

SELECTION POLICY 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DRESSAGE

This selection policy ('the Policy') covers the discipline of Dressage.

1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes and horses who are able to achieve the best possible results at the 2022 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:

- 2.1 On or before **1 July 2022** the National Dressage Selection Panel ('the NDSP'¹) will announce up to eight (8) qualified horse and athlete combinations to be nominated to the FEI ('the **World Championship Nominated Entries**').
- 2.2 On or before **11 July 2022** the NDSP will select four (4) combinations to compete at the 2022 World Dressage Championships ('the **2022 World Championship Dressage Team**'). The 2022 World Championship Team will be selected from the World Championship Nominated Entries. The NDSP will also name up to four (4) reserve combinations ('the **World Championship Reserves**') that will not be ranked.
- 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 to the Policy, 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 World Championship Team, and prior to the Definite Entries date, if:
 - 3.1.1 In the opinion of the NDSP (in consultation with the High Performance Director the Team Vet, and the Chef d'Equipe), there has been a loss of form, injury or fitness by a member of the World Championship Dressage Team that is assessed to be likely to be sustained and affect performance at the 2022 World Championship, or
 - 3.1.2 A member of the 2022 World Championship Team contravenes their athlete 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 Athletes Agreement, that member of the 2022 World

¹ Maryjane Crabtree (Chair), Jan Smith, Brett Parbery, Prue Spurrett (Reserve)

Championship Team may be replaced by another combination who was included in the 2022 World Championship Reserves (**'a Substitution'**).

The choice of the World Championship Reserves is completely at the discretion of the NDSP (guided by the High Performance Director, Team Vet, and the Chef d'Equipe)

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP NOMINATED ENTRIES

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 eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art 119:

4.1.3 be able and willing to prepare an agreed training and competition program recommended by the High Performance Director after consultation with the athlete

4.1.4 be willing to make their horse(s) available for examination at a time and locations reasonably requested by the Team Vet and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations of the Team Vet:

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 demonstrate to the satisfaction of EA that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Championships to the highest possible standard; and

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

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

4.2.1 be registered with EA or another FEI-recognised National Federation;

4.2.2 have passed a veterinary examination² to the satisfaction of the Team Vet ²

5 APPEALS

5.1 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.

5.2 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.

5.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection to the World Championship Team. Owners cannot appeal any decision. An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to

² The timing and form of each horse's veterinary examination will be at the sole discretion of the Team Vet

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 Team.

- 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 Competition Criteria and General Criteria.

- 6.1 To be considered for selection for the World Championship Team all horses and athletes must have met the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for a championship pursuant to Article 450 FEI Dressage Rules 2022³ (**FEI Qualification Criteria**).

6.2 Competition Criteria

In addition to the FEI Qualification requirements, Combinations must have achieved an overall percentage of 69% or higher in at least two Grand Prix tests at a CDI3* or above or CDI-W (Short Grand Prix) event between 1 January 2021 and 4 July 2022; and at least one of the scores of 69% or higher must have been achieved in 2022.

6.2.1 if competing in a CDI3*, there must be at least one 5* judge on the Ground Jury.

6.2.2 The National Federation will nominate the four Combinations who satisfy the threshold criteria in clauses 6 who, in the opinion of the National Federation operating through its EA High Performance Committee and the NDSP, in its absolute discretion:

- a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the World Championships; and
- b) are, and will remain until the conclusion of the World Championships, positive ambassadors for the Sport, the National Federation and the World Championship.

6.3 General Criteria

Combinations to be nominated for the Team will be identified by the NDSP in its sole and absolute discretion to achieve the best possible result at the World Championship. The NDSP may consider the following factors:

³ Art 450 Dressage Rules 2022: provide those qualifications for a championship must be achieved as a combination. For the World Championship, combinations are required to have attained a result of at least 66% attributed by the Ground Jury and by any two different FEI 5* Dressage Judges, of a nationality other than that of the rider, in a Grand Prix and/or Short Grand Prix, at two different CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5*/CDI-W or CDIO events, from 1st January 2021 until the date of nominated entries.

- a) the level of competition and the depth of the field at which the result was obtained:
- b) the consistency of performance:
- c) an improving trend in performance:
- d) more recent results:
- e) the ability of the combination to compete successfully at high level international competition:
- f) demonstrated experience/success at international events:
- g) the ability or potential of the Combination to perform under the stress and pressure of an event such as the World Championship:
- h) the ability of the Athlete to prepare their horse for a major campaign, and Championship Events, including the experience to perform in the Grand Prix Special:
- i) the ability of the Athlete to contribute to an effective and harmonious team:
- j) the physical form and fitness of the Athlete and their Horse; and
- k) the advice of the High Performance Director, the Team Vet, and the Chef d'Equipe, particularly concerning the fitness of the combination to perform at the required level.

6.4 The NDSP has the discretion to place greater or lesser emphasis on any one or more of the Competition, or General Criteria considerations outlined above.

6.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the NDSP will not approach their task as a pure numerical ranking of combinations by scores alone.

7. NOMINATION TIMELINE

Date	Event	Comments
1 January 2021 – 4 July 2022	World Dressage Championship Qualifying Period	
1 July 2022	World Championship Nominated Entries	
11 July 2022	World Championship Team and Reserves announced	
25 July 2022	World Championship Definite Entries	
5 August 2022	World Dressage Championship commence – Herning, Denmark	
10 August 2022	World Dressage Championship – Dressage Seniors conclude	