

## FEI Driving World Championship for Para Driving

### Lahden (GER), 4 – 7 September 2025

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

#### **1. OBJECTIVE**

To select combinations who are able to achieve the best possible results 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 additional 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 **1 August 2025**, the NDSP may select up to six (6) Para Driving Athletes and horse combinations to be nominated to the FEI (**'the World Championship Nominated Entries'**).

2.2 On or before **25 August 2025** the NDSP will select individuals or up to three (3) Para Driving Athletes and horse combinations to compete as a TEAM at the 2025 World Championships. The combinations participating in the 2025 World Championships will be selected from the World Championship Nominated Entries.

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 Para Driving Athletes to the World Championship Individuals and/or Team, and prior to the Definite Entries Date, 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 Para Driving Athlete (the loss of form to be assessed as likely to be sustained and affect performance at World Championship); or

- 3.1.2 A Para Driving Athlete contravenes the EA Athlete's agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 3.1.3 A Para Driving Athlete does not meet the requirements outlined in the EA Athlete's agreement;

That Athlete may have their entry cancelled or be replaced with another Athlete as per any FEI entry requirements ('a **Substitution**').

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

4.1 For Para Driving 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;  
be able and willing to undertake an agreed training and competition program recommended by the High-Performance Director after consultation with the athlete;
- 4.1.4 be classified by the FEI before the start of the first competition at the FEI Para Driving Championship.
- 4.1.5 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;
- 4.1.6 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;
- 4.1.7 Have signed the EA National Athlete agreement, as well as completing Sports Integrity Australia Athlete Anti-doping course requirements.

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

- 4.2.1 have a current FEI passport administered by EA or the drivers host country or recognised National Federation.
- 4.2.2 if required 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 horses 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 FEI Competition Criteria and EA General Criteria.

#### 6.1 FEI Qualification period:

**Start:** 1 January 2024

**End:** Nominated Entry Date or 1 August 2025

#### 6.2 General Criteria

##### Drivers:

Open to Para Athletes who meet and have obtained the following criteria.

- 6.2.1 Para Drivers who have successfully completed a FEI 2\* event without elimination or withdrawal, with a Dressage score of at least 56% (ie dressage penalties no higher than 70) with the horse/s or pony/s nominated to compete at the Para Driving World Championships; *OR*
- 6.2.2 Para Drivers who have successfully completed an FEI Para event without disqualification, elimination or withdrawal, with a Dressage score of at least 60% (ie Dressage penalties no higher than 64) with the horse/s or pony/s nominated to compete at the Para Driving World Championships; *OR*
- 6.2.3 Para Drivers that have successfully completed a National Federation event of a similar standard as an FEI 2\* event (eg CAN or equivalent) without disqualification, elimination or withdrawal, with a Dressage score of at least 60% (ie Dressage penalties no higher than 64), with the horse/s or pony/s nominated to compete at the Para Driving World Championships.
- 6.2.4 In some instances, NDSP may obtain endorsement on Para Drivers capabilities to compete at Para Driving Championships from a respected Driving Coach or Athlete.

**The Dressage Test CAI1\* and CPEAI will be run in an 80x40m arena at the Championships.**

### 7. REMOVAL FROM A LIST

Athletes who:

- 7.1 by reason of illness or injury or soundness problems to either their horse 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>
1 August 2025	FEI Qualification Period Ends	FEI Schedule not available 0525, date may change
1 August 2025	World Championship Nominated entries announced by NDSP	FEI Schedule not available 0525, date may change
25 August 2025	World Championship Team or Individual Announced	FEI Schedule not available 0525, date may change
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