

## Nomination Criteria

### Paris 2024 Olympic Games

#### Equestrian, Eventing

## 1 Definitions and Interpretation

### 1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience

**AOC** means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

**AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law** means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a Team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games and which is available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/athlete-guidelines/>.

**AOC Selection Committee** means the committee established by the AOC to select athletes to the Australian Olympic Team for the Games.

**AOC Selection Criteria** means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

**Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse** has the meaning given in the Qualification System

**Athlete** means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the AOC as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

**Combination** means an Athlete and Horse combination.

**Eventing Selection Panel** means the Panel of Selectors<sup>1</sup> charged with the responsibility of selecting Combinations to be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.

**Executive** means the Executive of the AOC.

**FEI Rules** means the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games (25<sup>th</sup> Edition) published by the International Federation (as updated from time to time), which can be found at the following URL:

[https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Olympic%20Regulations%20Paris%202024%20Equestrian Approved%20at%20FEI%20GA%202022\\_Clean\\_07June23.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Olympic%20Regulations%20Paris%202024%20Equestrian%20Approved%20at%20FEI%20GA%202022_Clean_07June23.pdf)

**FEI Certificate of Capability** has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

**Games** means Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

**High Performance Committee** means the Committee with delegated responsibility for oversight and guidance of Equestrian Australia's High Performance Program.

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<sup>1</sup> Georgia Widdup, Stephen Bow and Claudia Hodson. This Panel may be amended at any time.

**Horse** means the horse to be nominated as part of a Combination.

**International Federation** means Federation Equestre Internationale (“FEI”)

**Minimum Eligibility Requirements or MER** has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

**National Federation** means Equestrian Australia (“EA”).

**Nomination Date** means 1 July 2024.

**Pre-Competition Change** means a change of Combination that is made during the period between 08 July 2024 and two (2) hours before the starting time of the Dressage Test at the Games as set out in Article 609 of the FEI Rules.

**Qualification Period** means 1 January 2023 to 24 June 2024.

**Qualification System** means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation, which can be found at the following URL:

<https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Olympic%20Games%20Paris%202024%20qualification%20system%20-%20EVENTING%2004June2023.pdf>

**Sport** means Equestrian, Eventing

**Sport Entries Deadline** means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 8 July 2024.

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

## 1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
  - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
  - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
  - (iv) a party includes the party’s executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

## **2 General**

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the High Performance Committee pursuant to the delegations provided to it by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
  - (a) all Athletes;
  - (b) the National Federation; and
  - (c) the AOC.
- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, and make available on National Federation's website, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, to all Athletes.

## **3 Long List**

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or and AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 Subject to clause 3.1, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC's Long List does not increase, decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the Team.
- 3.3 As required under Article 607.3 of the FEI Rules, the AOC will provide the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Organising Committee with a list of all Athletes who could possibly be entered for the Games by 23 April 2024 (***Olympic Games Long List***). Athletes who are not included on the Olympic Games Long List are unable to be selected to the Team.

## **4 Athlete Quota Positions**

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.
- 4.4 Each Athlete must be nominated to the AOC for selection to the team as part of a Combination.

## 5 Eligibility Criteria

### *Athletes*

- 5.1 The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete as part of a Combination unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:
- (a) is an Australian citizen;
  - (b) is a member of the National Federation;
  - (c) satisfies the Qualification System;
  - (d) was included on the Olympic Games Long List;
  - (e) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (f) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
  - (g) together with the Horse to be nominated as part of the Combination, has achieved all of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (**MER**) as set by the International Federation and contained at Appendix 2 of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (h) together with the Horse, does not, and is not likely in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete;
  - (i) is part of a Combination with a Horse that is registered with the International Federation and eligible to compete for Australia under FEI General Regulations Art. 113 – Registration and Eligibility of Athletes and Horses and Art. 119 – Sport Nationality Status of Athletes;
  - (j) is willing to make the Horse available for examination at a time and location reasonably requested by the Team Veterinarian, or a veterinarian nominated by the Team Veterinarian, High Performance Director or Chair of Eventing Selection Panel and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations of the Team Veterinarian;
  - (k) fulfils the requirements of always maintaining an up-to-date FEI Medication Logbook;
  - (l) has not used nor administered any substance to the Horse that is in contravention of the EA Medication Control Policy and/or the FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations unless they have been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed;
  - (m) provides accurate and up-to-date information of their whereabouts on a regular basis to the National Federation;
  - (n) satisfies any reasonable additional precondition(s) prior to the Nomination Date that have been advised in writing to the Athlete by the National Federation; and
  - (o) has acted at all times in such a manner (including in their use of social media), so as not to bring the Athlete, the discipline of Eventing or the National Federation into public disrepute or censure.

