

2020 FEI WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR HORSE FOUR IN HAND SELECTION POLICY

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

1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes for the Australian Carriage Driving Team and Individuals to achieve the best possible result for Australia at the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand.

2. PROCESS OF SELECTION: FEI Criteria

Qualification Period Start: 1 January 2019

Qualification Period End: TBC

FEI Qualification criteria

To be applied in conjunction with Art. 913 and 914.1-6 of the FEI Driving Rules.

DRIVERS:

The FEI allows all participating National Federations to select the Athletes that will compete during the Championship.

The Athletes are required to possess the 2* Status or higher to compete at the Championship.

Dressage 3B HP4 will be run at the Championship

PROCESS OF SELECTION: EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA (EA)

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

- 2.1 The initial process of selection will commence with the current endorsed National Driving Selection Panel (NDSP) identifying athletes from which the Driving team and Individuals will be primarily selected (Long list). The Long list will be announced on or before the 21st August 2020
**Date subject to change*
- 2.2 Once identified to the long list, athletes will need to provide evidence to support their interest in competing in 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand no later than 11th September 2020.
**Date subject to change*
- 2.3 CAI qualification scores, under 2 FEI Judges at the 1 competition;

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2.3.1 The Competitive unit (Driver, Horses and Groom/Back stepper) must compete and complete a CAI 2* lead up event of the 2020 FEI World Championships for Horse Four in Hand on the European Continent.

2.4 Based on the evidence available, the NDSP will select athletes who are most likely to meet the selection objectives (Short List). The dates for the short list announcement will be subject to confirmation upon release of the event schedule. This will be confirmed once the relevant information is readily available

2.4.1 The short list will consist of athletes nominated by EA to the FEI as Nominated Entries as per FEI qualification and entry requirements

2.5 The NDSP will select the Australian Driving Team and Individuals for 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand from the short list.

The composition of the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand Team and Individuals will be announced following the first horse inspection at the event.

2.6 This process, including published dates, 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 these criteria.

2.7 The NDSP may request further evidence to assist decisions within the selection process. Evidence may be requested from multiple sources, including but not limited to:

- The Athlete;
- Coaches, and Officials;
- Equestrian Australia

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR THE LONG LIST, SHORT LIST AND 2020 FEI WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR HORSE FOUR IN HAND TEAM AND INDIVIDUALS

3.1 For **Athletes and Horses** to be eligible for selection, all athletes must:

3.1.1 Athletes must be a current member of EA; Horses to be registered with EA or Country of Origin.

3.1.2 Be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art. 119

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- 3.1.3 Drivers should compete at Löhden (GER) 10-13 September 2020
- 3.1.4 In making the selections 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;
- 3.1.5 Provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis to the EA;
- 3.1.6 Satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand Nominated Entries;
- 3.1.7 Sign the Team Member Agreement

4. APPEALS

- 4.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes and horses for the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand will be referred to the National Sports Tribunal
- 4.2 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with the Equestrian Australia High Performance Director within three (3) working days from the date of the announcement of the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand Team and/or Individuals.

5. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 5.1 Selection Criteria
 - 5.1.1 All Athletes must meet current EA qualification requirements to be eligible for selection to the Australian Driving Teams.
 - 5.1.2 The NDSP will select qualified and suitable Athletes to compete as:
 - Individual
 - Team
 - 5.1.3 The NDSP will seek to select athlete/horses combinations that they believe will achieve the best possible result for Australia at 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand.
 - 5.1.4 Athletes must show evidence that they are able to meet the current qualification criteria required for the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand.

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5.2 General Criteria

In considering the performances of Athletes that have met the selection criteria, the NDSP will take into account the following general criteria:

- 5.2.1 Where the aspect of current form is to be considered, performances at recent events may be taken into account in comparison with performances achieved earlier. "Recent" will generally relate to performances in the three months prior to consideration.
- 5.2.2 The NDSP, in their discretion, may take into consideration the standard of competition, the number of competitors, the level of experience of the judges and the overall quality of the competition when scores have been achieved.
- 5.2.3 An athlete, horses combination maintaining a consistent standard during the selection period may be selected ahead of a combination that may have achieved higher scores, but whose performances are less consistent.
- 5.2.4 The NDSP in their discretion may take into consideration the ability of an athlete to perform at major international Championships or Events or past performances at such events, even when these events fall outside of the selection period.
- 5.2.5 Unforeseen circumstances, including those outside of the control of the athlete, may also qualify for dispensation at the sole discretion of the NDSP

5.3 Early Nomination

On or before the 11th of September 2020 the NDSP may, at their discretion, nominate up to two (2) athletes to the FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand Australian Team prior the official Team announcement, which may exempt the Driver from competing at Löhden (GER).

In exercising their discretion the NDSP will consider the athletes demonstrated ability to meet the objectives of the selection criteria together with outstanding performances achieved at previous Four In Hand Driving competitions held between January 2019 and 1 July 2020, with particular attention to form in the most recent competitions.

6. DISCRETIONARY CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Extraordinary Factors

In considering the performances of athletes, and horses at events, training camps or other activities required under this policy, the Panel might in their discretion give weight to extraordinary factors applying to that athlete and horse/s.

6.1.1 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy must advise the Chair of the National Driving Selection Panel of this fact, and the reasons, in writing, before the commencement of the activity or as soon as practicable.

6.1.2 In the case of injury or illness, the athlete may be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by the Equestrian Australia High Performance Director.

6.1.3 In the case of injury or illness, the horse may be required to undergo a veterinary examination by a veterinarian or veterinarians nominated by Equestrian Australia High Performance Director.

6.1.4 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, quarantine factors or other extraordinary factors, the Panel will make a decision on an individual basis.

6.2 Additions to the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand Long list and Short list

6.2.1 When considering the selection of the long list for the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand the NDSP may utilise their discretion to include additional members.

6.3 Removal from a list

Athletes who:

6.3.1 By reason of illness or injury are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the NDSP (after having received advice from a medical practitioner);

6.3.2 Contravene the FEI or EA Codes of Conduct or EA Rules and policies;

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- 6.3.3 Fail to comply with the terms of their Athlete's Agreement; or
- 6.3.4 Do not meet any other stated requirement communicated to them in writing by EA, may be removed from the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Four In Hand Long or Short Lists or Team.
- 6.3.5 Horses who by reason of illness or injury are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the NDSP (after having received advice from a Veterinarian);

Removal from the 2020 FEI World Driving Championships for Horse Hour In Hand List, Short List or Team can be undertaken by the NDSP but only with the prior written approval from the Equestrian Australia High Performance Director.

**Please note: Equestrian High Performance and the National Driving Selectors reserve the right to amend the selection policy at any time due to the uncertainty of the current Covid-19 pandemic*



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