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**2020 Australian Paralympic Team
Equestrian Australia Nomination Criteria**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The objective of these Nomination Criteria is to identify and nominate to the Paralympics Australia ("**PA**") those athletes who will achieve the best possible medal results at the 2020 Paralympic Games ("**Games**").
- 1.2 These Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented by Equestrian Australia ("**EA**"), specifically where matters arise which have not been provided for in these Nomination Criteria. Any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria must be first approved by PA. Any such amendment or supplement must be in writing given by the High-Performance Director of EA who will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria.

2. Process of Nomination and Selection

- 2.1 The PA Paralympic Preparation Program ("**PPP**") Equestrian Squad ("**Squad**") is comprised of those athletes who meet the criteria circulated by the National Para-Equestrian Selection Panel ("**NPESP**") and who are invited to join the Squad by the NPESP.
- 2.2 Subject to clause 3.2 athletes will be nominated to PA for selection to the Australian Paralympic Team ("**Team**") in accordance with the following:
 - 2.2.1 Notwithstanding the other provisions of these Nomination Criteria, individual athletes will be nominated on the basis of this selection policy.
 - 2.2.2 As the Games are an "own horse" competition, a major criterion for nomination will be horse/rider combination. Combinations will be selected as outlined in this policy.
 - 2.2.3 Athletes must meet eligibility requirements as set out in the IPC Qualification Regulations at a FEI sanctioned international dressage competition during the qualification period as outlined in the qualification procedure of this policy.
 - 2.2.4 To be eligible to be nominated to PA for selection to the Team an athlete must have:
 - 2.2.4.1 Achieved the requirements as outlined in the competition criteria of this selection policy
 - 2.2.4.2 Demonstrated consistent performance outcomes identified in the Athlete Medal Performance Plan (AMPP) and met specific training and performance goals as outlined by the EA Para-Equestrian High-Performance Manager on a consistent basis.
 - 2.2.5 Athletes must maintain the AMPP document and, upon request, provide such documents to the EA Para-Equestrian High-Performance Manager or P A for monitoring purposes.
 - 2.2.6 Athletes must acknowledge and fulfil their obligations under the EA High-Performance National Squad Athlete Agreement.

- 2.2.7 Athletes must demonstrate a personal commitment to setting goals and achieving those goals in consultation with the EA Para-Equestrian High-Performance Manager.
- 2.2.8 Athletes must maintain regular communication with the EA Para-Equestrian High-Performance Manager.
- 2.2.9 Athletes must be registered with the FEI
- 2.2.10 Athletes must have a valid current FEI equestrian international classification, with a sport class status of Confirmed, or sport class status of Review, with a review date after 31 December 2020.
- 2.2.11 Athletes must
 - 2.2.11.1 agree to abide by the FEI Para equestrian classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant PA and/or EA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.
 - 2.2.11.2 agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the FEI, EA or PA
 - 2.2.11.3 agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include, amongst other things,
 - i) providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment
 - ii) undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by PA, EA or FEI for the purposes of classification
 - iii) if an athlete has any medical intervention, or if changes occur to the athlete's impairment which may impact on their classification, athletes must provide medical documentation to PA, EA or FEI
 - 2.2.11.4 agree to notify PA, EA and FEI if there is any change to assistive devices or equipment used, which may impact their classification in any way, and agree to undergo further classification assessment if required.
 - 2.2.11.5 have not breached the FEI Para-equestrian classification rules and regulations unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed (unless the sanction was equal to or greater than 2 years, in which case the Athlete is ineligible for nomination). A breach may include, among other things:
 - i) an Athlete under investigation for Intentional Misrepresentation where a notice has been issued, or the Athlete has been sanctioned under the FEI Para-equestrian classification rules and regulations; or
 - ii) a failure to comply with an Athlete's obligations under the FEI Para-equestrian classification rules and regulations or the IPC Athlete Classification Code.
- 2.2.12 If necessary, Athletes must also have a current up to date Therapeutic Use

Exemption (TUE) approved by the FEI.

