

SELECTION POLICY 2018 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES DRESSAGE

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

1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes and horses to form a team of up to four (4) combinations able to achieve the best possible results at the 2018 World Equestrian Games (WEG 2018) to be held in Tryon, USA, 10 – 23 September 2018. The term 'best possible result' encompasses both a team and an individual result.

2. THE DRESSAGE SELECTION PANEL

Equestrian Australia's Dressage Selection Panel (DSP) comprises:

Maryjane Crabtree (Chair)

Jan Smith

Connie Murray

3. OVERVIEW OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1 It is contemplated that combinations eligible for selection for WEG 2018 will have been named in the EA High Performance Squads as determined during 2017.
- 3.2 Combinations eligible for selection for WEG 2018 must have met a threshold standard achieved at competitions meeting the requirements set out in Clause 4
- 3.3 Combinations which have met the threshold requirements during the Preliminary Selection Period will be asked to express, in writing, their interest in being considered for the 2018 team.
- 3.4 Subject to meeting the eligibility and selection criteria under this policy, combinations which have expressed interest under clause 3.3 of this policy, and which have competed in the Grand Prix at a minimum of two (2) events nominated under clause 5, will be considered by the DSP in selecting the team for WEG 2018.

4. THE PRELIMINARY SELECTION PERIOD

The Preliminary Selection Period (1 July 2017 to 30 April 2018) required combinations to obtain scores of 69% or above from the Grand Prix test at a minimum of two CDI*** or above level competitions, with at least one score to have been obtained in 2018 (the "Preliminary Qualifying Scores"). The Preliminary Selection Period is now extended to permit those combinations yet to achieve both Preliminary Qualifying Scores to obtain a second Preliminary Qualifying Score in the period up to 15 July 2018. Athletes may use shows that are also listed as Nominated Events to secure their second Preliminary Qualification Score under this clause.

5. THE NOMINATED EVENTS:

- 5.1 The DSP will consider the results, of combinations which have expressed interest, from nominated shows in Australia, Europe and North America. Combinations will be required to compete at a minimum of two (2) shows with the highest two (2) scores from the Grand Prix test to count. The DSP reserves the right, if necessary and in consultation with the National Training Adviser (if applicable), to add shows which meet the appropriate standards. At this stage and subject to confirmation of 2018 dates and acceptance by the relevant Organising Committees, the shows will be:

Werribee, Australia	22-24 March, 2018 (CDI-W) (2018 date confirmed)
Tryon, USA	19 – 22 April, 2018 (CDI3*) (2018 date confirmed)
Sydney, Australia	3 – 5 May, 2018 (CDI3*) (2018 date confirmed)
Compiègne, France	17-20 May, 2018 (CDI3*, CDIO5*) (2018 date confirmed)
Wiesbaden, Germany	18 – 21 May, 2018 (CDI 4*) (2018 date confirmed)
Aachen, Germany	29 – 31 May, 2018 (CDI3) (2018 date confirmed)
Boneo, Australia	14 – 16 June, 2018 (CDI-W) (2018 date confirmed)
Fritzems, Austria	29 June – 1 July, 2018 (CDI 4*) (2018 date confirmed)
Falsterbo, Sweden	12 – 15 July, 2018 (CDI3*, CDIO5*) (2018 date confirmed)

***Please note: Aachen replaces the CDI4* at Rosendaal, Holland scheduled for 31/5 – 3/6 which is cancelled.**

- 5.2 Combinations which have fulfilled all selection criteria set out in this document but which are not on an EA National Squad, may still be eligible for the WEG 2018 team.

6. WITHDRAWING DURING THE NOMINATED EVENTS PERIOD

- 6.1 If, during the Nominated Events Period, any of the following events occur, the affected combinations will not be considered for WEG team selection:
- 6.1.1 An athlete campaigning for the WEG 2018 team selection does not meet the requirements outlined in the Athlete Agreement.
 - 6.1.2 An athlete campaigning for WEG 2018 team selection contravenes the FEI Veterinary Regulations, EA Rules and Policies, including the EA or FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

7. ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES WHO WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WEG 2018 TEAM

- 7.1 For **Athletes** to be eligible for WEG 2018 selection, all athletes must:
- 7.1.1 Be a current member of EA;

- 7.1.2 Be eligible to compete for Australia under FEI General Regulations Art. 119;
- 7.1.3 Be willing to make their horse(s) available for examination at a time and location reasonably requested by the Team Veterinarian, or a Veterinarian nominated by the Team Vet, High Performance Director, Chef d'Equipe or National Training Adviser and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations of the Team Veterinarian. This may also be in consultation with the athlete's own veterinarian.
- 7.1.4 Fulfil the requirements of always maintaining an up to date FEI Medication Logbook;
- 7.1.5 Not have used or administered any substance that, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted Doping as defined in the EA Anti-Doping Policy.
- 7.1.6 Not have used or administered any substance that, if it had been detected during a dope test, would have constituted Doping as defined by the EA Equine Anti-Doping Policy.
- 7.1.7 Provide accurate and up-to-date information of their whereabouts and that of their eligible horses on a regular basis to EA;
- 7.1.8 Satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for WEG 2018 Nominated Entries;
- 7.1.9 Demonstrate to the satisfaction of EA that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the WEG 2018 to the highest possible standard; and
- 7.1.10 Have acted at all times in such a manner, this includes their use of social media, so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of dressage or EA into public disrepute or censure.
- 7.2 For **Horses** to be eligible for WEG 2018 selection, all horses must:
 - 7.2.1 Be registered with EA or, should the horse be permanently domiciled in a country other than Australia, hold a current FEI passport administered by either EA or the rider's host country.
 - 7.2.2 Satisfy the Team Veterinarian of its fitness to compete at WEG 2018.
 - 7.2.3 Not be subject to a current sanction under the current EA or FEI Equine Anti Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations. Prior sanctions may also be taken into account.
- 7.3 **Owners** - In order for the horse and athlete combination to be considered for WEG 2018 team selection, EA must have received from the owner(s) of the nominated horse a signed copy of the 2018 EA Horse Owner Agreement.

