



FITE World TREC Championships Venue and Country - TBC Date-TBC

The Federation Internationale de Tourisme Equestre www.fite-net.org is the International Governing Body of TREC. FITE organises World and European Championships for Senior, Young and Junior Duo Riders TREC competitors.

The Senior World Championships occur in Olympic years (2020, 2024, 2028), with the Senior European Championships in between (2022, 2026, 2030). Young and Junior Duo riders have a FITE Championship organised every year to encourage and develop new talent.

Senior World Championships will take place in 2021 (delayed because of Covid-19 pandemic) and European Championships in 2022.

TREC GB www.trecgb.com is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of TREC within Great Britain (as of 1st October 2014) and an associate member of FITE.

Selection for FITE Championships

The ultimate honour for any sportsperson is to be selected to represent their country in their chosen sport. This is a privilege earned through hard work, commitment and success. Any rider selected to represent Great Britain, at either the World or European TREC Championships, does so as an ambassador for their country, TREC GB and the sport of TREC.

Six riders from each country compete in World and European Championships. Four ride as the GB TREC Team and two compete as individuals. Collectively, for the purposes of this document, they are the qualifying group.

Eligibility

Any rider who wishes to be considered for selection for the TREC GB International Senior Riders must be over the age of 21 years in the year of the International Championships and a current member of TREC GB.

Registration

Any rider who wishes to be considered for selection must register by completing a Senior Rider registration form and sending the completed form, along with a £100 deposit, to Jackie Bennett The Long Wait, Hillcliff Lane, Turnditch, Belper, Derbyshire DE562EA

Costs

At this time, riders must accept that they will have to pay for most of their own participation in FITE Championships. However, raising, sponsorship and donations do contribute to overall costs. Costs will include entry fees, accommodation, stabling, food, for both human and horse, transport to and from the FITE Championships and possibly a portion of *reasonable expenses* of the Chef d'Equipe. At the current time TREC GB have agreed to pay a fix sum towards the Chef's expenses. This final sum will be confirmed as part of the 2020-2021 budget. (Previously £600)

* *Reasonable expenses* include:

- Travelling expenses ensuring the cheapest options available are chosen (to include flights, airport parking, ferry fare, fuel costs as necessary to travel to the competition site and back to the UK).
- If flights are necessary then the cost of an economy car hire for the duration of the trip



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- The basic accommodation and food package offered by the competition organisers, for the duration of the trip

If riders are liable to contribute towards Chef d'Equipe expenses, an estimated amount of expenses required to be paid will be circulated and agreed in advance of the trip, as soon as realistic estimated costings are known. These expenses will be paid from existing Senior Rider fundraising in the first instance. If there is insufficient fundraising to cover the expected amount then the rider's proportion of the estimated Chef's expenses are required to be paid into the Senior Riders' Account along with the Competition entry fee. Any over payments of Chef's expenses will be repaid after the event.

The £100 registration deposit will be used to contribute towards costs but will be refunded to any rider who isn't selected. The deposit will not be refunded if a rider withdraws after the end of the selection period (provisionally 30th June 2021) with no good reason. The International Riders' Working Group will consider mitigating circumstances.

Fund raising

There will be no compulsory fund-raising during the qualifying period. Riders can fundraise for themselves using the caveat of being a registered rider. Any fund raising must adhere to and be bound by the principles outlined in the TREC GB IRWG Principles for Funds Raising document.

Performance Selection criteria

Qualifying period

The qualifying period provisionally runs from 01/03/2019 to 30/06/2022.

Points

Selection points are awarded for each full TREC GB Summer Series Level 4 or European Cup Competition during the selection period based on final published TREC GB or FITE placings, and provided all 3 phases of the competition are completed. **Points cannot be accumulated until registration is completed and cannot be backdated.**

- a) A Rider's best five competitions, including at least two from 2021-2022, will be used in the qualifying process. (Dot Still will collate a spreadsheet of registered rider's results).
- b) Points will be awarded based on 10 points for 1st place, 9 points for 2nd place etc.
- c) In order to qualify for the Championships riders must achieve at least 42 points.
- d) If more than six riders achieve 42 points or more, then the qualifying group will be the six riders with the highest scores.
- e) If a horse is to be hired (either from the UK or Abroad), specifically for International Championships, the rider must a) inform the IRWG at the earliest possible opportunity b) source a suitably experienced TREC horse and c) get approval for the horse from the IRWG.
- f) In the event of a tie the highest average points score (to one decimal point) from the best two competitions in 2021 will separate the riders. If that fails to split them the highest placed rider, in the last competition where both competed within the qualifying period, will count.
- g) If less than six riders achieve 42 points, those achieving a score of 32 points or more will be considered for qualification by a selection group of suitably experienced TREC GB members,



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chaired by the Senior Chef d'Equipe. (Group members to be identified before the end of the qualifying period. Not to include registered riders).

