

## FEI Driving World Championship for Combined Ponies

### Le Pin au Haras (FRA), 17 – 21 September 2025

This selection policy ('the policy') covers the discipline of Driving (Combined Ponies).

#### 1. OBJECTIVE

To select combinations who are able to achieve the best possible result for Australia at the 2025 World Championship. The term 'best possible result' encompasses both a team and an individual result.

#### 2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

Subject to the terms of the Policy and any relevant National and FEI qualification/entry requirements including but not limited to:

- EA Code of Conduct
- EA/SIA Antidoping requirements
- FEI General Regulations Article 116.2
- FEI Driving Rules and Para Driving Rules (1 January 2025) Article 913.2 and Article 914

2.1 On or before **16th August 2025**, the NDSP may select up to six (6) Combined Ponies Athletes to be nominated to the FEI (**'the World Championship Nominated Entries'**).

2.2 On or before **12 September 2025**, the NDSP will select three (3) Combined Ponies Athletes from the World Championship Nominated Entries (**'the World Championship Team'**). If there are not a sufficient number of combinations available to constitute a team, an individual combination may be nominated for the World Championship.

2.3 The 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 process. Any variation amendment or supplement must be made in writing. EA will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any variation, amendment, or supplement to this Policy.

#### 3. SUBSTITUTION

3.1 Following selection of the World Championship Team or Individual, if:

- 3.1.1 In the opinion of the NDSP (in consultation with the Team Vet, the High Performance Director and the Chef d'Equipe), there has been a loss of form or fitness by a member of the World championship Team (the loss of form to be assessed as likely to be sustained and affect performance at World Championship); or
- 3.1.2 A member of the World Championship Team contravenes their athlete's agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or

- 3.1.3 A member of the World Championship Team does not meet the requirements outlined in the athlete's agreement;

That member of the World Championship Team may be replaced by another athlete previously selected for the World Championship Nominated Entries ('a **Substitution**').

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

4.1 For **Athletes** to be eligible for selection for the World Championship Nominated Entries, all athletes must:

- 4.1.1 be a current member of EA;
- 4.1.2 be compliant with EA General Regulations, in particular Article 117 – Selection of Australian Representative Teams and Individuals; understanding that EA has the final responsibility for selection of all Athletes and horses to represent Australia.
- 4.1.3 be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI Regulations Article 119;
- 4.1.4 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;
- 4.1.5 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;
- 4.1.6 Have acted and at all times act in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Driving, or EA into public disrepute or censure; and
- 4.1.7 Have signed the EA Athlete agreement.

4.2 For **Ponies** to be eligible for selection to World Championship Nominated Entries, all Ponies must:

- 4.2.1 have a current FEI passport administered by EA or the drivers host country;
- 4.2.2 if requested have passed a veterinary examination to the satisfaction of the Team Vet;
- 4.2.3 not have breached the requirements of the EA or FEI Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication Policies.

#### 5. APPEALS

- 5.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes and Ponies for the World Championship Team will follow in accordance with the EA HP Selection Appeals Policy.
- 5.2 There will be one level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that the Selection Policy was not properly followed and/or implemented.
- 5.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. Owners cannot appeal any decision.
- 5.4 It shall be a condition of selection for the World Championship Nominated Entries 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 both the FEI Qualification Criteria and EA General criteria.

#### 6.1 FEI Qualification period:

**Start:** 1 January 2024

**End:** Nominated Entry Date or 16 August 2025

#### 6.2 General Criteria

##### Drivers:

Open to athletes who meet the following criteria and have obtained the 3\* status.

The Athlete must obtain the 3\* status as per Art 913.2, prior to obtaining qualifying results at two (2) different International Driving Events.

3\* Drivers must:

6.2.1 achieve a score of 65 points or less in their respective Dressage competition class during a CAI04\* or CAI3\*;  
and

6.2.2 have successfully completed (without Elimination, Disqualification or Retirement) all three competitions (Dressage, Cones, Marathon) in their own class.

At least one of the qualifying results as defined above must be achieved no earlier than on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**The following Dressage Tests will be run in an 80x40m arena at the Championships:**

**Pony Four in Hand:** Test 3\* HP4

**Pony Pairs:** Test 3\* HP2

**Pony Singles:** Test 3\* HP1

### 7. REMOVAL FROM A LIST

Athletes who:

7.1 by reason of illness or injury or soundness problems to either their pony or themselves are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the RSP (after having received advice from a medical practitioner or the Team Vet); or

7.2 contravene the FEI or EA Codes of Conduct; FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies.

7.3 fail to comply with the terms of their Athlete's Agreement; or

7.4 do not meet any other stated requirement communicated to them in writing by EA;

may be removed from the World Championship Nominated List, or World Championship Team. Decisions regarding removal from the World Championship Nominated List or Team will be made by the High Performance Director.

## 8. NOMINATION TIMELINE

Date (on or before)	Event	Comments
1 January 2024	FEI Qualification Period Starts	<b>FEI Driving Championships - 2025 Qualification Criteria updated 16.12.2024</b>
30 June 2025	EOI required to EA	<a href="mailto:di.saunders@equestrian.org.au">di.saunders@equestrian.org.au</a>
16 August 2025	FEI Qualification Period ends	FEI Schedule not available 0525, date may change
16 August 2025	World Championship Nominated entries announced by NDSP	FEI Schedule not avail 0525, date may change
12 Sept 2025	World Championship Team or Individual Announced	FEI Schedule not avail 0525, date may change
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