



# AUSTRALASIA REGIONAL ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION GUIDELINES

## SELECTION Guidelines Australasia Regional Endurance Championships 2024

This selection guidelines covers the Australasia Regional Endurance Championship (AREC) Event to be held in Inglewood, Queensland 30<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

Equestrian Australia have invited 6 countries from FEI Regional Group VIII (Oceania) to enter a Team consisting of 4 Athletes and up to 3 Travelling Reserve Athletes to compete in a CEI 1\* Team event. The event is a borrowed horse event, and suitably qualified horses will be supplied to the team if Athletes are unable to supply their own horse.

### 1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes for the Australian team to achieve the best possible results at the 2024 Australasia Regional Endurance Championship.

### 2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

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

2.1 A Short List of Athletes for the AREC competition on 30<sup>th</sup> May - 1st June 2024 will be determined by the EA National Endurance Selectors Panel (ESP) from the submitted expressions of interest applications.

2.2 The ESP will choose the Australian team from the Short List of athletes.

2.3 These criteria 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 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 these criteria.



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### 3. SUBSTITUTION

3.1 Following selection of the Australian Team, if:

3.1.1 In the opinion of the Chef d'Equipe (in consultation with the Team Vet and the ESP), there has been a loss of form or fitness by a member of the Australian Team, the loss of form must be assessed to be likely to be ongoing and affect performance at Australasia Regional Endurance Championship; or

3.1.2 A member of the Australian Team contravenes their athlete agreement, EA or FEI Rules and policies: or

3.1.3 A member of the Australian Team does not meet the requirements outlined in the athlete's agreement; that member of the Australian Team may be replaced by another athlete meeting the requirements for selection from the Short List ('a **Substitution**').

### 4. CONDITIONS OF SELECTION FOR THE SHORT LIST (Australasia Nominated Entries)

4.1 For **Athletes** to be eligible for selection, all athletes must:

4.1.1 be a current member of EA, be registered with FEI and be a member of a State Division of the AERA

4.1.2 be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art. 113 Registration and Eligibility of Athletes and Horses, Art 117 Selection of Representative Teams and Individuals,

4.1.3 attend and participate in team meetings and training as notified in writing, unless a written exemption has been granted by the Chef d'Equipe or ESP, in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption.

4.1.4 undertake any training and competition program recommended by the Chef d'Equipe after consultation with the athlete where requested by the National Coach or Chef d'Equipe; where a National Coach has not been appointed any requests and directions to the athletes will be directed by the ESP, or their nominated representative.

4.1.5 not have used or administered any substance that, if it had been detected as being present in

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the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted Doping as defined in the EA Anti-Doping Policy.

4.1.6 satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA and the ESP prior to or at the time of selection; and

4.1.7 have acted and always act in such a manner to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Endurance or EA and AERA into public disrepute or censure.

### 5. General Requirements for Selection

5.1 Subject to the terms of these guidelines, the EA Endurance Selector Panel will select athletes according to the selection criteria. Reserve athletes will also be identified by EA and may be part of the Australian Team, where reserves may be included in the Team as permitted by the FEI Participation and Qualification Criteria.

5.2 The Australian Team Short List for the 2024 Australasia Regional Endurance Championship of athletes nominated by EA to the FEI as Nominated Entries as per FEI qualification and entry requirements.

### 6. DISCRETIONARY CONSIDERATIONS

#### 6.1 Giving Consideration to Extenuating Facts and Circumstances

In considering the performances of athletes at events, training camps or other activities required under this policy, the Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extenuating factors.

6.1.1 Athletes must actively communicate with selection panel when information is requested, be prepared to attend Microsoft TEAMS events and participate in a training camp at Inglewood on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 or other attendances required under this policy must advise the ESP and Chef d'Equipe 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 EA.

6.1.3 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, quarantine factors or



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other extenuating circumstances, the Selection Panel will decide on a case-by-case basis.

### 7. ADDITIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN SHORT LIST

The ESP may, at their absolute discretion, add an athlete to the Short List at any stage subject to them satisfying the relevant selection guidelines.

### 8. REMOVAL FROM THE SHORT LIST

Athletes who:

8.1 by reason of illness or injury and are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the Selection Panel (after having received advice from a medical practitioner)

or

8.2 contravene the FEI or EA Codes of Conduct, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies;  
or

8.3 do not sign the National Team Athlete agreement.