### *Horses*

- 5.2 The National Federation will not nominate a Horse as part of a Combination unless, at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Horse;
- (a) together with the Athlete to be nominated as part of the Combination, has achieved all of the MER as set by the International Federation and contained at Appendix 2 of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (b) together with the Athlete to be nominated as part of the Combination, does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Horse from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Horse;
  - (c) holds a current FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card;
  - (d) has been registered with the International Federation as property of owners of Australian Nationality by 15 January 2024;
  - (e) has been examined to the satisfaction of the Team Veterinarian (or veterinarian nominated by the Team Veterinarian); and
  - (f) is not subject to a current sanction under the EA or FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

### *Horse Owners*

- 5.3 In order for a Combination to be considered for nomination to the AOC, the National Federation must receive from the owner(s) of the Horse a signed copy of the EA Horse Owner Agreement at least one (1) week prior to the Nomination Date.

## **6 Nomination Criteria**

### **Subjective Criteria**

- 6.1 The National Federation will nominate the three (3) eligible Athletes as part of a Combination who, in the opinion of the National Federation operating through the Eventing Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion:
- (a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games; and
  - (b) are, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, positive ambassadors for the Sport, National Federation, and the Games.
- 6.2 For the purpose of assessing Combinations against the criteria in clauses 6.1(a), the Eventing Selection Panel will consider the following competition, objective and discretionary factors in its sole and absolute discretion:
- (a) *Competition Factors*
    - (i) subject to clause 6.2(a)(iii), performances and results achieved by the Combination at competitions during the Qualification Period;
    - (ii) results achieved by the Combination at international competitions at CCI4\*-S, CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L levels and/or national competitions at CCN4\*-S during 2023 and 2024;
    - (iii) results achieved by the Combination at CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L level prior to 2023 may be considered to demonstrate the experience of the Combination; and

- (iv) in exceptional circumstances, the Eventing Selection Panel will consider competition results achieved at CC13\*L level during 2023 and 2024.

(b) *Objective Factors*

- (i) the final score (across all three phases of competition) of the Combination at the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a);
- (ii) the scores achieved by the Combination in each individual phase of the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a);
- (iii) the final placing of the Combination at the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a). For the avoidance of doubt, the final placing of each Combination at such competitions will not be determinative for the purposes of nomination; and
- (iv) data and analysis provided by external providers including (but not limited to) the Australian Institute of Sport and EquiRatings.

(c) *Discretionary Factors*

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- (i) the performance of each Combination at the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a) in relation to the quality and number of competitors at each competition;
- (ii) the technical features of each competition set out in clause 6.2(a), including but not limited to:
  - A. dressage judging (including the breakdown of scores across multiple judges);
  - B. cross-country fences and terrain;
  - C. the relative difficulty of the Show Jumping;
  - D. the quality of riding by an Athlete; and
  - E. the general conditions under which the Combination performed, such as weather, surface and footing.

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- (iii) the suitability of the Combination for the expected conditions of the Games;
- (iv) the role that an Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse can play under the scoring system to be used at the Games;
- (v) the overall balance of the Combinations that the National Federation proposes to nominate; and
- (vi) the ability and experience of the Combination to compete successfully at high level international competition during the Qualification Period. In determining the ability and experience of the Combination under this clause 6.2(c)(vi), the Eventing Selection Panel may consider any, all or none of the following factors in its absolute discretion:
  - A. the demonstrated experience and/or success of the Combination at Olympic or Championship Level;
  - B. the ability, or potential ability, of the Horse and/or Athlete in the Combination to perform under the stress and pressure of an Olympic Games;

- C. the ability of the Athlete to prepare their Horse to be in peak condition for a major campaign or Olympic Games;
- D. the ability of the Athlete to contribute toward an effective team environment;
- E. the Combination's consistency of performance during the Qualification Period; and
- F. the potential of the Combination to achieve an individual medal at the Games. For the avoidance of doubt, this factor may, in the National Federation's sole and discretion, place a Combination with less experience or consistency ahead of another Combination for the purposes of determining the Combinations to be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.

6.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the Eventing Selection Panel has the discretion to place greater or lesser emphasis on any one or more of the Competition, Objective or Discretionary Factors outlined above.

## **7 Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse**

7.1 The National Federation may identify one Combination as the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse (in addition to the three Combinations nominated for selection). The National Federation, in its sole and absolute discretion, will decide whether or not to identify an Ap Alternate Athlete and Horse.

7.2 The Combination (if any) to be identified as the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse will be determined based on the criteria set out in clauses 6.1 to 6.3 above.

