PARA-DRESSAGE HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD
SELECTION POLICY AND CRITERIA 2017-18

GOLD (AIS Athlete Category – Podium and Podium Ready)

Athletes and/or athlete and horse combinations that have achieved medal performances at the most recent Paralympics, and are considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming World Equestrian Games in 2018, or the Tokyo Paralympic Games in 2020 (AIS Athlete Category – Podium).

OR

Athletes and/or athlete and horse combinations who have achieved medal status or top 8 finishes at the last Paralympic Games and /or World Equestrian Games, or who are targeted as a medal contender for the Tokyo Paralympic Games in 2020 (AIS Athlete Category – Podium Ready).

GREEN (AIS Athlete Category – Podium Potential)

Athletes and/or combinations who have the potential to be in contention for selection to the team at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, or athletes and/or combinations who are capable of progressing to the Gold Squad within the next four year cycle.

These athletes/combinations will be selected with reference to the following criteria:

- Targeted athletes displaying consistent commitment to the sport and the aptitude to progress to team selection within the next four year cycle.

- Athletes and/or Combinations who have been identified by both the Para Equestrian Selection Panel and the Para Equestrian High Performance Manager as having the physical, technical, tactical, psychological and personal attributes, plus the emotional resilience to add to the successful performance of an Australian Paralympic Team at the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020.

- Combinations in which the horse has no ongoing veterinary issues which would preclude them from team selection (this will be determined upon veterinary inspection by the Australian Team veterinarian in conjunction with the athlete's own veterinarian).

NEXT (AIS Athlete Category – Developing & Emerging)

Targeted athletes and/or combinations who show the potential to develop into international team candidates by Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020 or the World Equestrian Games in 2022.

These athletes/combinations will be selected with reference to the following criteria:

- Athletes/combinations who have been identified by both the Para Equestrian Selector Panel and the Para Equestrian High Performance Manager as having the potential to develop

physical, technical, tactical, psychological and personal attributes plus the emotional resilience to add to a successful performance for the Australian Paralympic Team at the Tokyo Paralympics in 2020.

- Combinations in which the horse has no ongoing veterinary issues that would preclude them from team selection (this will be determined upon veterinary inspection by the Australian Team veterinarian in conjunction with the athlete's own veterinarian).

- Athletes who have shown significant equestrian skill on a variety of horses, but may not currently have a horse suitable for international competition.