



HKJC Guidelines & Criteria for Import of Sport Horses to BREC

Stable space in Hong Kong is always at premium and historically, priority has always been given to retiring racehorses. The fundamental purpose of these criteria is to ensure that when horses are imported, they will be able to contribute to the future development of equestrian sport in Hong Kong.

Import Approval Process

If a Member wishes to import an equestrian horse to be stabled on livery at BREC, they should first lodge their request with the Senior Manager, Equestrian (BREC) by completing and submitting the “Request for Allocation of Import Horse Stable” (Appendix 14). The Senior Manager, Equestrian (BREC) will record the request and advise the Member of any availability or their position on the waiting list.

Once stable availability is confirmed to the Member, they are advised to begin the search and purchase of their horse according to the HKJC Basic Requirements and Specific Ability Criteria set out below.

Basic Requirements :

As the availability of stables are extremely limited in Hong Kong, all imported horses must contribute to the development of equestrian training and sport in Hong Kong and therefore must be imported with the intention of competing within HKJC / HKEF shows, events or demonstrations.

Gender	Geldings or Mares only. Stallions will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of Club Management. (No retired Club horses are allowed to remain as a stallion when retired to BREC; they must all be gelded at Sha Tin prior to transfer).
Age	Only horses over 5 years old and under 15 years on date of arrival in HK will be eligible.
Stable Vices Temperament	A written declaration must be submitted with the import request to EAD to include disclosure of temperament issues or any stable vices the horse may have.

Specific Ability:

All horses must be registered with the Equestrian Federation of the country in which they compete; their results must be confirmed in writing by this Federation and must be included in the import request. Alternatively, horses registered with the FEI with an available competition record will also be accepted. Horses must have proven success in their chosen discipline at or above the level specified below; no horse will be imported on potential.

Dressage	Registered success in Medium level classes or above.
Show Jumping	Registered success in classes of 1.35m or above. (Ponies will be considered with competition success at 1.20m)
Eventing	Registered success in CIC * (Ponies will be considered with competition success at CCIP1*)
Other Sports	Imported horse must be from one of these 3 core disciplines, as at this stage it is felt there is no need for horses to be imported for other equestrian activities as these competitions are not supported in Hong Kong at present.



Veterinary Criteria & Inspection:

Once a horse that meets the above criteria has been selected, it will need to undergo a full veterinary inspection, x-rays and blood tests according to the HKJC Veterinary requirements listed in Appendix 22. The HKJC Equestrian Veterinarian is available to advise members on choosing an examining veterinarian to carry out the inspection and also to discuss any findings on the examining veterinarian's report.

Once a veterinarian has been appointed, the HKJC Equestrian Veterinarian, Adrian Farrington, will email the HKJC Certificate of Veterinary Examination with a unique ID number to the examining veterinarian for them to submit their assessment of the horse. The full set of reports and x-rays shall be submitted to HKJC Equestrian Veterinarian for their approval as per guidance set out in Appendix 21.

Once the horse has been approved by the HKJC Equestrian Veterinarian, the Member can proceed to submit the "Horse Import Request Form" (Appendix 15) to Senior Manager, Equestrian (BREC) along with the supporting competition results as listed under "specific ability" for the approval from the Head of Equestrian Affairs (HOEA).

Once the import request has been approved by HOEA, the Member should contact Racing Operations (Services), Dual Site Stables Operations and Owners Services. The team manager is Cranon Au who can be contacted via cranon.au@hkjc.org.hk to make arrangements for the shipping and quarantine import process.

The Senior Manager, Equestrian (BREC) is available to assist Members with the gathering of data and supporting with the application and import process.

Approved Stable Allocation

A maximum of 15 stables will be allocated at BREC for the use of privately imported equestrian sport horses. Should the quota be full, a waiting list will be kept and Members notified as and when stables become available.

Export of private equestrian horses:

When a privately imported equestrian horse can no longer actively contribute to equestrian sport in Hong Kong, then it must be exported or rehomed to another stabling facility.

All supporting documentation should be submitted along with the completed Horse Import Request Form (App.15) to Senior Manager, Equestrian (BREC) for collation and submission to HOEA for final approval.