

## SELECTION POLICY 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FOUR-IN-HAND

This selection policy ('the policy') covers the discipline of Driving (four in hand).

### 1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes and horse teams 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.

If the Driving Selection panel and High Performance Director does not believe the expectation of a team placing, or numbers less than required to participate as a team, they may choose not to select a team and only send an individual to represent Australia.

### 2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

Subject to the terms of the Policy and any additional FEI qualification/entry requirements:

- 2.1 On or before **31<sup>ST</sup> May 2022**, the National Driving Selection Panel (**the NDSP**) will select Athletes to form a Long List of possible **World Championship Entries**. Any athletes who have met the FEI qualifying criteria for World Championship will be eligible for this list.
- 2.2 On or before **10<sup>th</sup> August 2022**, the NDSP will select up to six (6) Four-in-Hand Athletes with a maximum of ten Horses per Four-in-Hand to be nominated to the FEI (**the World Championship Nominated Entries**).
- 2.3 On or before **14<sup>th</sup> September 2022** the NDSP will select a Squad of three (3) Four-in-Hand Athletes with a maximum of five (5) Horses per Four-in-Hand (**the World Championship Squad**). The World Championship Squad will be selected from the World Championship Nominated Entries. The World Championship Squad will comprise the three (3) athletes to compete at World Championship (**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 Team.
- 2.4 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 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. SUBSTITUTION

- 3.1 Following selection of the World Championship Squad, 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 Squad (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 Squad contravenes their athlete's agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 3.1.3 A member of the World Championship Squad does not meet the requirements outlined in the athlete's agreement;

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

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION TO 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 Article 119;
- 4.1.3 be able to attend and participate in training clinics and camps as notified in writing, unless an exemption has been granted by the High Performance Director in response to a timely request from the athlete for an exemption;
- 4.1.4 be able and willing to undertake an agreed training and competition program recommended by the High Performance Director after consultation with the athlete;
- 4.1.5 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 Provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis to EA;
- 4.1.7 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
- 4.1.8 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.
- 4.1.9 Have signed the EA National athlete agreement.

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

- 4.2.1 be registered with EA or should the horse be permanently domiciled in a country other than Australia, a current FEI passport administered by either EA or the drivers host country.
- 4.2.2 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 Squad 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 this Selection Policy was not properly followed and/or implemented.
- 5.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. Owners cannot appeal any decision. 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 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

To be considered for selection for the World Championship Team Squad, all Athletes and horses must have met the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for a Championship pursuant to Article 913 and 914 of the FEI Driving Rules 2022 (**FEI Qualification Criteria published 06/12/2021**)

#### 6.1 Qualification period:

**Start:** 1 January 2021

**End:** TBC (Nominated Entry Date)

#### 6.2 General Criteria

##### Drivers:

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

The Athlete must obtain the 3\* Status as per Art. 913.2, prior to obtaining the following qualifying results:

3\* Drivers must achieve a score of 65 points or less in the Dressage test 3\*B HP4 and have successfully completed (without Elimination, Disqualification or Retirement) all three competitions (Dressage, Cones, Marathon) in their own class, at two (2) different International combined driving events.

One of the qualifying result as defined above must be achieved no earlier than on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year in which the Championships take place and no later than the end date of the qualification period.

Dressage Test 3\*B HP4 will be run at the Championships.

### 7. REMOVAL FROM A LIST

Athletes who:

- 7.1 by reason of illness, 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 2021	FEI Qualification period starts	
31 May 2022	Long List announced by NDSP	
TBC	FEI Qualification period ends	
10 August 2022	World Championship Nominated Entries announced by NDSP	
14 September 2022	World Championship Team announced	
21-25 September 2022	CH-M-A-4 Pratoni Italy	