



Endurance GB International Selection Policy **[Applicable to all Squads except for the Welsh Home** **International who have their own constitution and processes]**

Objectives

The objectives of this Selection Policy are to select athlete and horse combinations that will maximise the potential to:

- Primary objective: Win the Team Competition gold medal at the Championships/Home International.
- Secondary objective: Win as many Individual Competition medals/awards as possible at the Championships/Home International.
- Tertiary objective: To give the option to use the team and individual places to provide Championships/Home International experience.

1. Eligibility, availability, and conditions for consideration for selection

Each athlete available for selection must be eligible to represent Great Britain/England and meet the following criteria:

- a) All athlete/horse combinations must have completed an expression of interest with the EGB International committee to be considered for selection at the relevant Championships within the timeframes set out at **Appendix 1**
The expressions of interest form links can be found in **Appendix 2; International web pages**
- b) Athletes must be a current and fully paid-up member of EGB/SERC and not serving any suspensions and or bans under EGB/SERC/FEI rules.
- c) Horses must have a fully paid up EGB registration for the current season.
- d) The athlete is eligible under any anti-doping code i.e., not serving a competition ban as a result of a proven doping or controlled medication violation, is not serving a competition ban as a result of any breach of any ethical code or misconduct.
- e) Horses and athletes either are currently or able to achieve the required/relevant Championship qualification within the specified timeline.

Additionally the following applies for FEI Championships

- i. The athlete must be a national of Great Britain and in compliance with the FEI General Regulations, 24th Edition, Article 119.
- ii. Athletes must hold a valid UK passport that does not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Championships.
- iii. The athlete has been granted a license by the National Federation of Great Britain to compete in international events in accordance with Articles 113 and 117 of the FEI General Regulations
- iv. Ideally horses will be registered with the FEI as property of owners of the same nationality as the athlete. Owners must not be serving any suspensions under either EGB/SERC/FEI
- v. Horses and Athletes must be fully registered with FEI as GBR.
- vi. Horses must have a fully paid up EGB/SERC registration for the current season.
- vii. Ideally trainers registered against each horse on FEI database will show GBR as being their admin NF and are not serving any suspensions under either EGB/SERC/FEI.



2. Selection Criteria

The Selectors will consider the criteria set out below and use their absolute discretion and expert opinion to select athlete/horse combinations onto the Squad. They must, at all times, use their discretion honestly and with due integrity.

- a) The results by the athlete/horse/ combination's results. Due regard will be given to:
 - i. The historical results:
 - ii. i] horse
 - iii. ii] athlete
 - iv. iii] as a combination
- b) Availability of at least 2 crew members who have carried out this role for the combination at a minimum of 2 rides prior to the closing date for expressions of interest.
- c) The fitness and soundness of the horse. The professional opinion of the Team Vet or another appointed veterinary surgeon will be sought. Athletes are obliged to notify the Team Vet of any change in their horse's health status or veterinary management. Athletes are expected to facilitate open communication between their own vet and the Team Vet.
- d) Fitness of the human athlete to compete to their full potential. An athlete must declare any current or ongoing physical or mental reason that may impair their ability to perform at their peak. The information will be held in the strictest confidence.
- e) As a combination attendance at any squad assessment/team training/get together sessions. Provision will be made for athletes with more than one horse being considered for selection to participate in any ridden assessments.
- f) Behaviour of the athlete and people associated with the athlete [including, without limitation to, owners, partners, trainers and crews] that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.
- g) Demonstration of behaviour that indicates a commitment to a positive team environment both on and off the field of play.
- h) The terrain and previous experience/competence over comparable courses to that of the Championships
- i) Reports from previous championships as applicable
- j) Combinations who have expressed an interest in being selected for an FEI Championships may be invited to be interviewed by the Selectors.

2.2 The Selectors, in collaboration with the Chef and Squad Management Team, may ask athletes and horses to participate in specific training, assessments or competitions where they deem this appropriate and necessary prior to selection. The Chef will inform the athletes concerned of the details regarding these requirements.

3. Qualification period

The qualification period for horses and athletes to compete will be in accordance with the relevant Championships schedule/rules.

4. Process and Timelines

See appendix 1 for the current year's dates.

