

### SELECTION POLICY 2018 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES - JUMPING

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

#### 1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes and horses who are able to achieve the best possible results at the 2018 World Equestrian Games. The term 'best possible result' encompasses both a team and an individual result.

#### 2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

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

- 2.1 On or before **28 February 2018**, the initial process will commence with the Jumping Selection Panel (**the 'JSP'**) selecting a long list of horses and athletes from which the 2018 World Equestrian Games Jumping Team will be primarily selected.
- 2.2 On or before **6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, the JSP will select a **Short List** primarily, but not exclusively, from the Long List.
  - a) Horses considered for the **Short list** campaigning from Australia may be considered from performances in the Grand Prix at the following shows:
    - i. The Australian Showjumping Championships: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017
    - ii. Showcase of Showjumping: 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017
    - iii. Adelaide International Three Day Event: 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017
    - iv. Summer Showjumping Championships incorporating the Pacific League World Cup Final: 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017
    - v. Boneo Park Classic: 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018
    - vi. Sydney Royal Easter Show: 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018
    - vii. AQUIS Showjumping Classic – Elysian Fields: 4-6<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- 2.3 On or before **21<sup>st</sup> August 2018**, the JSP will select five (5) combinations to be "**the WEG Team**" including one (1) travelling reserve combination. The Nominated reserve can be named by the JSP in conjunction with the HPD at any time following the announcement of the selected team of five combinations, but no later than the WEG team declaration (Definite entries) as outlined in the WEG schedule.
- 2.4 Athletes who have fulfilled all selection criteria as per this document may be eligible for the Short List or WEG team selection.
- 2.5 This policy may be varied, amended or supplemented by EA 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. EA will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any variation, amendment or supplement to the Policy.

### 3. SUBSTITUTION

3.1 Following selection of the WEG Team, if:

- 3.1.1 In the opinion of the JSP (in consultation with the High Performance Director, Team Vet and the Chef d'Equipe), there has been a loss of form or fitness by a member of the WEG Team, the loss of form must be assessed to be likely to be ongoing and affect performance at WEG; or
- 3.1.2 A member of the WEG Team contravenes their athlete agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 3.1.3 A member of the WEG Team does not meet the requirements outlined in the athlete's agreement;

that member of the WEG Team may be replaced by another combination/reserve meeting the requirements for selection.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR THE LONG LIST

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

- 4.1.1 Be current members of EA;
- 4.1.2 Be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art. 119;
- 4.1.3 Be able to attend and participate in training clinics and camps as notified in writing, unless a written exemption has been granted by EA or the Chef d'Equipe, in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption;
- 4.1.4 Be willing and able to undertake the training and competition program recommended by the HPD after consultation with the athlete;
- 4.1.5 Be willing to make their horse(s) available for examination at a time and location reasonably requested by the Team Vet and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations of the Team Vet; this may also be in consultation with the athlete's own vet;
- 4.1.6 Provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis to the EA;
- 4.1.7 Satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for WEG Nominated Entries;
- 4.1.8 Demonstrate to the satisfaction of EA that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in WEG to the highest possible standard;
- 4.1.9 Have acted and at all times act in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Jumping or EA into public disrepute or censure; and

4.1.10 Have signed the EA National Squad athlete agreement.

4.2 For **Horses** to be eligible for selection to WEG Nominated Entries, all horses must:

4.2.1 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;

4.2.2 have passed a veterinary examination to the satisfaction of the Team Vet;<sup>1</sup>

4.2.3 have a current FEI passport

4.3 For **Owners** - in order for the horse and athlete combination to be selected for WEG Nominated Entries, EA must have received from the owner(s) of the nominated horse a signed copy of the 2018 EA Jumping National Squad Horse Owner Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

### 5. APPEALS

5.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes and horses for the WEG Team will be heard by an EA Appeal Tribunal in accordance with the EA Appeal By-Laws.

5.2 There will be one level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that this Selection Policy was not properly followed and/or implemented.

5.3 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 HPD of EA within three (3) working days from the date of the announcement of the WEG Team.

5.4 It shall be a condition of selection for the WEG Short List that each Athlete expressly agrees to and accepts the provisions of this clause 5 including, without limitation, clause 5.1.

### 6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nomination criteria combines the FEI qualification requirements, the Competition Criteria and the General criteria.

