

SELECTION POLICY 2018 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES - REINING

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

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 All athletes wishing to be considered for selection will submit to Equestrian Australia no later than **30th June 2018**, an application for consideration for selection.
- 2.2 On or before **15th July 2018**, the Reining Chef d'Equipe in conjunction with the EA High Performance Director will select five (5) combinations to be "**the WEG Team**" – which will comprise the four athletes to compete in the Team competition at WEG plus one individual athlete.
- 2.3 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 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 Reining 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;¹
 - 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 Reining Horse Owner Agreement. ²

5. APPEALS

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

² 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

- 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 – Reining – Certificate of Capability

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/WEG2018_Qualification%20Criteria_2February2018.pdf

Qualification period: Start: 1 January 2017

End: 13 August 2018

To be eligible to compete either as a member of a team or as an individual at the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games, an Athlete must be qualified as FEI 3* Athlete (Art. 302.5.1) and achieve a minimum average score of 70 at two out of three different CRI3* (Championships excluded), all completed with no elimination, disqualification or withdrawal, during the qualification period. One of the qualifying results as defined above must be achieved no earlier than on the 1st January of the year in which the Championships take place and no later than the end date of the qualification period. Nations who enter a Team must have organized a CRI of any level or an FEI Reining Championship in their home country during the qualification period. It is not compulsory for the Team members to have participated in this CRI/CH. An NF that is not able to send a team may send up to two individual Athletes and two Horses who have achieved the minimum qualification criteria as stated above.

6.2 General Criteria

In evaluating the performances of riders that have met the Competition Criteria, the Chef d'Equipe and High Performance Director will take into account the following General Criteria:

- 6.2.1 The RSP will primarily consider performances of athletes at FEI and NRHA events from 1st January 2017. Performances prior to 2017 will also be considered but may have lesser weight;
- 6.2.2 Head-to-head performances will be considered but do not automatically position one athlete above another for selection;

- 6.2.3 Competition-based factors will be taken into consideration when assessing each athlete's performance. These include, but are not restricted to:
- The performance of an athlete in relation to the quality and number of competitors;
 - The quality of the riding by an athlete especially in relation to the quality and number of horses they have ridden in competition;
 - The general conditions under which a performance is achieved, such as the surface; and;
 - The suitability of the athlete for the 2018 World Equestrian Games, taking into account the objective of the team and individual competition and the type of riding required to achieve the best possible results;
 - The ability and experience of the athlete to compete successfully at high level international competition. Consideration will be given to:
 - The ability, or potential ability, of athletes to perform under the stress and pressure of WEG;
 - The ability of athletes to adapt their riding for competition on a borrowed horse;
 - The ability of athletes to contribute towards an effective team environment, and
 - The demonstrated ability of athletes to be suitable representatives of Australia;
 - Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team score may be considered.

The Chef d'Equipe and High Performance Director have the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the general criteria in considering athletes for selection.

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 Chef d'Equipe and High Performance Director 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 Chef d'Equipe and High 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 Short List

The Chef d'Equipe and High Performance Director may, in their absolute discretion, add a horse and athlete combination to the WEG Short 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 Short List or Team.

8. NOMINATION TIMELINE

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
30 th June 2018	Athlete applications for consideration for selection due	To be sent to Michelle Graham michelle.graham@equestrian.org.au
15 th July 2018	Short List announced	
13 th August 2018	FEI Qualification period ends and Nominated Entries due	
15 st August 2018	WEG Team announced	Five (5) combinations including four team members and one individual
3 rd September 2018	WEG Definite Entries	