- a) Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must submit their details using the expressions of interest form.
- b) Athletes will be notified at the earliest possible opportunity to allow for sufficient planning if they are required to participate in a head-to-head competition.
- c) Athletes will be informed of the outcomes of each stage of the selection process by the Chair of International within 48 hours of the relevant meeting taking place.
- d) Athletes have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds of failure to comply with this Process. An appeal must be made by submitting notice in writing to the Chair of EGB International Committee within 48 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision.



Additionally, the following will apply for FEI Championships

- e) The expressions of interest to compete at the Championships will close 14 days before the nominated entries selection meeting date and only athletes on this list will be considered for selection.
- f) Subject to the nominated entry date for the relevant Championships the Selectors will select a list of nominated entries from which the squad will subsequently be selected.
- g) Athletes will be subsequently informed of the nomination meeting outcomes by the Chair of International within 48 hours of the selection meeting taking place.
- h) The nominated entries will be submitted on the nominated entry date from which the Team will subsequently be selected [and subject to receiving the FEI official schedule with confirmation of the nominated entry date]
- i) Subject to the definite entry date, the Selectors will select from the nominated entry list:
 - a. The Squad
 - b. Reserve Combinations
 - c. The Selectors may, but are not obliged to, place Reserve Combinations in rank order.
- j) Athletes will be subsequently informed of the definite entry selection meeting selection outcomes by the Chair of International within 48 hours of the selection meeting taking place.

5. Confidentiality & Code of Conduct

- a) It is vitally important for the integrity of the International Team Policy and out of respect for the athletes, owners, Selectors, staff, volunteers, and other parties that there is always a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on selection.
- b) Any member of the Selection Panel, whether voting or non-voting, who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the Selection Panel. All confidential information, conversations and discussions will be identified as such.
- c) All involved parties must comply at all times with the Team Charter/Code of Conduct – see **Appendix 3**

6. Conflicts of Interest

In the interests of protecting the integrity of EGB International Committee’s decision-making processes, to enable squad members to have confidence in processes and procedures, and to protect the integrity and reputation of volunteers, SMT members, selectors, and committee/Board members, a written register of interests disclosing any potential conflicts of interest is required from each Selector, IC members, SMT members.

Examples of conflicts of interest include [but not limited to]:

- Relationships with either other members involved in the Selection process whether selectors, SMT, members of IC or squad members.
- Being a crew member for any current member of an International Endurance Squad
- Being connected to a company or individual directly or indirectly e.g. sponsorship, or goods regardless of value.
- Receiving hospitality from a company or individual directly or indirectly.
- Being in a position within EGB with access to information that might influence decision making.

When conflicts arise, these must be declared immediately using the disclosure pro forma. In all cases the final decision on whether a declared interest constitutes a matter which does not meet the required level of transparency and integrity, will be with EGB International Committee. If a conflict of interest arises which is deemed unacceptable and which cannot be resolved, then International Committee may take the decision that the individual concerned can no longer continue in their role.

It is expected that any official role, on International Committee/SMT/Selection or otherwise, will take priority over any other interest.



7. The Selection Panel

- a) Selection panel will comprise of an uneven number and include 1 selector who is also a member of the EGB International Committee.
- b) The panel will be appointed by the EGB International committee.
- c) The panel will be directed by and accountable to the EGB International committee.
- d) All Selectors must declare any potential or perceived or actual interest or conflict of interest in the selection process as soon as they arise to the Chair of the EGB International committee.
- e) Conflicts of interest to be confirmed and declared at the start of the selection meetings to allow them to be checked and issues managed.
- f) The appointed Selectors will annually appoint a Chair from within their number, subject to approval of the EGB International Committee. The elected Chair will ensure that:
 - i. The Selection process set out in this policy by which athlete/horse combinations are selected is followed correctly at Selection Meeting[s]
 - ii. The voting Selectors are aware of the selection criteria set out in this Selection policy.
 - iii. Maintain a register of conflicts of interest and ensure that all Selectors declare any potential or perceived conflicts as soon as they arise. If a voting Selector has a conflict of interest during selection, then the Selector must step down from discussion involving the conflict.
 - iv. Ensure that meeting notes are taken for all Selection Meetings and shared with the Chair of the EGB International Committee.
- g) The term “Selectors” throughout this document refers to the Chair of Selectors and the appointed Selectors.
- h) The following individuals may also attend Selection Meetings [in person or remotely] in a non-voting capacity as experts for the purpose of assisting the Selectors to select combinations and shall play such part in any selection meeting as the Selectors consider appropriate:
 - I. Squad Chef D’ Equipe to provide information, insight and expert opinion including but not limited to assessment of past and anticipated performance and assessment of known risk factors.
 - II. Squad veterinary surgeon to provide expert opinion and insight including, but not limited to, horse soundness, anticipated ability to compete in and complete the relevant Championships and assessment of known risk factors.
 - III. The following individuals [Observers] may also attend Selection Meetings and shall play such part in any Selection Meeting as the Selectors consider appropriate.
 - a. EGB Chair of International
 - b. EGB Director for International
- i) Selection meetings may be held in person or remotely.