6.1 FEI Qualification Process for WEG 2018 – Jumping – Certificate of Capability

[http://inside.fei.org/system/files/WEG2018\\_Qualification%20Criteria\\_17Oct2017.pdf](http://inside.fei.org/system/files/WEG2018_Qualification%20Criteria_17Oct2017.pdf)

Qualification period: Start: 1 January 2017

End: 13 August 2018

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<sup>1</sup> The timing and form of each horse's veterinary examination will be at the sole discretion of the Team Vet

<sup>2</sup> The term 'owner' refers to a person or persons registered as the official horse owner with the EA State Branch or the equivalent overseas NF. Where there are multiple owners, a representative nominated in writing to EA by the owners may act on behalf of all the owners, including the signing of the Horse Owner Agreement. It is the 'primary' owner registered with the EA State Branch, who has the onus to inform EA of any separate contracts that may impact on the EA Horse Owner Agreement prior to, during or following the 2018 World Equestrian Games

### 6.2 General Criteria

The Jumping Nomination Process offers horse and athlete combinations the opportunity to be nominated to the WEG team in two (2) ways. These are:

#### 6.2.1 Early Nomination

The JSP may, at their discretion, nominate up to four (4) combinations to the WEG team before the naming of the WEG Team.

In exercising their discretion, the JSP will consider the combinations' demonstrated ability to meet the objectives of this nomination criteria together with outstanding performances achieved in CSI4\* and above competitions held between 1 January 2017 and 21 August 2018, with particular attention to form in the most recent competitions.

#### 6.2.2 Discretionary Nomination

Following the Early Nomination of the horse and Athlete combinations as per clause 6.2.1 above, the JSP will nominate the remainder of the WEG Jumping Team based on the following criteria:

1. Be the combinations that the JSP believe have the ability to contribute positively to the 2018 WEG Jumping Team, achieving the best possible result at the 2018 WEG demonstrated by the following:
  - a) Performances and placings at European and North American CSI3\* shows and above will be considered but do not automatically position one combination above another in terms of nomination.
  - b) Ability and experience of the combinations to compete successfully at high level of international competition, including past international and national performances; performances at CSI3\* events or greater, and CSI-W's, and Grand Prix performances.
  - c) Ability of the Athlete to prepare their horse at peak condition for a major campaign
  - d) Ability of the Athlete to contribute to a positive Team environment
  - e) The age, soundness and fitness of the horse
  - f) Ability, or potential ability, of the combination to perform under the stress and pressure of the WEG.
  - g) Any other factors the JSP in its sole discretion consider relevant in the circumstances
  - h) Discretionary combinations do not necessarily have to be nominated on the Long or Short List to be eligible for discretionary selection. However, the combination must have attained a Certificate of Capability for the WEG in accordance with FEI rules.
2. Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute toward a team score may be considered. If in the opinion of the JSP a consistent

combination will contribute towards an effective team score, this combination may be nominated ahead of another combination that has performed well under the competition criteria, but which in the opinion of the JSP, has the potential to be inconsistent.

### **7. DISCRETIONARY CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **7.1 Extraordinary Factors**

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

- 7.1.1 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.
- 7.1.2 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.
- 7.1.3 In the case of illness or soundness problems of the horse, the horse will be required to undergo a veterinary examination by the National Team Vet or by a vet nominated by the Team Vet.
- 7.1.4 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, quarantine factors or other extraordinary factors, the Selection Panel will make a decision on an individual basis.

#### **7.2 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.

#### **7.3 Removal from a List**

Athletes who:

- 7.3.1 by reason of illness, injury or soundness problems to either their horse or themselves are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the Selection Panel (after having received advice from a medical practitioner or the Team Vet); or
- 7.3.2 contravene the FEI or EA Codes of Conduct, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 7.3.3 fail to comply with the terms of their Athletes agreement; or
- 7.3.3 do not meet any other stated requirement communicated to them in writing by EA,

may be removed from the WEG Long or Short List. Removal from the WEG Long or Short List by the EA Selection Panel may only be with the prior written approval of the HPD of EA.

### 8. NOMINATION TIMELINE

DATE (on or before)	EVENT	COMMENTS
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>	Long List announced	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	Short List announced	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	FEI Qualification period ends	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August 2018</b>	WEG Team announced	Five (5) combinations including one travelling reserve
<b>TBC</b>	WEG Definite Entries	