

## 2024 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY CCI-S HASTINGS, HAWKES BAY, NEW ZEALAND 8-10 March 2024

### 1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes and horses who are able to:

- a. Achieve the best possible result at the Oceania Championships; and/or
- b. Contribute to the future development of the Australian Eventing Team as it prepares for Paris 2024 Olympic Games and future championships.

### 2. SELECTORS

For the purpose of selecting the team to compete at the Oceania Championships, the National Eventing Selector Panel ('the NESP') will comprise:

- Stephen Bow EA Eventing Selector Chair
- Claudia Hodson EA Eventing Selector
- Kate Wallis EA Eventing Selector
- Will Enzinger HP Director

### 3. SELECTION TIMETABLE

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

- 3.1 EOI Nominations are required before 27 November 2023 on the EA application form.
- 3.2 On or before 15 December 2023, the NESP will select a Squad of 12 combinations ('**the Oceania Squad**'). The Oceania Squad will comprise:
  - a. the four (4) Senior Rider/horse combinations to compete at the Oceania Championships ('**the Senior Team**');
  - b. four (4) Young Rider/horse combinations to compete at the Oceania Championships ('**the Young Rider Team**');
  - c. two (2) Senior reserve combinations ('**the Senior Team Reserves**'); and
  - d. two (2) Young Rider reserve combinations ('**the Young Rider Reserves**').
- 3.3 Together, the Senior Team and the Young Rider Team will be known as the Oceania Team.
- 3.4 Together, the Senior Team Reserves and the Young Rider Reserves will be known as the Oceania Squad Reserves. The Oceania Squad Reserves will not travel to NZ.
- 3.5 Following the first horse inspection, or earlier as deemed appropriate by the Chef d'Equipe, members of the Senior and Young Rider Teams will be notified of the running order for each rider.

- 3.6 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.

#### 4. SUBSTITUTION

- 4.1 Following selection of the Oceania Team if:

- 4.1.1 in the opinion of the NESP (in consultation with the High Performance Director or Consultant, Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian), there has been a loss of form or fitness by a member of the Oceania Team that is likely to be sustained and affect performance at the Oceania Championships; or
- 4.1.2 a member of the Oceania team contravenes their athlete agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 4.1.3 a member of the Oceania team does not meet the requirements outlined in the athletes agreement;

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

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR THE OCEANIA SQUAD LIST

- 5.1 For athletes to be eligible for selection for the Oceania Squad List, all athletes must:

- 5.1.1 be a current member of EA
- 5.1.2 be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art 119;
- 5.1.3 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;
- 5.1.4 be able and willing to undertake an agreed training and competition program recommended by the High Performance Director after consultation with the athlete;
- 5.1.5 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;
- 5.1.6 have signed the Eventing National Squad Agreement or Australian Equestrian Team member agreement;
- 5.1.7 satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for the Oceania Squad List;
- 5.1.8 demonstrate to the satisfaction of EA that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Championships to the highest possible standard;

- 5.1.9 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; and
- 5.1.10 the athlete holds a valid Australian passport that does not expire within the six (6) month period following the conclusion of the Championship.
- 5.2 For Horses to be eligible for selection for the Oceania Squad List, all horses must:
  - 5.2.1 be registered with EA or another FEI recognised National Federation.
  - 5.2.2 post nomination have passed a veterinary examination to the satisfaction of the Team Vet, the timing and form of each horse's veterinary examination will be at the sole discretion of the Team Vet
  - 5.2.3 hold a valid FEI passport

### 6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The Nomination Criteria combines both Competition Criteria and General Criteria.

#### 6.1 Competition Criteria

To be considered for selection for the Oceania Squad, all horses and athletes must have met the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for the level at which they will compete pursuant to the most current version of Article 517 FEI Eventing Rules and Article 520.3 of the Equestrian Australia Eventing Rules.

#### 6.2 General Criteria

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

##### 6.2.1 Competition Considerations

- (i) The NESP will primarily consider competition results achieved by athlete/horse combination from CCI4\* and CCI5\* events including CCI-L and CCI-S for the Senior teams, and athlete/horse combination from CCI3\* and CCI4\* events including CCI-L and CCI-S for the Young Rider team during 2022 through 2023
- (ii) The NESP may also consider performances prior to 2022 but they will generally carry less weight.

##### 6.2.2 Objective Considerations

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

- (i) The final score (across all three phases of the competition);
- (ii) The scores achieved in each individual phase;

- (iii) The final placing of the Combination (the NESP 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); and
- (iv) The NESP will, in its sole discretion, consider (but not rely) on data and analysis provided by external providers including (but not limited to) the Australian Institute of Sport.. Any rankings or ratings provided by external providers will not automatically position one Combination ahead of another for nomination purposes.

### 6.2.3 Discretionary Considerations

In assessing the performance of Combinations, the NESP will consider the following competition-based factors. These factors include, but are not restricted to:

- (v) The performance of each Combination in relation to the quality and number of competitors.
- (vi) The technical features of the competition, in particular (but not limited to):
  - (A) the dressage judging (including the breakdown of scores across multiple judges);
  - (B) the technical difficulty and size of the cross-country fences;
  - (C) the cross country terrain;
  - (D) the relative difficulty of the show jumping;
  - (E) the quality of the riding by an Athlete;
  - (F) the atmosphere of the competition; and
  - (G) the general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather, surface and footing.

### 6.2.4 General Factors

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

- (vii) The suitability of the Combination for the expected conditions of the Oceania Championships (taking into account the objective of the team and individual competition) including but not limited to:
  - (A) the anticipated technical difficulty and size of the cross country fences;
  - (B) the anticipated terrain; and
  - (C) the anticipated climatic conditions

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- (viii) The overall balance of the Combinations that have been selected;
- (ix) The ability and experience of the Combination to compete successfully at international competition. Consideration will be given to;
  - (D) the ability, or potential ability, of a Horse and/or Athlete to perform under the stress and pressure of a Championship;
  - (E) demonstrated experience and/or success at Championship level;
  - (F) the ability of the Athlete to prepare their Horse to peak condition for a major campaign;
  - (G) the ability of the Athletes to contribute towards an effective team environment;
  - (H) consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team outcome may be a consideration;
  - (I) exceptional ability of a Combination (and the potential to achieve an individual medal) may be a consideration and may, in the Eventing Selection Panel's sole discretion, place a Combination with less experience or consistency ahead of another Combination.
  - (J) The NESP has the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the nomination considerations in considering Combinations for nomination.

### 6.2.5 Financial Considerations

- (x) EA High Performance will fund Athlete, Groom and Horse flights for the Oceania Senior Team combinations and provide Team uniform.
- (xi) EA High Performance will provide Team Uniform, however Athlete, Groom and Horse flights will be at own expense for the Oceania Young Rider Team members.

### 7. NOMINATION TIMELINE

DATE (ON OR BEFORE)	EVENT	COMMENTS
27 November 2023	EOI Nominations due	Return application to: <a href="mailto:di.saunders@equestrian.org.au">di.saunders@equestrian.org.au</a>
15 December 2023	Oceania Squad announced	4 x Senior combinations to compete + 2 Senior non travelling reserves,  4 x Young Rider combinations to compete + 2 Junior non travelling reserves
15 December 2023 until horse departure flights to NZ	Oceania Squad Reserves on standby in the event of a substitution	
Examination on Arrival	Oceania team Individual Competitors Announced	