

Nomination Criteria

2020 Paralympic Games, Tokyo, Japan

Equestrian, Para-Dressage

1 Definition and Interpretations

1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the Paralympic Australia (PA) General Selection Criteria, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

Accreditation Deadline means 30 April 2021

Athlete means a person who:

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

Combination means an Athlete and Horse combination

Extenuating Circumstances means:

- (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 factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

FEI Rules means the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games (2nd Edition) published by the International Federation, as updated from time to time.

FEI Qualification Period means 01 January 2019 to 05 July 2021.

Games means Paralympic Games, Tokyo 2020.

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

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

International Federation means Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI").

Para-Dressage Selection Panel means the Panel of Selectors¹ approved via the relevant appointment processes by the High Performance Panel and Equestrian Australia Board and charged with the responsibility of selecting Combinations to be nominated to PA to represent Australia in the sport of Para-Dressage at the Games.

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

National Federation means Equestrian Australia (EA).

Nomination Date means 09 July 2021.

PA means Paralympics Australia and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the PA Selection Committee.

PA Board means the board of PA.

PA General Selection Criteria means the document adopted by the PA Board, which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for a Paralympic Games.

PA Selection Committee means the committee established by PA to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Paralympic Team for the Games.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation.

Sport means Equestrian, Para-Dressage.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by PA 02 August 2021.

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

Tokyo Paralympic Long List has the meaning given in clause 3.3.

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.

¹ Sue Bright (Chair), Merrilyn Hamilton-Smith. This panel may be amended at any time.

- (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 Panel pursuant to the delegations provided to it by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation will provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to PA in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 1st July 2020 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) PA.
- 2.5 The terms of the PA General Selection Criteria are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the PA General Selection Criteria to all Athletes.

3 Long List

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or PA may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 Subject to clause 3.3 below, membership of the National Federation's or PA'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 PA, to the Team.
- 3.3 As required under Article 607.2 of the FEI Regulations for Paralympic Games, PA will provide the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (TOCOG) with a list of all Athletes who could possibly be entered for the Paralympic Games by the Accreditation Deadline (TOCOG Long List). Athletes who are not included on the TOCOG Long List are unable to be selected to the Team.

4 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to PA for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded PA or the National Federation Athlete Quota Positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by PA under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 Each Athlete must be selected as part of a Combination.

5 Eligibility Criteria

Athlete

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 TOCOG Long List;
- (e) is likely to satisfy the PA General Selection Criteria;

has not committed any doping offence under the policies of the National Federation, Paralympics Australia, Sport Integrity Australia or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;

- (f) together with the Horse, does not, and is not likely to 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;
- (g) has a valid FEI Para-Equestrian International Classification, with a Sport Class Status of Confirmed, or a Sport Class Status of Review, with a Review Date after 31 December 2021
- (h) agrees to abide by the FEI Para-Equestrian Classification Rules and Regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant PA and/or EA Classification Policies and Requirements, including attending classification assessments as required
- (i) agrees to complete any classification education models as released by the FEI, PA or EA
- (j) 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;
- (k) 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 Para-Dressage Selection Panel and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations of the Team Veterinarian;
- (l) fulfils the requirements of always maintaining an up to date FEI Medication Logbook;
- (m) 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;

- (n) provides accurate and up-to-date information of their whereabouts on a regular basis to the National Federation;
- (o) demonstrates consistent performance outcomes identified in the Individual Performance Plan (IPP) and has met specific training and performance goals as outlined by the EA High Performance Director.
- (p) 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
- (q) has acted at all times in such a manner (including in their use of social media), so as to not bring the Athlete, the discipline of Para-Dressage or the National Federation into public disrepute or censure.

Horses

5.2 The National Federation will not nominate a Horse 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 the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) as set by the International Federation;
- (b) is registered with the National Federation (or the corresponding Federation of the nation in which the Horse is domiciled);
- (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 2021;
- (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 Team, the National Federation must receive from the owner/s (if applicable) of the nominated Horse a signed copy of the EA Horse Owner Agreement at least one week prior to the Nomination Date.

