

FEI VAULTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SENIORS 2024 – Bern (SUI)

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 2024 World Championship. 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 **3 May 2024** the National Vaulting Selection Panel ('the NVSP') will identify athletes to be named on the Long List, from which the Vaulting team's 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 the World Championship no later than **27 May 2024**.
- 2.3 The specific documentation required will include, but may not be limited to:
 - 2.3.1 FEI qualification scores; or plans in place for obtaining qualifying scores including dates.
 - 2.3.2 Copies of original score sheets from the qualifying period
 - 2.3.3 Arrangements for suitable horses for use at World Championship (including horse score sheets)
- 2.4 The NVSP will select and nominate the Australian Senior Vaulting Team for World Championships 2024 including a maximum of one squad, three Individual Male Vaulters, three Individual Female Vaulters and three Pas-de-Deux combinations, and also including the number of reserves as allowed by FEI. This will occur on or before **17 June 2024 (or as advised in the FEI Schedule)** and based on the available documentation as above and for those who have met FEI Qualification and Entry requirements.
- 2.5 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 endeavor to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any variation, amendment, or supplement to the Policy.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

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 have acted and at all times act in such a manner so as not to bring the athlete, the discipline of Equestrian or Equestrian Australia into public disrepute or censure;

3.1.4 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;

3.1.5 satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for World Championship Nominated Entries; and

3.1.6 sign the Team Member Agreement

3.2 For **Horses** and **Lungers** to be eligible for selection, they must:

3.2.1 have a current FEI passport (horses) and FEI membership (lungers);

3.2.2 not have breached the requirements of FEI Anti-Doping and medication control policies

4. APPEALS

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

4.2 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 World Championship Vaulting Team.

5. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nomination criteria combines both the FEI Qualification Criteria and EA General Criteria.

5.1 FEI 2024 Qualification Criteria

5.1.1 Qualification period starts 1 January 2023 and ends Nominated entries date.

5.1.2 All Athletes must meet current FEI Qualification Criteria which can be found at the link FOLLOWING to be eligible for selection to the Australian Vaulting Team.

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/vaulting/main-events/>

5.2 EA General Criteria

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

- (a) Competition considerations
 - (i) If possible, Athletes should aim to nominate a horse and lunger combination who have previously demonstrated a horse score of at least 6.7 in the class in which it will be competing at World Championship.
 - (ii) Performance at all International, National and official competitions within the qualification period starting 1 January 2023 to the nominated entries 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.
 - (iii) Athletes must show evidence that they are able to consistently score above the minimum FEI qualification scores for World Championship in the form of results from competitions where there are at least two judges with a minimum qualification of EA Level 3 Vaulting Judge, or by providing unedited video of their performances in training when requested by NVSP.
- (b) Discretionary considerations
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) Unforeseen circumstances, including those outside of the control of the athlete, may also qualify for dispensation in the sole discretion of the NVSP.

6. NOMINATION TIMELINE

Date (on or before)	Event	Comments
1 January 2023	FEI Qualification period starts	
1 May 2024	Athlete Intent to compete	
3 May 2024	Long List announced by NVSP	
27 May 2024	Supporting Documentation	di.saunders@equestrian.org.au
TBA est. 17 June 2024	FEI Qualification period ends	Nomination Entry date
(tba)	World Championship Nominated Entries AUS Senion Team announced by NVSP	1 Squad of 6 Vaulters with 1 Lunger and 1 Horse + 2 reserve Vaulters, 1 reserve Horse/1 reserve Lunger 3 Female Ind Vaulters with 1 Horse and 1 Lunger per Ind Vaultler + 1 reserve Female vaultler/horse/lunger 3 Male Ind Vaulters with 1 horse and 1 Lunger per Ind Vaultler + 1 reserve Male vaultler/horse/lunger 3 pas de deux
Prior to start of Competition	Completion of EA and SIA Anti-doping requirements	All members of AUS Team to complete Fundamentals & Annual Update
TBA est. 12.July 2024	Definite Entries	
15 – 21 July 2024	CH-V Bern (SUI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The competition

7. 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:

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, quarantine factors or other extraordinary factors, the Panel will decide on an individual basis.
- 7.4 At the NVSP's discretion, an Athlete who has satisfied the relevant selection criteria may be added to the World Championship Long List up until the closing of Nominated entries.

8. SUBSTITUTIONS

Following selection to either the Long List or World Championship Vaulting Team, athletes who:

- 8.1 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);
- 8.2 contravene the FEI or EA Codes of Conduct or EA Rules and policies;
- 8.3 fail to comply with the terms of their Athlete's Agreement; or
- 8.4 do not meet any other stated requirement communicated to them in writing by EA;

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