

## ZANEF Guidelines and Credentials YOG Selection 2026

ZANEF Jumping Technical Committee

### How does Zambia Qualify for the Games?

- Africa can send a team of four equestrian athletes to the games.
- Each athlete on the team must be from a different country.
- The top placed three countries from the results of the Jumping World Challenge 2025 Category A make up the team with a qualified rider from Senegal taking up the fourth spot.
- The Federations of each qualified country are responsible for choosing the athlete that makes up Team Africa.
- There are 6 equestrian teams at the games. (24 athletes)
- Athletes must be born between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2011.
- The athlete that **qualifies** Zambia must be registered to compete for Zambia but does not need to be a Zambian passport holder.

### Athlete selection for YOG: Athlete with Zambian passport and a Certificate of Capability.

1. Certificate of Capability: Riders must have obtained the Certificate of Capability through the FEI Jumping Challenge Category A, a score of not more than 8 penalties in the first round of any of the competitions. Certificates of Capability must be obtained between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.
2. Athletes to have obtained their Pony Club Efficiency Test C+.
3. Athletes to have qualified for The FEI Dressage World Challenge 2024 and 2025 (see Dressage Rep to confirm levels and competitions).
4. Points:
  - a. Athletes will be given points for their placings in the FEI Jumping World Challenge 2025 (Cat A) and 2026 (Cat A).
  - b. The **top three** points earning eligible athletes will be required to enter a Final Selection Competition that will determine who will represent Zambia at the games. The 'Final Three' will all receive awards from ZANEF.
  - c. The athlete who gains the most points (YOG eligible or other) and the athlete who qualifies Zambia will each receive awards from ZANEF.
5. The Selection Competition:
  - a. The competition will have rules that will ensure the welfare of the horse is paramount – this includes a limited number of warm up fences and time given to each athlete to get to know each horse.
  - b. The competition will require each athlete to ride all three of the horses over a short track at 120cm. The athlete will ride their own horse first. The athlete with the least penalties over three rounds will be the athlete who will represent Zambia at the games. In case of equality of penalties, the athlete with the fastest time on their own horse will qualify. In case of elimination on any of the horses the athlete will carry forward 50 penalties for that round.

- c. It is expected this will be a high-profile event with sponsorship and fund raising for the YOG.

Points Table to Qualify for the Top Three

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>CATEGORY A</b>
1 <sup>ST</sup>	5
2 <sup>ND</sup>	4
3 <sup>RD</sup>	3
4th	2
5th	1
Clear Round First Round	3