

## **Cambridge University Equestrian Team Selection Policy 2022-23**

### **Policy Objective**

This policy is to enable the selection committee to fairly select members of the Riding Club to compete in the BUCS Championship and Trophy Mini Leagues in Equestrian, and the Varsity Match against Oxford.

### **Performance objective**

Take 3 teams of 4 riders who can achieve winning their Mini League to progress through regionals to Nationals, and win the Varsity Match against Oxford.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible athletes must be paid up members of the riding club and matriculated to the University of Cambridge.

Athletes do not need to be members of the club at the time of trial, but must become paid up competitive members upon selection.

The club will enter 4 members for each team, athletes wishing to enter must be on the BUCS play app and complete all entry information by the deadline. Any athlete failing to do so will not be considered for selection.

Athletes must be willing and able to compete in 4 Wednesday matches during term time in order to compete in the BUCS league. As well as the Varsity match in Lent/Easter term.

### **Selection Criteria**

Athletes will be invited to send a description of their riding experience with accompanying videos and pictures to the team captain, in order to select riders to be invited to trials.

This information should show confident, neat riders that have the ability to ride a Novice dressage test and jump a course of show jumps of at least 1.1m, but the committee understands that not all riders have access to the same horses and resources so this will be taken into consideration.

A minimum of 18 riders will be invited to trial, and the date, time and location of the trials will be provided at least 7 days in advance. Where possible, trials should take place on the same day, at the same venue with all members of the selection panel in attendance. The captain(s) will also be expected to trial.

Selection will be from watching the athletes ride multiple horses at trials, both on the flat and over jumps, with those that adapt best to new horses and ride effectively being selected for teams. The selection panel will make these decisions, consisting of First Team Captain, Coach, President and vice-captain.

Each member of the selection panel will score the dressage tests and show jumping rounds performed at trials. The scores will then be compared to allow riders to be ranked, with the first 4 most capable riders making up the first team, the next 4 most capable riders making up the second team and so on.

Upon dispute over a rider who has formed part of the selection panel, said rider will have their vote removed and the coach will make the casting vote.

**Informing Athletes**

Unsuccessful athletes will be informed by email on why they have not been selected.

Successful athletes will be informed via email. All selected athletes are asked to bear in mind other athletes have not been selected for this event and recognise the impact this may have on them.

**Appeals Process**

Athletes wishing to appeal should follow the complaints process outlined in the clubs constitution which can be found here <http://curiding.soc.srcf.net/documents/constitution/>.