- h) If less than six riders achieve 32 or more points, the Selection Group will consider the performance of other registered riders and may invite individuals to join those already in the qualifying group.
- i) The Senior TREC GB team and the riding order of Team and Individual Riders, will be determined by the Chef d'Equipe. Information used to help determine the team and the riding order will include the number of points achieved during the qualifying period, performance in Euro Cup and home Championship competitions, a consideration of performance in individual phases of competitions and circumstances at the World Championship venue once the team arrives.
- j) If a selected rider withdraws from the qualifying group then the next qualifying rider will take that riders place.

COVID -19 Statement.

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic TREC GB recognises that the selection criteria need to remain flexible but would like to riders to note that:

- a) It is preferred that the best five qualifying competitions are completed where possible on the same horse.
- b) Competitions completed in 2019 will be considered for selection purposes but that particular note will be taken of results achieved in 2021.
- c) It may not be possible for newly registered riders to compete abroad in a European Cup competition before the 2021 International Championships.
- d) The number of selection points required for selection purposes will be reviewed during 2021 based on the number of Level 4 competitions available to riders in the coming season.

Reporting Requirements

In advance of competing, riders will be expected to notify their Chef d'Equipe which competitions they plan to enter during the selection period. Notification must be received no later than the closing date for entries of any individual competition.

Within ten days of competing in a competition, riders will be expected to complete a GB Squad Competition Report, using the template supplied by the IRWG, and email it to the Chef d'Equipe and the IRWG Lead Trainer and Performance Analyst (LTPA) accompanied by a full set of your own results, including for European Cup competitions abroad. The report must include the rider's assessment of their own performance, achievements and problems encountered. The report must also include the rider's assessment of their horse's performance and fitness.

If a rider is unable to submit a report within ten days, they must advise the Chef d'Equipe and a dispensation may be given for a valid reason. If a rider fails to return the Competition report and results on a number of occasions without contacting their Chef d'Equipe, the situation will be discussed by the IRWG and the rider maybe removed from the selection list.



During the 'off' season (ie November to March) riders will be expected to complete a GB Squad 'Off Season' Monthly Training Report, using the template supplied by the IRWG, and email it to the Chef d'Equipe and LPTA before the last day of each month. If no training has been undertaken during a particular month, the returned report should briefly state the reason why.

If a rider fails to return 'off' season reports on a number of occasions without contacting their Chef d'Equipe, the situation will be discussed by the IRWG and the rider maybe removed from the selection list.

The Chef d'Equipe, in conjunction with the TREC GB International Riders' Working group, reserves the right to maintain a degree of flexibility within the criteria described above if, and when, circumstances dictate.

Requirement to compete abroad

All newly registered riders must compete abroad in a European Cup competition (abroad includes Ireland ROI) and **complete** all 3 phases, **at least once** during the selection period. Dot Still must be notified when this has been completed. This doesn't apply to internationally experienced riders. They are however encouraged to gain as much international experience as possible prior to the Championships.

Training

Helen Wain has been approved by the IRWG as the lead member responsible for analysing the performance of registered riders. Helen will help organise and lead some training and will be a member of the Selection Group for the World Championships in 2022. The information gathered will be considered when riders are invited to represent Great Britain as the GB TREC Team.

Whilst there will be no compulsory training in the qualifying period, it is expected that all registered riders will keep Helen informed by email of the following during the selection period:-

- a) Personal training targets and training along with an evaluation of its impact. At least once every two months.
- b) Competitions they plan to enter by the closing date of each event.
- c) An evaluation of performance and achievement and any problems encountered following each competition. This should also include an assessment of the horse's performance and fitness during the competition. (Within two weeks)
- d) An assessment of official training completed during the selection period and how it has helped the rider work towards achieving identified targets.

FITE Rules

Riders qualifying to compete will be expected to familiarise themselves with the current FITE rules which can be downloaded from the FITE website (www.fite-net.org).

Bank account

Registered riders have a bank account for paying all relevant expenses. Members will be required to pay money into the account as necessary to cover all compulsory costs. There is a separate document giving full details pertaining to this account.

Senior Rider Management Team

Chef d'Equipe – Dave Rogerson.
Helen Wain – Performance analyst.



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Selection Points Co-ordinator- Dot Still.

TREC GB International Riders' Bank Account Manager- Jackie Bennett.