7.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the Combination nominated as the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse will not be part of the Team unless, and until, they are selected to replace a previously selected Combination and only if they satisfy the conditions of the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement Policy

## **8 Pre-competition change**

8.1 If following the selection of a Combination by the AOC and following the Sport Entries Deadline;

- (a) In the opinion of the Eventing Selection Panel (in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian), there has been a loss of ability to perform at the level at which the Combination was nominated and selected and that loss of ability is likely to be sustained and affect performance at the Games; or
- (b) Any member of a nominated Combination contravenes FEI Veterinary Regulations or AOC policies;

The National Federation must immediately notify the AOC to request a Pre-Competition Change and that the Combination in question is removed from the Team, in which case the AOC will consider, at its absolute discretion, whether to de-select that Combination. If the AOC decides to de-select the Combination, then the National Federation may nominate to the AOC another Combination to replace the selected Combination if the criteria for the replacement under the FEI Rules and, in the case of a replacement following the Sport Entries Deadline, the 'IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement Policy' is satisfied.

8.2 For the avoidance of doubt, in accordance with the FEI Rules, a Pre-Competition Change can only be made with another Athlete and/or Horse that has obtained the MER, that satisfies the

eligibility criteria in clause 5 and that was duly entered on the FEI list of nominated entries of 25 June 2024.

- 8.3 The Combination nominated to replace a Combination already nominated to the Team as part of a Pre-Competition Change may or may not be the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse (if any) identified by the National Federation under clause 7.

## 9 Submission of Nominations

- 9.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 9.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 9.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:
- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
  - (b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline,
- or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.
- 9.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 9.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

## 10 Appeals

- 10.1 A non-nominated athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination (***Nomination Appeal***) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.6 or clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (***the AOC By-Law***).
- 10.2 Any Nomination Appeal arising out of these Nomination Criteria which is commenced under clause 9.6 of the AOC By-Law will be heard by the NST General Division in accordance with clause 9.6(c) of the AOC By-Law. For clarity, clause 10.2 does not apply to appeals against non-nomination commenced under clause 9.9 of the AOC By-Law (***Nomination Fast Track Appeal***).

## 11 Amendments

- 11.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC.
- 11.2 The AOC may amend the AOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 to this Nomination Criteria and re-upload an updated Nomination Criteria to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendment.
- 11.3 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National



Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.

## **12 Governing Law**

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

## **13 Priority of Documents**

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;
- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria); and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.

**Appendix 1 – AOC Selection Criteria**



## AOC SELECTION CRITERIA

### PARIS 2024

The AOC has adopted this Selection Criteria pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law. This criterion governs the selection of athletes to the Games by the AOC.

#### 1 / Eligibility for Selection

An athlete who is nominated by a National Federation for selection to the Team (***Nominated Athlete***) must satisfy the following selection criteria in order to be selected by the AOC. A Nominated Athlete must:

- A. have met the requirements of the Qualification System applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- B. have satisfied the Nomination Criteria adopted by their National Federation applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- C. have been nominated to the AOC by their National Federation;
- D. have met and continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors outlined in the Olympic Charter;
- E. meet the requirements of rules 40 and 41 of the Olympic Charter;
- F. have signed and will comply with the Team Membership Agreement for Athletes for the Games and agree to sign any entry form required by the International Olympic Committee, AOC or the Organising Committee for the Games;
- G. complied with the AOC Constitution;
- H. not have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law or any other By-Law adopted by the AOC from time to time, unless the Nominated Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- I. have been available for sample collection for the purpose of conducting anti-doping testing and have provided accurate and up to date whereabouts information within the 3-strike policy allowed for athletes under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- J. have, if required by the AOC, signed a statutory declaration regarding child protection, anti-doping matters and any other matter determined by the AOC to require declaration from time to time;
- K. not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which
  - i has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure; or
  - ii is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, reputation or values of the AOC or Team Sponsors, or as a result of which, the Nominated Athlete's continued membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the Team;

- L. not at any time been charged with any offence involving violence, alcohol or drugs, Child Abuse, any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment (unless such charges have subsequently been withdrawn or the offences have been found to be not proven)
- M. not at any time been convicted of any offence involving violence, Child Abuse, alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
- N. have disclosed any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which the Nominated Athlete has been charged, or of which the Nominated Athlete has been convicted, and has consented to the Nominated Athlete's National Federation and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Nominated Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consents to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
- O. have and must continue to honestly and fully disclose until the end of the Games Period information concerning any conduct that would cause an actual or potential breach of clauses 1(A) - 1(N), to their National Federation and the AOC, and consent to:
  - (a) their National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
  - (b) consent to relevant authorities providing information to their National Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries; and
- P. have completed or will complete medical assessments to the satisfaction of the AOC, if required.