6 Nomination Criteria

Threshold Criteria

- 6.1 The National Federation will only consider for nomination, Combinations who have achieved within the FEI Qualification Period the following:

FEI Qualification Criteria for Tokyo 2020

- (a) The Combination must achieve the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) at any FEI Para-Equestrian CPEDI3* or above event as listed on the FEI Calendar within the qualification period of 01 January 2019 until (and including) 05 July 2021.
- (b) The MER requires that a minimum 62% must be attributed to the Combination in the Team or Individual Championship Test with a minimum of 3 FEI Judges of different nationalities in a CPEDI3* or above Event.

7. Competition Criteria for Tokyo 2020

- 7.1 To be eligible for consideration for nomination, Combinations are to have achieved the following competition criteria

- (a) The Combinations must compete in no less than 4 CPEDN / CPEDI Events with 2 or more to be in 2020 and/or 2021 and have achieved the Competition Criteria as below.
- (b) Have achieved an overall percentage of 67% or above in the Team and/or Individual Championship Test at least four times and have competed in no less than four CPEDN / CPEDI Events as outlined above.

8. Subjective Criteria

- 8.1 The National Federation will nominate up to 4 Combinations who satisfy the criteria in clause 6.1 – 7.1 and who, in the opinion of the National Federation operating through its EA High Performance Panel and the Para-Dressage Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion:

- (a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games based on the realistic expectation that a Team finishes in the Top 6 and Individuals in the Top 3 and;
- (b) are, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, positive ambassadors for the Sport, National Federation and the Games.

- 8.2 The Para-Dressage Selection Panel may consider the following in relation to any Combination under consideration for nomination:

- (a) 'Current Form' at CPEDI/CPEDN Events
- (b) The age, soundness and fitness of the horse

- (c) Target Scores for each Grade being;
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| (i) | Grade I | 74.120% |
| (ii) | Grade II | 72.580% |
| (iii) | Grade III | 73.120% |
| (iv) | Grade IV | 74.120% |
| (v) | Grade V | 73.920% |
- (d) Nomination Scores for each Athlete will be calculated by averaging the top 2 Team Scores and top 2 Individual Championship Scores (i.e. 4 scores in total) from any eligible CPEDI / CPEDN Events. These Nomination Scores will be compared to the Target Scores published above
- (e) Note: Target Scores were calculated by averaging the Medal Scores for both the Team and Individual Championship Events at the World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018

9 Discretionary Considerations

- 9.1 In assessing the performance of Combinations, the Para-Dressage 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;
 - (b) the technical features of the competition, in particular (but not limited to):
 - (i) quality of riding by an Athlete; and
 - (ii) general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather, surface and footing.
- 9.2 In assessing the performance of Combinations, the Para-Dressage 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 a Paralympic Games;
 - (iv) ability of the Athlete to prepare their Horse to peak condition for a major campaign;
 - (v) ability of the Athlete 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.
- (d) The Para-Dressage 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.
- 9.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the Para-Dressage Selection Panel will not approach their task as a pure numerical ranking
- 9.4 In determining whether a Combination has satisfied the criteria set out in clauses 6.1 to 8.3 above, the National Federation will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

Reserve Combinations

- 9.5 Up to 3 Reserve Athlete/Horse Combinations may be named depending on the composition of the Nominated/Selected Team. There are 2 situations in which substitutions may be named
- (a) Prior to Departure: If an Athlete and/or Horse is deemed unfit to travel with the team, a Reserve Combination will take their place. In this instance, the Reserve Combination;
 - (ii) will be selected according to rankings and;
 - (iii) will be selected in accordance with the necessary FEI Team Composition Rules

10.0 Submission of Nominations

- 10.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 10.2 PA may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 10.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to PA 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 PA advises the National Federation.

- 10.4 Nominations submitted to PA must be in the form prescribed by PA or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to PA and include any such information that is required pursuant to the PA General Selection Criteria.
- 10.5 PA 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 PA General Selection Criteria.

11 Amendments

This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the PA Selection Committee.

12 Governing Law

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