

SELECTION POLICY 2018 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES VAULTING

This selection policy ('the policy') covers the discipline of Vaulting.

1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes for the Australian Vaulting Team who are able to achieve the best possible result for Australia at the 2018 World Equestrian Games. The term 'best possible result' encompasses Individual (male and female), Pas-de-deux and Squad events.

2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

Subject to the terms of the Policy and any additional FEI qualification/entry requirements:

- 2.1 On or before **15th January 2018**, the National Vaulting Selection Panel (NVSP) will identify athletes to be named on the Long List, from which the Vaulting team will be primarily selected.
- 2.2 Once having been identified to the long list, athletes will then need to provide documentation to support their interest in competing in WEG no later than **10 March 2018**.
- 2.3 The specific documentation required will include, but may not be limited to:
 - 2.3.1 FEI qualification scores;
 - 2.3.2 Copies of original score sheets from the qualifying period
 - 2.3.3 Arrangements for suitable horses for use at WEG (including horse score sheets)
- 2.4 On or before **2 April 2018**, the NVSP will nominate athletes (based on the available documentation as above and who have met FEI Qualification and Entry requirements) who are most likely to meet the selection objectives to the Short List. The Short List will consist of Athletes to be nominated by EA to the FEI as Nominated Entries with a maximum of two squads, six Individual male vaulters, six Individual Female Vaulters and 8 Pas-de-Deux combinations plus the number of reserves allowed by FEI.
- 2.5 The NVSP may request further evidence to assist decisions within the selection process. Evidence may be requested from multiple sources, including but not limited to:
 - The Athlete;
 - Coaches, lungers and officials;
 - Equestrian Australia
- 2.6 On or before **2 June 2018**, the NVSP will select the Australian Vaulting Team for WEG 2018 including a maximum of one squad, three Individual Male Vaulters, three Individual Female Vaulters and three Pas-de-Deux combinations, from athletes named on the short list.
- 2.7 The policy may be varied, amended or supplemented by EA and the NVSP from time to time, including where matters arise for which there is no explicit provision in the criteria. Any variation, amendment or supplement to the Policy, must be in writing. EA will endeavour to

give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any variation, amendment or supplement to the Policy.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR THE LONG LIST, SHORT LIST AND WEG TEAM

3.1 For **Athletes** to be eligible for selection, all athletes must:

- 3.1.1 be a current member of EA;
- 3.1.2 be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art. 119;
- 3.1.3 be able to attend and participate in training clinics and camps as notified in writing, unless a written exemption has been granted by the EA Board or the NVSP in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption;
- 3.1.4 demonstrate to the satisfaction of EA that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard;
- 3.1.5 satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for WEG Nominated Entries; and
- 3.1.6 sign the Team Member Agreement

3.2 For Horses to be eligible for selection, all horse must:

- 3.2.1 be registered with EA or should the horse be permanently domiciled in a country other than Australia, a current FEI passport administered by either EA or the rider's host country;
- 3.2.2 not have breached the requirements of EA or FEI Anti-Doping and medication control policies
- 3.2.3 have a current FEI passport

3.3 Additions to the WEG Long List

The JSP may, in its absolute discretion, add a horse and athlete combination to the WEG Long List at any stage subject to the combination satisfying the relevant FEI qualification criteria and prior to close of Nominated Entries.

4. APPEALS

- 4.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes and horses for the WEG Squad will be heard by an EA Appeal Tribunal in accordance with the EA Appeal By-Laws.
- 4.2 There will be one level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that the Policy was not properly followed and/or implemented.

- 4.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with the High Performance Director of EA within three (3) working days from the date of the announcement of the WEG Vaulting Team.

5. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nomination criteria combines both the Competition Criteria and General Criteria.

5.1 Competition Criteria

All Athletes must meet current FEI qualification requirements which can be found at the below link to be eligible for selection to the Australian Vaulting Team.

http://inside.fei.org/system/files/WEG2018_Qualification%20Criteria_17Oct2017.pdf

5.2 General Criteria

In evaluating the performances of athletes that have met the Competition Criteria, the NVSP will take into account the following General Criteria:

- (a) Competition considerations
 - (i) Athletes must nominate a horse that has previously demonstrated a horse score of at least 7.0 in the class in which it will be competing at WEG.
 - (ii) Performance at all International, National and official competitions within the selection period 12 months prior to the final selection date will be considered, with particular attention to the most recent competitions, but do not automatically position one athlete above another in terms of selection.
- (b) Objective considerations
 - (i) Athletes must show evidence that they are able to consistently score above the minimum FEI qualification scores for WEG in the form of results from competitions where there are at least two judges with a minimum qualification of EA Level 3 Vaulting Judge.
- (c) Discretionary considerations
 - (i) Where the aspect of current form is to be considered, performances at recent events may be taken into account in comparison with performances achieved earlier. "Recent" will generally relate to performances in the three months prior to consideration.
 - (ii) The NVSP may take into consideration the standard of competition, the number of competitors, the level of experience of the judges and the overall quality of the competition when scores have been achieved.

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- (iii) An athlete maintaining a consistent standard during the selection period may be selected ahead of an athlete that may have achieved higher scores, but whose performances are less consistent.
- (iv) The NVSP in their discretion may take into consideration the ability of an athlete to perform at major international Championships or Events or past performances at such events, even when these events fall outside of the selection period.
- (v) Unforeseen circumstances, including those outside of the control of the athlete, may also qualify for dispensation in the sole discretion of the NVSP.

6. GENERAL FACTORS

In considering the performances of athletes and horses at events, training camps or other activities required under this policy, the Panel may in their discretion give weight to extraordinary factors applying to that athlete and/or horse such as the following:

- 6.1.1 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy must advise the High Performance Director and relevant National Performance Director of this fact, and the reasons, in writing, before the commencement of the activity or as soon as practicable.
- 6.1.2 In the case of injury or illness, the athlete may be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by EA.
- 6.1.3 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, quarantine factors or other extraordinary factors, the Panel will make a decision on an individual basis.
- 6.2 Additions to the WEG Long list and Short list
 - 6.2.1 At the NVSP's discretion, an Athlete who has satisfied the relevant selection criteria may be added to the WEG Long List.
 - 6.2.2 At the NVSP's discretion, an Athlete who has satisfied the relevant selection criteria may be added to the WEG Short list at any stage up to the closing of Nominated Entries.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

Following selection to either the Long List, Short List or WEG Vaulting Team, athletes who:

- 6.3.1 by reason of illness or injury are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the NVSP (after having received advice from a medical practitioner);
- 6.3.2 contravene the FEI or EA Codes of Conduct or EA Rules and policies;
- 6.3.3 fail to comply with the terms of their Athlete's Agreement; or
- 6.3.4 do not meet any other stated requirement communicated to them in writing by EA,

may be removed from the WEG Long List, Short List or WEG Team. Removal from the WEG Long List, Short List or WEG Team can be undertaken by the NVSP, but only with the prior written approval of the High Performance Director of EA.

ANNEXURE A

Vaulting Selection Timelines –

Date	Event
15 January 2018	Long List announced by VSP
10 March 2018	Long List to provide VSP with required documentation
2 April 2018	Short List announced by VSP
2 June 2018	WEG Team announced by VSP