- 2.2.13 Athlete's horses must be registered with the FEI and be able to meet all required vaccination and identification criteria for transport to the Games.
 - 2.2.14 Athletes must be medically fit to complete all obligations. All injuries or medical conditions that may affect performance must be reported to the EA Para-Equestrian High-Performance Manager as soon as the athlete is, or should reasonably be aware of, such injury or medical condition
 - 2.2.15 Each nominated horse must be medically fit to complete all obligations. All injuries or medical conditions that may affect performance of the horse must be reported to the EA Para-Equestrian Team Veterinarian as soon as the athlete is, or should reasonably be aware of, such injury or medical condition.
 - 2.2.16 Athletes to be considered for nomination to PA for selection to the Team will be identified by the EA Para-Equestrian High-Performance Manager in consultation with the National Para-Equestrian Selection Panel.
 - 2.2.17 The nomination of athletes to PA for selection to the Team will be ratified by the JMC prior to submission.
 - 2.2.18 Unless otherwise stated, the JMC may give such weight to any or all of these Nomination Criteria as it sees fit. For the avoidance of doubt, the JMC need not have regard to all of the requirements in this clause 2.
- 2.3 For the purpose of identifying prospective members of the Team, the NPESP will maintain a Long List of Athletes which will be announced by no later than 31st July 2019.
 - 2.4 The NPESP will announce a Short List of no more than eight (8) Athlete & Horse Combinations by no later than 7th February 2020.
 - 2.5 The NPESP will nominate athletes to PA for selection to the Team by no later than **20th June 2020**. The JMC will nominate the number of athletes against the number of slots received plus no more than two reserves. Depending on the makeup of the team, these reserves may be selected according to grade.
 - 2.6 To be eligible to be nominated to PA for inclusion in the Team, athletes must comply with the requirements set out in the PA General Selection Criteria and Team Policies.
 - 2.7 The fact that an athlete is nominated to PA for selection to the Team by the JMC does not guarantee PA will select the athlete as a member of the Team. Athletes will be selected to the Team at the sole discretion of PA.
 - 2.8 PA will determine the date it will announce the selection of athletes to the Team and this date will be advised.

3 Appeals

- 3.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes to PA by EA will follow the process set out in the Equestrian Australia Appeals Process document which is available on the EA website
<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian%20Australia%20Appeal%20bylaws.pdf>
- 3.2 All appeals concerning the selection or non-selection of athletes to the Team by PA will follow the process set out in the PA Appeals Process document which is contained in Item 17 of the Athlete Team Membership Deed of Agreement.

4. Interpretation

- 4.1 Words used in these Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the PA's General Selection Criteria unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

5. FEI Qualification Procedure for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics

Qualification Period:	Start: 1 January 2019
	End: 19 June 2020
Qualifying Events:	Any FEI Para-Equestrian 3* or above event listed on the FEI Calendar within the Qualification Period
Qualification Score:	Minimum 62% score in Team Test or Individual Championship Test
Judges:	Minimum of 3 FEI PE O or I-judges of different nationalities

6. Selection Criteria

- 6.1 The objective is to nominate horse and rider combinations that the Para-Equestrian Selection Panel believes will achieve the best possible result at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. The term 'best possible result' covers both an individual and a team result but must be based on the realistic expectation that a team finishes in the top 6 and individuals in the top 3. If selectors do not expect this to be achievable, they will not nominate a team to represent Australia in the Para-Equestrian Team competitions.
- 6.2 While the team must be nominated according to FEI regulations, the National Selection Panel will take into consideration the overall percentage achieved by combinations against the target scores as outlined in the competition criteria, to select the best possible team. These target scores are based on the average overall scores that achieved medals in each grade at the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon.

7. Competition Criteria

- 7.1 To be eligible for consideration for nomination, rider and horse combinations must compete in no less than 4 Nomination events, with 2 or more to be in 2020 and have achieved the competition criteria as follows at the identified Nomination Events:

Have achieved an overall percentage of 67% or above in the Team or Individual Test, in at least four identified Paralympic Nomination Events ¹

