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TEAM

# **EA HIGH PERFORMANCE**

**Le Lion d'Angers WBFSH Championship**  
*Selection Guidelines 2025*

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## 1. PURPOSE

To select three (3) athlete/horse combinations who are able to achieve the best possible result in the CH-M-YH-CCI2\*L 6yr old class and twelve (12) athlete/horse combinations who are able to achieve the best possible result in the CH-M-YH-CCI3\*L 7yr old class at Le Lion d'Angers .

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

Athlete and horse combinations who have achieved the relevant FEI qualifications to compete at CCI2\*L and CCI3\*L level may request to be considered for selection.

In order to participate in the FEI WBFSH Eventing World Championship for Young Horses, all horses entered must be registered in a WBFSH member studbook.

The list of member studbooks can be found here: <https://www.wbfs.com/studbook-members>

Please refer the qualification requirements for Le Lion d 'Angers which can be found here:

[Qualification Requirements World Breeding Championships 2025 clean.pdf](#)

## 3. PROCESS OF SELECTION

Subject to the eligibility requirements and any additional EA/FEI/OC qualification/entry requirements, the process of selection will follow the steps outlined below.

### 3.1 Expressions of interest

Expressions of interest will be sought from eligible combinations, with submissions due no later than 5pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### 3.2 Selection

On or before 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025, the NESP will select a team of three (3) athlete/horse combinations for the CCI2\*L and twelve (12) athlete/horse combinations for the CCI3\*L to be submitted as the 'Definite Entries'. Athletes will be notified of final selection via email.

## 4. SELECTION CRITERIA:

The Selection Panel will select three (3) for the CCI2\*L and twelve (12) for the CCI3\*L to be eligible Athletes as part of a combination who, in the opinion of the NESP, in its absolute discretion:

- a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at Le Lion; and
- b) are, and will remain until the conclusion of Le Lion, positive ambassadors for the sport and Equestrian Australia.

For the purpose of assessing Combinations against the above requirements, the NESP will consider the following competition, objective and discretionary factors in its sole and absolute discretion.

#### **4.1 Competition Factors**

- (i) Results achieved by the combination at international competitions at CCI2\*s CCI2\*-L, CCI3\*s and CCI3\*-L levels and/or national competitions at CCN2\*-S and CCN3\*-S during 2023, 2024 and 2025;
- (ii) Results achieved by the Combination at CCI2\*-L and CCI3\*-L level prior to 2023 may be considered to demonstrate the experience of the Combination;

#### **4.2 Objective Factors**

- (i) The final score (across all three phases of competition) of the Combination at the competitions set out in clause 4.1;
- (ii) The scores achieved by the combination at the Combination in each individual phase of the competitions set out in clause 4.1;
- (iii) The final placing of the combination at the competitions set out in clause 4.1. For avoidance of doubt, the final placing of each Combination at such competitions will not be determinative for the purpose of nomination; and
- (iv) Data and analysis provided by external providers including (but not limited to) the Australian Institute of Sport and EquiRatings.

#### **4.3 Discretionary Factors**

##### **Specific:**

- (i) The performance of each Combination at the competitions set out in the clause 4.1 in relation to the quality and number of the competitors at each competition;
- (ii) The technical features of each competition set out in clause 4.1 including but not limited to:
  - a) Dressage judging (including the breakdown of scores across multiple judges);
  - b) Cross-country fences and terrain;
  - c) The quality of riding by an athlete;
  - d) The general conditions under which the Combination performed, such as weather, surface and footing; and
  - e) The relative difficulty of the Show Jumping

**Generic:**

- (i) The suitability of the combination for the expected conditions at Le Lion
- (ii) The ability and experience of the combination to compete successfully at high level international competition during the period outlined in clause 4.1(ii)(iii). The NESP may consider any, all or none of the following factors in its absolute discretion:
  - a) The ability, or potential ability, of the Horse and/or Athlete in the combination to perform under the stress and pressure of the Le Lion
  - b) The ability of the Athlete to prepare their horse to be in peak condition for Le Lion;
  - c) The combinations consistency of performances outlined in clause 4.1(ii)(iii).
- (iii) The ability to uphold the values of sportsmanship (including positive representation of the team and the sport at all times with reference to the EA HP LA 2028 strategy, and in line with Australia's 2032+ Win well strategy), will be highly regarded. This includes demonstrating respect for fellow team members, team staff, other competitors, officials, and the competition environment, and complying with all integrity and horse welfare requirement as guided by EA/FEI.

For avoidance of doubt, the NESP has the discretion to place greater or lesser emphasis on any one or more of the competition, Objective or Discretionary Factors as outlined above.