the SA Show Jumping Individual processes.

Substitution / Replacement of Athletes:

Following selection of the SA Show Jumping Individual SA Show Jumping positions if:

1. In the opinion of the Selectors (in consultation with the Executive Committee of SA Show Jumping), there has been a loss of form or fitness by an Athlete. The loss of form must be assessed to be likely to be sustained and affect performance at YOG; or
2. an Athlete contravenes their athlete agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations, SA Show Jumping Rules and Regulations, Policies or Constitution; or
3. an Athlete does not meet the requirements outlined in the Athletes Agreement;



That Athlete may be replaced by another Athlete selected from the previous Selection Process.

Exceptional Circumstances

In exceptional circumstances, the Selectors may provide written advice to an athlete that the Selectors will waive:

1. Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to situations where, in the opinion of the Selectors:
 1. a reliable and consistent athlete would meet the Objective of the SA Show Jumping Individual and provide an effective balance within the Team;
 2. An athlete is capable of achieving an individual medal.
2. The requirement to complete a CSN or higher
Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to situations:
 1. where external factors impacted upon the ability of a athlete to complete the CSN;
 2. Involving the cancellation or postponement of a CSN.