8.4 do not meet any other stated requirement, may be removed from the Short List.

### 9. APPEALS

9.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes will be heard by an EA Appeal Tribunal in accordance with the EA Appeal By-Laws.

9.2 There will be one level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that this Selection Policy was not properly followed and/or implemented. Athlete substitutions made in accordance with the rules of the competition, following definite entries to the FEI, cannot be appealed.

9.2 Appeals may only be made against the selection of the team to be submitted by EA for 'Definite Entries' as per FEI Guidelines. Athletes may not appeal their non- inclusion on the short-list.

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9.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to





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appeal in writing with the CEO of EA within three (3) working days from the date of the announcement of the Australasia Team.

### 10. SELECTION CRITERIA

This Selection Criteria as set by the FEI as referenced in Article numbers below must be read in conjunction with the requirements of the EA Selection guidelines sections one to seven. Athletes should familiarize themselves with all the requirements of these documents.

#### 10.1 Qualification

Ref Endurance Art 833. CEI Qualifications,

Ref Endurance Art 833.1

Ref Endurance Art 833.3.1

#### 10.2 Athletes

10.2.1 The ESP in their sole discretion may give more weight to those athletes who have demonstrated and proven high completion rates at endurance rides.

10.2.2 The ESP in their sole discretion may give more weight to those athletes that have successfully and competitively competed at CEI and VGIH rides with demonstrated ability to manage the horse efficiently in presentation to vetting.

10.2.3 The ESP in their sole discretion may give more weight to athletes with a demonstrated and proven high completion rates and competence at managing a variety of horses over endurance rides.

10.2.4 It is recognised that competitiveness at Endurance requires an effective team of athletes and groom/s. The athlete is responsible for their own nominated groom/s. Selection of the athlete will take into consideration the athlete and groom/s ability to:

- Work cooperatively, demonstrate respect and behave appropriately at all times; and
- Commit to the best possible performance at Australasia Regional Endurance Championship for the



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Australian team.

10.2.5 It is the athletes' responsibility to provide all information, required documentation and examinations as requested. The ESP will take into consideration the accuracy, cooperation, access, completeness and timeliness of providing that information, documentation and examinations.

### 10.3 ESP Discretion

The objective of these guidelines is to select athletes that the ESP believes will achieve the best possible result at the 2024 Australasia Regional Endurance Championship.

### 10.4 General Criteria

In considering the performances of athletes that have met the competition criteria, the ESP will take into account the following general criteria:

10.4.1 The ESP has the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more the general criteria in considering athletes for selection.

10.4.2 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. For the purpose of the selection criteria, "recent" will generally relate to performance in period **January 2022-February 2024**.

10.4.3 An athlete maintaining a consistent standard during the selection period may be selected ahead of an athlete that may have achieved higher scores, but whose performances are less consistent.

10.4.4 Selectors in their discretion may take into consideration the ability of an athlete to perform competitively at Major Championships or Events or past performances at such events.

10.4.5 The Athlete should be able to attend and participate in events and clinics as requested by ESP and/or Chef d'Equipe.

10.4.6 Unless given written permission by Chef D'Equipe or ESP and only to the extent of such permission, provide the information as required in the attached Endurance Selector Panel Information Protocol. 6





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### 11. Key Dates

- Expressions of interest due by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- The Short List will be announced on or before 1st April 2024
- Australian Team will be announced on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### 12. Information to Be Provided by Athletes

12.1.1 Athlete's updated Ride History January 2022-February 2024 (provide the link to your AERASPACE Rider History/ FEI Database if applicable)

12.1.2 Name and Details of at least 2 proposed grooms. The grooms must also be members of a state Division of AERA

12.1.3 Any disciplinary matters commenced in respect of the athlete or any of their nominated grooms relating to endurance.

12.1.4 Any other information the athlete considers relevant to assist in selection process (e.g. personal fitness, aspirations to represent Australia at future international competitions)

12.1.5 Evidence of your ability to work cooperatively in a team environment.

12.1.6 Nominated Horse/s if providing your own mount (provide the link to your nominated AERASpace Horse History/ FEI Database)

12.1.7 Full contact details- Name, Address. Mobile Number, Email address

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