8. Voting

- a) All selectors will have equal voting rights.
- b) Selection decisions must be reached by a majority of the voting selectors and with no abstentions, unless a voting Selector is required to abstain or recuse themselves from a vote due to a declared conflict of interest.
- c) In the event of an unequal number of selectors not being available due to conflicts of interest arising, then the EGB International Committee will appoint 1 selector from within their number.
- d) In the event of the Chair of Selectors declaring a conflict of interest the EGB Chair of International, or appropriate substitute approved by the international committee will chair that Selection meeting.
- e) Throughout the Selection process, the Selectors will act as experts and are entitled within this International Team Policy, having regard to the criteria set out below, to use their discretion to select Athlete and horse combinations onto the team. They must always use their discretion honestly and with integrity having regard to, and acting in compliance, with any applicable code of conduct or code of ethics in force from time to time.



7. Communication

Rider and Horse/s diary

- a) An individual online diary will be set up by the EGB International Committee for each athlete who completes an Expressions of Interest form. The information within the diary will only be available to the following: the athlete and or owner; squad management members; selectors; international committee members. Records must be kept up to date as follows:

b) Athletes:

- I. Ride plan for the year and subsequent updates/changes
- II. Ride reports and results irrespective of whether successful or not.
- III. Monthly training report
- IV. Health and fitness updates for both athlete and horse/s
- V. Any other information deemed necessary

Squad management members

- I. Notes from any assessment/training sessions
- II. Instructions/advice given to the athlete.

Points of Contact

- The key point of contact relating to this International Team Policy is Chair of the EGB International Committee
- The point of contact for athletes who wish to discuss their intended competition plans will be their squad Chef D' Equipe.

9. Substitution

In consultation with the Selectors, the EGB International Committee may substitute a reserve combination for a squad member between the announcement of the Squad and the closing date for entries. The reason for a substitution should only be because:

- a) Either the athlete is unfit to compete due to injury or illness **OR**
- b) The performance of the squad individual has dropped off to such an extent that for the success of the squad/team a substitution is vital **OR**
- c) There is a strong veterinary case for substitution. This situation will almost certainly occur as a result of a veterinary problem which it may or may not be possible to define given the time/resources available at the time. In the case of a horse being considered unable due to veterinary reasons to compete or unable to compete to the performance standard anticipated this decision will be made by the team veterinary surgeon and in consultation with the Chef D'equipe and Chair of IC if available **OR**
- d) Breaches in compliance with the Code of Conduct detailed below and conditions laid out in the Athlete Agreement including the Social Media Policy detailed below.

10. Post Selection

Maintaining fitness

Athletes should note that selection decisions are subject to the horse/athlete combinations retaining fitness/performance by maintaining a suitable training and competition programme.

Maintaining Communication

Athletes should note that selection decisions are subject to the athlete maintaining regular, transparent communications with their Chef D' Equipe and keeping the rider/horse diary up to date.



11. Post Selection Team and Running Order

- a) The Squad Chef D'Equipe in consultation with the Team Vet will decide the final Team Members, which may be announced at any point up to final declarations of the Team.
- b) The Chef D'Equipe will inform/confirm with athletes accordingly after assessment of the condition of the horse's post travel and the ground/weather conditions and the health of the rider to compete to their maximum potential.
- c) The Team and Team running order will be made with absolute discretion, honesty and integrity. This decision will not be contestable, it will be final.

12. Appeals process and procedures

- a) Athletes have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds of failure to comply with this Process.
- b) An appeal must be made by submitting notice in writing to the Chair of EGB International Committee within 48 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision.
- c) The Chair of EGB International Committee shall on receipt of the notice of appeal seek to bring together all parties for a without prejudice discussion that may, if all are agreed, take the form of a facilitated mediation.
- d) For the avoidance of doubt the Appeal Process shall continue to run during such discussion. However, if both parties notify the Chair of EGB International Committee (within 48 hours of receipt of the notice of appeal) that such discussion/mediation has resolved the appeal, the Appeal Process shall be stayed.

