



Guidelines & Criteria for Import of Sport Horses to BREC

Stable space in Hong Kong is always at a premium and as such, priority has always been given to retiring racehorses to ensure their ongoing welfare after racing. The Club is committed to finding suitable second careers for horses retiring from racing. With this overriding factor, the fundamental purpose of these criteria is to ensure that when horses/ponies 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, the Member should first lodge the request with the Equestrian Senior Manager (BREC) by completing and submitting the “Request for Allocation of Import Horse Stable” (Appendix 14). The Equestrian Senior Manager, BREC will record the request and advise the Member of any availability or the Member’s position on the waiting list. Only one request per member at one time will be accepted.

Once stable availability is confirmed to the Member, the Member is advised to begin the search and purchase of the horse/pony according to the HKJC Basic Requirements and Specific Ability Criteria set out below. If the Member declines the offer and does not want to proceed for the next shipment to Hong Kong, the Club will offer the available stable to the next Member on the waiting list.

Basic Requirements:

With the requirement that all imported horses/ponies must contribute to the development of equestrian training and sport in Hong Kong they therefore must be imported with the intention of competing and participating in HKJC / EFHKC shows, events and / or demonstrations. In order to ensure suitability of the combination for this purpose, the Member must submit videos of themselves (or in the case that it is another regular rider, such as a family member, then that person) riding the potential import horse / pony to the Equestrian Senior Manager clearly demonstrating the suitability of the partnership. The Equestrian Senior Manager’s written approval of the suitability is required before importing a horse/pony.

Horse/Pony

Gender	Geldings or Mares only. Stallions will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of Club Senior Management. (No retired Club horses are allowed to remain as a stallion when retired to BREC; they must all be gelded by the Club’s Veterinary Clinical Services Department prior to transfer).
Age	Only horses/ponies over 5 years’ old and under 15 years old (as determined in accordance with the recorded date of birth of the relevant horse) on date of arrival in Hong Kong will be eligible.
Stable Vices Temperament	A written declaration must be submitted with the import request to Equestrian Affairs Department to include disclosure of temperament issues or any stable vices the horse / pony may have.



Competition Specific Ability:

All horses/ponies must be registered with the Equestrian Federation of the country in which they compete; their results must be confirmed in writing by the relevant Equestrian Federation and must be included in the import request. Alternatively, horses registered with the Fédération Equestre Internationale with an available competition record will also be accepted.

Horses / ponies must have proven success in their chosen discipline at or above the level specified below in the last 12 months; no horse will be imported on potential.

Minimum requirements in competition for importation

Dressage	British Dressage Medium / M* / Z1 / USA Third level classes or equivalent. (same criteria for ponies) Minimum 3 results not less than 65%.
Show Jumping	1.10m classes or above. Minimum 3 classes free of jumping penalties. (Ponies will be considered with competition success at 1.00m classes)
Eventing	CCI * or British Eventing Novice (or equivalent) Minimum 2 results achieving the minimum eligibility standards (MER) (Ponies will be considered with competition success at CNC 1.00m)
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 Club's Veterinary requirements listed in Appendix 22. The Club's 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 Club's Equestrian Veterinarian, will email the Club's 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 Club's Equestrian Veterinarian for their approval as per guidance set out in Appendix 21.

Once the horse has been approved by the Club's Equestrian Veterinarian, the Member can proceed to submit the "Horse Import Request Form" (Appendix 15) to Equestrian Senior Manager (BREC) along with the supporting competition results as listed under "specific ability" for the approval from the Head of Equestrian Affairs (HoEA). Please note that the approval by the Club's Equestrian Veterinarian and / or HoEA does not constitute any guarantee from the Club regarding the horse's condition or suitability for the intended purpose.

Approved Stable Allocation

A maximum of 15 stables will be allocated at BREC for the use of privately imported equestrian sport horses / ponies. One stable per member. 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 (say due to permanent injury or old age), 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.