A breach of, or a failure by a Nominated Athlete to comply with clauses 1(A) – (P) may render that Nominated Athlete ineligible for selection to the Team, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC.

## 2 / Selection

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine:

- A. whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;
- B. whether a Nominated Athlete is eligible for selection to the Team, having regard to the requirements of this Selection Criteria and any other circumstances or criteria the AOC considers appropriate;
- C. that a Nominated Athlete is ineligible for selection to the Team for any reason (irrespective of whether the Nominated Athlete has met some or all of the requirements of this Selection Criteria); and
- D. whether it will select the maximum number of athletes (or teams, where applicable) permitted for selection by the AOC under a Qualification System, regardless of how many Nominated Athletes meet the standards required under that Qualification System.

## 3 / No Extenuating Circumstances

In determining whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements for selection to the Team, the AOC will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances.

For the purposes of this clause, “**extenuating circumstances**” means an inability to compete in, or attend, events, trials, training camps or other competitions arising from:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factor or reason that is considered by AOC to constitute extenuating circumstances.

#### 4 / Amendments

This Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time.

#### 5 / Interpretation

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**AOC Anti-Doping By-Law** means the Anti-Doping By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time and available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/governance/>.

**AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law** means the AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time, available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/governance/>.

**Child** means a person aged under the age of 18 years.

**Child Abuse** means physical, emotional, psychological, harming or exploitation of children, whether in person or online, whether a one-off incident or a series of incidents, whether sexual or otherwise and includes, but not limited to:

- (a) derogatory or inappropriate behaviour;
- (b) non-accidental injury to children;

- (c) inappropriate touching;
- (d) physical, emotional, psychological or sexual abuse including groomed or forced involvement in sexual behaviour, verbal or physical conduct or gesture of a sexual nature (e.g. the use of offensive stereotypes based on gender, sexual jokes, threats, intimidation);
- (e) insensitivity towards children with cultural or religious differences; or
- (f) neglect of an individual, being the failure of a person with a duty of care towards another person to provide a minimum level of care to that person, which is causing harm, allowing harm to be caused, or creating an imminent danger of harm

**Games** means the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

**Games Period** means the period of time between the Sport Entries Deadline and the date that is three days after the “Closing Ceremony” of that Games.

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selection and appointed, respectively, by the AOC to participate in the Games.

**Team Membership Agreement** means the AOC Team Membership Agreement for Athletes which governs athletes’ participation in the Games.

**Team Sponsors** means the sponsors, suppliers and licensees of the AOC and/or the Team.

- A. A reference to a clause or schedule is to a clause or schedule of this Selection Criteria.
- B. The singular includes the plural and the converse also applies.
- C. A reference to an agreement or document (including a reference to this agreement) is to the agreement or document as amended, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by this agreement or that other agreement or document, and includes the recitals and schedules to that agreement or document.
- D. A reference to a party to this Agreement or another agreement or document includes the party's successors, permitted substitutes and permitted assigns (and, where applicable, the party's legal personal representatives).
- E. A reference to conduct includes an omission, statement or undertaking, whether or not in writing.
- F. A reference to time is to Sydney time, unless otherwise stated.
- G. Mentioning anything after includes, including, for example or similar expressions does not limit what else might be included.

## 6 / Law

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

## Appendix 2 – MER Requirements

The Combination must fulfil the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (**MER**) by obtaining “**FEI Qualifying Results**” at different competitions which take place from 1 January 2023 until (and including) 24 June 2024 (the “**MER Deadline**”).

Combinations may fulfil the MER at different competitions at the following levels;

1. One (1) qualifying result at a CCI5\*-L; **OR**
2. One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4\*-L **AND** 1 qualifying result in a CCI4\*-S; **PLUS**
3. One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4\*-S or CCI4\*-L or CCI5\*-L to be obtained after 1 January 2024 and on or before 24 June 2024 (the “**Confirmation Result**”)

An FEI qualifying result is achieved by completing the above competitions within the minimum parameters of an all-round performance, which are set out below:

- (a) Dressage test: Not less than fifty-five percent (55%). Dressage good marks (no more than forty-five (45) penalty points);
- (b) Cross Country test: clear (0) round or 11 penalty points on Cross Country Obstacles, not more than 75 seconds over the optimum Cross Country phase time. At CCI-L 5\*, the maximum time by which the optimum time may be exceeded is 100 seconds; and
- (c) Jumping Test: Not more than sixteen (16) jumping penalties