13. Policy Creation and Amendment

- a) This Selection Policy is compiled in consultation with the EGB International Committee, and EGB International Selectors.
- b) The EGB International Committee are entitled in exceptional circumstances to amend or revise this Selection Policy where they reasonably consider it necessary to do so to best achieve the Objectives of the selection policy.
- c) The amended or revised Selection Policy and/or relevant sections will be communicated to members of all squads who have a current Register of Interest. All amended or revised clauses will be published on the EGB Website.

14. General

Championships

A British/English Endurance Team competitor will be financially responsible for their share of the cost of accommodation and travel expenses for the team vet, chef d'equipe, physiotherapist and farrier. All monies due by competitors will be required to be paid by an agreed date which will be prior to the Championships. A full breakdown of these costs will be provided to each competitor.

Squad/Team numbers

The number of athletes/horses including reserves selected will be as detailed in the Championships rules/schedule.

EGB reserves the right to not declare squads/teams if in their opinion there are no suitable combinations, even if qualified.

Discretion – in exceptional circumstances, the EGB International Committee will be entitled within the provisions of this process to exercise their discretion to achieve the objective where it is reasonable to do so.

Code of Conduct – see appendix 3

Athletes, their support teams, and all Squad management personnel will be required to abide by any agreements and/or abide by codes of behaviour for the endurance team.

Athletes, their support teams, and all squad management personnel will be required to sign and comply with the code of conduct agreement.



Social Media – see appendix 4

Athletes, their support teams, and all Squad management personnel will be required to abide by any agreements and/or abide by codes of behaviour for the endurance team.

Athletes, their support teams, all squad management personnel, selectors and members of the EGB International Committee will be required to sign and comply with the Social Media Guidance.

Clean Sport

Selection is subject to compliance with FEI and BEF Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules, and FEI, BEF and WADA rules on human anti-doping.

Cancellation/Postponement

In the event of cancellation of the Event the relevant parties will be notified straightaway. In the event of postponement, a situation might arise where a new and/or different squad or individuals need to be selected, in which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.

Force Majeure

In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond the BEF or EGB control e.g., disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, the EGB reserves the right to make the decision, following consultation with the Chair of EGB International Committee, chef d'equipe, either to change the Selection procedure, which might include withdrawing the GBR Team/s or individuals from competition.

15. Policy Version Control

Version reference	Status	Date
V1.0	Live	12/1/2024
V2.0		
V3.0		



Appendix 1

Timelines/important dates 2024

Senior World Championships – Monpazier 7th September

Expressions of Interest open	15/1/2024
Final qualification date	17/7/2024
Expressions of Interest close	17/7/2024
Nominated entries selection meeting	31/7/2024
Nominated entry date	7/8/2024
Final selection by	19/8/2024
Definite entry date	3/9/2024
Substitution date and time	TBA

Young Rider European Championships Arborea 26/29th September

Register of Interest open	15/1/2024
Final qualification date	5/8/2024
Expressions of Interest close	5/8/2024
Nominated entries selection meeting	19/8/2024
Nominated entry date	26/8/2024
Final selection meeting	2/9/2024
Definite entry date	22/9/2024
Substitution date and time	TBA

Home International – 10 and 11th August

Expressions of Interest open	15/1/2024
Final qualification date	14/6/2024
Expressions of Interest close	14/6/2024
Long list selection meeting	28/6/2024
Final selection meeting	12/7/2024
Definite entry date	2/8/2024
Substitution date and time	9/8/2024



Young horse Championships Arborea 26th /29th September

Expressions of Interest open	15/1/2024
Final qualification date	5/8/2024
Expressions of Interest close	5/8/2024
Nominated entries selection meeting	19/8/2024
Nominated entry date	26/8/2024
Final selection meeting	2/9/2024
Definite entry date	22/9/2024
Substitution date and time	TBA

Development Squad – Fontainebleau 17 – 19th October

This will be a self funding trip open to development squad members only.
 Details from Chef Anna Bridges

Expressions of Interest open	15/1/2024
Expressions of Interest close	12/8/2024

Appendix 2 – links to squad Expressions of Interest forms

[Senior World Championships - Monpazier 2024](#)

[Development Squad 2024](#)

[England Home International Squad 2024 - Ireland](#)



Appendix 3

Team Charter/Code of Conduct

All Riders who have submitted a register of interest for any Squad and/or are selected to represent Great Britain, together with their Support Personnel (together referred to as “Participant(s)”) are subject to the FEI, EGB, SERC rules and policies and will be required to undertake to respect the principles and values of the FEI and EGB/SERC and to be bound at all times by this Team Charter.