Boneo CPEDN	24 th -27 th January 2019
Deauville CPEDI	4 th -7 th April 2019
Waregem CPEDI	26 th -28 th April 2019
Sydney 3DE CPEDI	25 th – 28 th April 2019
Mannheim CPEDI	3 rd -7 th May 2019
Hartpury CPEDI	3 rd -7 th July 2019
Überherrn CPEDI	11 th – 14 th July 2019
Brisbane CPEDI	17 th -20 th July 2019
Bishop Burton CPEDI	5 th -9 th August 2019
Para Nationals Boneo (CPEDI)	14 th -17 th November 2019
Dressage Festival CPEDI	12 th -15 th December 2019
Boneo CPEDI	23 rd -26 th January 2020
Tokyo Test Event – Sydney	10 th -17 th March 2020 ²
Waregem CPEDI	24 th -26 th April 2020
Mannheim CPEDI	1 st -5 th May 2020
Sydney 3DE CPEDN	7 th – 10 th May 2020 ³
Deauville CPEDI	15 th – 17 th May 2020

~~7.2~~ A veterinary certificate issued by the EA National Team Veterinarian or a medical certificate is required in order to receive dispensation by the Selection Panel from any of the above conditions.

~~7.3~~ The veterinary or medical certificate must be received by EA **prior** to the start of the competition.

~~7.4~~ Unforeseen circumstances, including those outside of the control of the rider, may also qualify for dispensation in the sole discretion of the Selection Panel

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¹ Freestyle Mark Removed 30th October 2019

² Updated 22nd August 2019

³ Updated 27th November 2019

8. General Criteria

8.1 In considering the performances of combinations that have met the competition criteria, the EA Para-Equestrian National Selection Panel will consider the following general criteria:

8.1.1 Where the aspect of 'current form' is to be considered, performances at International CPEDI Events and/or at least 4 events nominated in the competition criteria will be taken into consideration

8.1.2 The age, soundness and fitness of the horse will be taken into consideration.

8.1.3 The Australian EA Para-Equestrian Team Veterinarian will be consulted regarding selection.

8.1.4 Target Scores for each grade to be taken into consideration for nomination of the AUS Team are:

Grade I	74.120%
Grade II	72.580%
Grade III	73.120%
Grade IV	74.120%
Grade V	73.920%

8.1.5 Nomination Scores for each rider will be calculated by averaging the top two team scores and the top two individual scores (i.e. 4 scores in total) from the eligible nomination competitions above. These Nomination Scores will be compared to the Target Scores published for each grade above.

Note: Target Scores were calculated by averaging the medal scores for both team and individual events at WEG Tryon

8.2 If a combination is unable to attend the Nomination Events nominated in the competition criteria and have been granted dispensation as outlined under clause 7.2 and 7.4 of the competition criteria, the Selectors may take into consideration performances from Events nominated by the EA Para-Equestrian High-Performance Manager for this purpose.

8.3 TEAM COMPOSITION: As per FEI Rules, the team will contain a maximum of two athletes in any one grade, and must contain at least one combination from Grade I, II or III.

9. Post Nomination/Selection

- 9.1 In addition to the rules allowing substitutions of combinations as permitted with the Paralympic competition rules, if, in the opinion of the EA Para-Equestrian High Performance Manager and if agreed with the High Performance Director, Team Veterinarian (horse issues), Nominated Medical Practitioner (rider issues) and Chair of the National Para-Equestrian Selection Panel, should there be a loss of form by a nominated horse or an illness to a rider following the final team nomination or selection that may impact on the overall results of the team (including individual results), a substitution may be made.
- 9.2 Any such replacement must meet the requirements of the Para-Equestrian and Paralympic competition rules.
- 9.3 The reserve(s) will be identified by the National Para-Equestrian Selection Panel.
- 9.4 Up to three reserves may be named depending on the composition of the nominated/selected team. There are two situations in which substitutions may be made.
- 9.4.1 Prior to departure from Australia. If an athlete or horse is deemed unfit to travel with the team, a reserve combination will take their place.
In this instance the reserve combination:
- 9.4.1.1 may be either Australian or European based;
- 9.4.1.2 will be selected according to rankings; and
- 9.4.1.3 will be selected in accordance with Clause 8.3 above.
- 9.4.2 Post departure from Australia: If an athlete or horse is deemed unfit to compete, a reserve combination will take their place.
In this instance, the reserve combination:
- 9.4.2.1 will be either Australian or European based combination;
- 9.4.2.2 will be selected according to rankings; and
- 9.4.2.3 will be selected in accordance with Clause 8.3 above.