8. APPEALS

- 8.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes and horses for the WEG 2018 team will be heard by an EA Appeal Tribunal in accordance with the EA Appeal By-Laws.
- 8.2 There will be one (1) level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that this Selection Policy was not properly followed and/or implemented.
- 8.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. Owners cannot appeal any decision. An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with the CEO of EA within three (3) working days from the date of the announcement of the WEG 2018 Team.

9. NOMINATION CRITERIA

These Nomination Criteria reflect the FEI qualification criteria, competition criteria and general criteria.

9.1 FEI Qualification Process for WEG 2018

“In order to qualify for participation at the 2018 World Equestrian Games, athletes and horses must have attained (as a combination), a result of at least 66% attributed by the Ground Jury and by any two different FEI 5* Dressage Judges, of a nationality other than that of the rider, in a Grand Prix at two different CDI 3*/4*/5*/ CDI-W or CDIO events during the qualification period.”

Qualification period: Start: 1 January 2017 End: 13 August 2018

9.2 Competition Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for selection, athlete and horse combinations are to have achieved the competition criteria as follows:

- Combinations must have achieved an overall percentage of 69% or higher in at least two Grand Prix tests at a CDI3* or above or CDI-W event during The Preliminary Selection Period. If competing in a CDI3*, there must be at least one 5* judge on the Ground Jury.

9.3 General Criteria

9.3.1 When considering results from Nominated Competitions, the DSP will take into account a range of factors which include, but are not limited to:

- the level of the competition at which the result was obtained
- the consistency of performance
- an improving trend in performance
- more recent results

- 9.3.2 The DSP will consult with the High Performance Director, the Chef d'Equipe, the National Training Adviser and the Team Veterinarian when considering general criteria for WEG 2018 selection.

10. DISCRETIONARY CONSIDERATIONS

Combinations to be selected for the WEG 2018 Team will be identified by the DSP in its sole and absolute discretion to achieve the best possible result at WEG 2018. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the DSP, the DSP will consider the following factors:

- 10.1 The DSP has the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the considerations when selecting combinations for WEG 2018.
- 10.2 These discretionary considerations apply to the selection of combinations for the WEG 2018 Team, and to any substitutions that may be required.
- 10.3 The ability of the combination to compete successfully at a high level International competition. Consideration will be given to:
- demonstrated experience and/or success at International events
 - the ability or potential of the combination to perform under the stress and pressure of an event such as the World Equestrian Games
 - the ability of the athlete to prepare their horse for a major campaign
 - the ability of the athlete to contribute to an effective and harmonious team including the demeanour of the athlete as a representative of Australian Dressage and equestrian sport generally
 - the potential of the combination to advance the status of the sport of dressage in Australia
 - the advice of the High Performance Director, the Chef d'Equipe, the National Training Adviser and the Team Veterinarians, particularly concerning the fitness of the combination to perform at the required level.
- 10.4 Riders are expected to, in the interests of promoting Australia's reputation at International shows, to compete in the Grand Prix Special and / or the Grand Prix Freestyle classes at the shows they attend as per Article 422.2.9.

11. EXTRAORDINARY FACTORS

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

- 11.1 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy must advise the High Performance Director, Chef d'Equipe and National

Training Adviser of this fact, and the reasons, in writing, before the commencement of the activity or as soon as practicable. Notwithstanding the above, and given that athletes have the option to attend several events, two (2) performances at the Nominated Events must be achieved.

- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, quarantine factors or other extraordinary factors, the DSP will make a decision on an individual basis.

12. POST SELECTION SUBSTITUTIONS

If, after Team selection for WEG 2018, the horse sustains an injury and/or exacerbates an earlier injury and/or shows symptoms of an illness at any time up to the point of competition, the horse will be subject to an assessment of their current form and ability to compete at the expected level. This assessment will be conducted by the DSP, in consultation with the High Performance Director, the Chef d'Equipe and National Training Adviser in consultation with the Team Veterinarian.

After the assessment has been carried out a decision will be made by the DSP.

Any replacement must be made in accordance with this Selection Policy.

13. VARIATION, AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY

This policy may be varied, amended or supplemented by the DSP from time to time, including where matters arise for which there is no explicit provision in the criteria. Any variation, amendment or supplement, must be in writing. The DSP will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any variation, amendment or supplement to the Policy.

ANNEXURE A: WEG 2018 Dressage Selection Provisional Timelines –

Date	Event	Comment
2017	National squads announced	National Squad members
1 July 2017	Beginning of Preliminary Selection Period for WEG Team performances	Australia, Europe, North America
From 1 March 2018	Mandatory requirement to compete at two of the nine nominated events	Australia, Europe, North America
15 July 2018	End of Preliminary Selection Period for WEG 2018 performances.	Australia, Europe, North America
15 July 2018	End of nominated events	
16 July 2018	Final date for Expressions of Interest	
TBC	Veterinary Inspection prior to team announcement.	
On or before 19 July 2018	WEG 2018 Team announced	Up to four combinations (Any appeals to be finalised by 23 July 2018)
Late August 2018	Veterinary checks prior to departure	
TBC	Definite Entries	
4-6 September 2018	Arrive venue. Post Arrival Quarantine.	
12,13,14,16 September 2018	WEG Dressage	