Participant(s) include, but are not limited to athletes, owners, crews, coaches and other Support Personnel.

As a Participant, you will be expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in equestrian sport (including all participants, officials and administrators) regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, age, cultural background or religion.
- Be aware of, accept and abide by the Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse adopted by the BEF.
- Be fair, considerate, and honest and act appropriately at all times.
- Recognise that you may be a role model for others in the sport and ensure that you do not commit any act that shocks or offends the community, or which shows a manifest contempt or disregard for public morals or decency.
- Refrain from any form of harassment, bullying, abuse, violence, intimidation or vilification of others, including via the use of social media.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
- Make a positive commitment to supporting and achieving the aims and objectives of the appropriate squad.
- Be aware of, accept and comply with the EGB/SERC rules, standards, policies and procedures.
- Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as coaches, technical officials, team managers, doctors, physiotherapists, sport scientists and representatives of the EGB/SERC in the best interests of yourself and other athletes.
- Avoid any conduct using privileged information to gain a personal or commercial advantage.
- Refrain from any actions designed to influence the result of a competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics.
- Respect the spirit of the rules of the sport (including, without limitation, national and international guidelines which govern equestrian sport) and fair play and behave accordingly.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under the age of 18 years, as your words and actions are an example.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the EGB/SERC or equestrian sport into disrepute.
- Not engage in conduct that is (in EGB/SERC's reasonable opinion) unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of the EGB/SERC or the sport of equestrian.
- Not engage in conduct which may potentially negatively affect performance.
- Comply with all relevant laws of England and Scotland, including anti-discrimination, employment, occupational health and safety and child protection laws.
- Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual differences and behave accordingly.



- Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for events, administration, coaching and training.
- Condemn the use of violence or abuse in any form, whether it is by other spectators, participants, coaches, officials, volunteers or athletes.
- Do not consume or be affected by alcohol or other substances such that it impairs your judgement or the safety of yourself or others.
- Do not take, consume or be affected by illicit substances.

Appendix 4

Use of Social Media platforms

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for all persons who participate in GBR/England squads including but not limited to Athletes, Officials, Organisers, Helpers, Crews, regarding their use of social media platforms. GBR/England squad participants should be mindful of their actions and the potential impact their online presence can have on their professional and personal reputation, integrity, and the integrity of the GBR/England squads and equestrian sport. The EGB International Committee fully respect the principle of free speech; at the same time the EGB International Committee wants all GBR/England squad Participants to be able to engage with in equestrian sport in a safe and respectful online environment.

Personal Responsibility

GBR/England squad participants are personally responsible for their online activities and should act in a manner that upholds the values and standards of their activity or role. They should exercise good judgement and consider the potential consequences of their posts and interactions on social media platforms.

Professional Conduct

GBR/England squad participants should maintain a professional image and avoid engaging in conduct that may compromise their impartiality, integrity, or credibility. They should not make derogatory, offensive, or inflammatory comments about other participants, EGB/EGB International Committee/Selectors/Squad Management Team members or any other individuals involved in equestrian sport. Publicly expressing personal biases or making discriminatory remarks is strictly prohibited. Engaging in online disputes or public arguments or targeting a particular individual for specific criticism/comment is strongly discouraged.

Respect and Sportsmanship

GBR/England squad participants should treat others with respect and demonstrate sportsmanship both on and off social media platforms. They should refrain from engaging in personal attacks, harassment, or any form of online bullying. Constructive and respectful discussions are encouraged, while maintaining the integrity of the sport and its participants.

Confidentiality and Privacy

GBR/England squad participants must respect the privacy and confidentiality of other GBR/England squad participants and equestrian sport. They should not disclose sensitive or confidential information that could compromise the fairness and integrity of the sport.



Accuracy and Responsibility

GBR/England squad participants should strive to provide accurate and reliable information on social media platforms. They should fact-check before sharing or commenting on news or events related to equestrian sport. Sharing false information or spreading rumours can have a detrimental effect on the sport and its stakeholders.

