

SELECTION POLICY 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP- JUMPING

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

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 the **1 July 2022** National Jumping Selection Panel ('**the NJSP**') will select up to 10 horse and athlete combinations to be nominated to the FEI ('**the World Championship Nominated Entries**').
- 2.2 On or before **11 July 2022** the NJSP will select a Squad of up to 8 combinations ('**the World Championship Squad**'). The World Championship Squad will be selected from the World Championship Nominated Entries. The World Championship Squad will comprise the four (4) plus a travelling reserve combination(s) to compete at World Championship ('**the World Championship team**') plus up to three (3) reserve combinations ('**the World Championship Reserves**') will not be ranked.
- 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 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 Squad, if:

- 3.1.1 In the opinion of the NJSP (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 that is assessed to be likely to be sustained and affect performance at World Championship; or
- 3.1.2 A member of the World Championship Squad contravenes their athlete 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 athletes agreement that member of the World Championship Squad;

may be replaced by another combination previously selected for World Championship Nominated Entries ('**a Substitution**').

3.2 Following selection of the World Championship Team if:

- 3.2.1 In the opinion of the NJSP (in consultation with the High Performance Director, Chef d'Equipe and Team Vet), there has been a loss of form or fitness by a member of the World Championship Team that is likely to be sustained and affect performance at World Championship; or
- 3.2.2 A member of the World Championship Squad contravenes their athlete agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 3.2.3 A member of the World Championship Squad does not meet the requirements outlined in the athletes agreement;

that member of the World Championship team may be replaced by one of the World Championship Reserves (**'a Reserve Substitution'**)

3.3 Following arrival at the World Championship, if:

- 3.3.1 In the opinion of the NJSP (in consultation with the High Performance Director, Chef d'Equipe and Team Vet), there has been a loss of form or fitness by a member of the World Championship Team that is likely to be sustained and affect performance at World Championship; or
- 3.3.2 A member of the World Championship Squad contravenes their athlete agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 3.3.3 A member of the World Championship Squad does not meet the requirements outlined in the athletes agreement;

that member of the World Championship team may be replaced by the World Championship Individual representative.

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 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 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;

- 4.1.6 have signed the Athlete Agreement;
 - 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;
 - 4.1.8 demonstrate to the satisfaction of EA that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
 - 4.1.9 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 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 examination¹ to the satisfaction of the Team Vet

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 the 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 Squad
- 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 Competition Criteria

To be considered for selection for the World Championship Team Squad, all horses and athletes must have met the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for a championship pursuant to Annex VIII, item 3 Jumping Rules 2022² (**FEI Qualification**). The FEI Qualification is an annexure to this document and can be found at:

2021 & 2022 List of MER Competitions [HERE](#)

¹ The timing and form of each horse's veterinary examination will be at the sole discretion of the Team Vet

6.2 General Criteria

In evaluating the performances of combinations that have met the Competition Criteria, the NJSP will take into account the following General Criteria:

(a) Competition considerations

(i) The NJSP will primarily consider competition results achieved at:

(A) European and North American CSI3* (and above) outdoor competitions during 2020, 2021 and 2022

(B) Grand Prix or World Cup outdoor Competitions in Australia; during 2020, 2021 and 2022.

(b) Objective Considerations

In assessing the competition performances of Combinations, the NJSP will consider the following objective measures:

(i) The scores achieved in each round; and

(ii) The final placing of the Combination (the NJSP note that the score and the placing of each Combination will be considered but do not automatically position one Combination above another for nomination purposes).

Discretionary Considerations

6.3 In assessing the performance of Combinations, the Jumping Selection Panel will consider competition-based factors. These factors include, but are not restricted to:

a) The performance of each Combination in relation to the quality and number of competitors; and

b) The technical features of the competition, in particular (but not limited to):

i. relative difficulty of the Jumping;

ii. quality of riding by an Athlete; and

iii. general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather, surface and footing.

6.4 In assessing the performance of Combinations, the Jumping Selection Panel will give consideration to general factors. These general factors include, but are not limited to:

a) the suitability of the Combination for the expected conditions of the Games (taking into account the objective of the team and individual competitions);

b) the overall balance of the Combinations that have been selected; and

- c) the ability and experience of the Combination to compete successfully at high level international competition. Consideration will be given to:
- i. current or Recent Form
 - ii. demonstrated experience and/or success at Championship level;
 - iii. ability, or potential ability, of the Horse and/or Athlete in the Combination to perform under the stress and pressure of an World Championship;
 - iv. ability of the Athlete to prepare their Horse to peak condition for a major campaign;
 - v. ability of the Athletes to contribute towards an effective team environment;
 - vi. consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team outcome; and
 - vii. exceptional ability of a Combination (and the potential to achieve an individual medal). This factor may, in the National Federation's sole discretion, place a Combination with less experience or consistency ahead of another Combination.

6.5 The Jumping Selection Panel has the discretion to place greater or lesser emphasis on any one or more of the Competition, Objective or Discretionary Considerations outlined above.

6.6 In determining whether a Combination has satisfied the criteria set out in clauses 6.1 to 6.5 above, the National Federation will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

7. NOMINATION TIMELINE

DATE (on or before)	EVENT	COMMENTS
1 January 2021 - 4th July 2022	World Championship Jumping FEI Qualification period	
1 July 2022	World Championship Nominated Entries	Up to 10 combinations will be nominated to FEI
11 July 2022	World Championship Squad	Four (4) combinations plus one (1) travelling reserve (World Championship Team) Additional three (3) reserve combinations not ranked
25 July 2022	World Championship Definite Entries	
6 – 14 August 2022	FEI Jumping World Championship- Seniors	Herning, DENMARK