Transparency

If GBR/England squad representatives and/or Officials choose to discuss GBR/England squad related matters on social media, they should clearly indicate that they are expressing personal opinions and not representing the official views of the GBR/England squads/EGB International Committee/EGB. It is important to avoid creating confusion or misleading the public. Clarifying their personal capacity when expressing opinions related to equestrian sport is essential to maintaining transparency.

Conflict of Interest

GBR/England squad officials must disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from their online activities. They should refrain from promoting or endorsing products, services, or organisations that may compromise their impartiality or raise questions about their integrity as GBR/England squad officials.

Use of Media content

GBR/England squad participants should respect intellectual property rights and avoid unauthorised use or distribution of copyrighted material, including photographs, videos, or other media content. Properly crediting the original source when sharing such content is encouraged.

Reporting Violations

If a GBR/England squad participant becomes aware of any violations of this Social Media guidance by a GBR/England squad participant, they should report such incidents to the Chair of EGB International Committee. It is the collective responsibility of all GBR/England squad participants to maintain the highest standards of conduct and a positive and respectful online environment.

Consequences of Policy Violations

Violations of this EGB International Social Media guidance may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to Warnings, Fines, Suspensions (including a Provisional Suspension). The severity of consequences will be determined based on the nature and impact of the violation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the EGB International Committee reserves the right to request a GBR/England squad participant to remove/take down/delete a social media post if in the opinion of the EGB International Committee (acting reasonably) such post violates this Social Media Document. Failure to promptly comply with the request can be taken into consideration when considering the relevant disciplinary action/sanction.

Derogatory comments are remarks or statements that belittle, demean, or disparage someone or something, often in a disrespectful or offensive manner. These comments are intended to insult or degrade a person, group, idea, or attribute, and they can be based on stereotypes, prejudices, or biases. Derogatory comments can be hurtful, offensive, and are typically aimed at diminishing the worth or dignity of the subject.

Derogatory comments can take various forms, such as:

1. **Name-calling:** Using insulting or offensive terms to refer to someone, often based on their appearance, identity, or characteristics.
2. **Stereotyping:** Making generalized, negative assumptions about a group of people based on their race, religion, gender, or other attributes.
3. **Mockery:** Ridiculing or making fun of someone, their beliefs, or their actions in a hurtful or disparaging way.



4. **Insults:** Directly attacking a person's character, intelligence, professionalism, personal ethics or abilities with the intent to demean or humiliate them.

5. **Slurs:** Using offensive or discriminatory language that targets a specific racial, ethnic, or social group.

The above list is non-exhaustive.

Offensive comments are remarks or statements that are likely to cause discomfort, displeasure, or distress to others. These comments can be offensive in various ways, including being vulgar, disrespectful, or hurtful. What is considered offensive can vary widely from one person or culture to another, as it is often influenced by individual sensitivities and social norms.

Offensive comments can encompass a range of topics and can be related to matters of:

1. **Taste:** Comments that offend someone's sense of decency, good manners, or aesthetics. For example, making lewd or obscene remarks.

2. **Morality:** Comments that challenge someone's moral values or ethical principles. This may involve discussions about controversial topics like religion, ethics, or social issues.

3. **Sensitivity:** Comments that target sensitive topics or personal experiences, such as someone's appearance, abilities, or past traumas.

4. **Cultural or Social Norms:** Remarks that go against the accepted norms, practices, or beliefs of a particular culture or society.

The above list is non-exhaustive.

Inflammatory comments are remarks or statements that are deliberately designed to provoke strong negative emotions, such as anger, outrage, or resentment in others. These comments are typically intended to escalate tensions, provoke conflict, or create a hostile or incendiary atmosphere. The primary purpose of inflammatory comments is to spark a reaction, often in a confrontational or aggressive manner.

Inflammatory comments can include:

1. **Provocation:** Statements that aim to antagonize or irritate individuals or groups, often by challenging their beliefs, values, or opinions.

2. **Insults:** Harsh and demeaning language meant to personally attack or humiliate someone, thereby eliciting a strong emotional response.

3. **Misinformation or Disinformation:** Spreading false or misleading information to manipulate opinions and provoke outrage or fear.

4. **Sensationalism:** Exaggerating or distorting facts or events in a way that amplifies their emotional impact and encourages strong reactions.

5. **Divisive Rhetoric:** Encouraging division, polarization, or conflict by targeting and accentuating differences among people or groups.

The above list is non-exhaustive.