

SELECTION POLICY 2014 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES JUMPING

This selection policy ('the policy') covers the discipline of Jumping.

1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes and horses who are able to achieve the best possible results at the 2014 World Equestrian Games. The term 'best possible result' encompasses both a team and an individual result.

2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

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

- 2.1 Prior to the end of January 2014, the initial process will commence with the Jumping Selection Panel (JSP) selecting a long list of horses and athletes from which the 2014 World Equestrian Games Jumping Team will be primarily selected. The Long List will comprise of athlete and horse combinations named in the EA Normandy 2014 and 2016 RIO squads.
- 2.2 On or before 1st June 2014, the JSP will select a Short List of up to eight (8) combinations primarily, but not exclusively, from the Long List.
- 2.3 EA will conduct two (2) Nomination events toward selection for the WEG Jumping Team, to be held in Europe. These events are to be confirmed and conducted during the period of May-June-July-Aug 2014.
- 2.4 The location and dates of the Nomination events will be confirmed by EA on or before 30 March 2014.
- 2.5 On or before 10th August, the JSP will select five (5) combinations to be "the WEG Team" including one (1) travelling reserve combination. The Nominated reserve can be named by the JSP in conjunction with the NPD at any time following the announcement of the selected team of five combinations, but no later than the WEG team declaration (Definite entries) as outlined in the WEG schedule.
- 2.6 Athletes who have fulfilled all selection criteria as per this document but who are not on an EA National Squad may be eligible for the Long List or WEG team selection.
- 2.7 This 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, 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 the Policy.

3. SUBSTITUTION

- 3.1 Following selection of the WEG Team, if:
 - 3.1.1 In the opinion of the NPD (in consultation with the Team vet and the Chair of the JSP), there has been a loss of form or fitness by a member of the WEG Team, the loss of form must be assessed to be likely to be ongoing and affect performance at WEG; or

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- 3.1.2 A member of the WEG Team contravenes their athlete agreement, FEI Veterinary Regulations or EA Rules and policies; or
- 3.1.3 A member of the WEG Team does not meet the requirements outlined in the athlete's agreement;

that member of the WEG Team may be replaced by another combination meeting the requirements for selection.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR THE LONG LIST

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

- 4.1.1 Be current members of EA;
- 4.1.2 Be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art. 119;
- 4.1.3 Be able to attend and participate in training clinics and camps as notified in writing, unless a written exemption has been granted by EA or the National Performance Director, in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption;
- 4.1.4 Be willing and able to undertake the training and competition program recommended by the NPD after consultation with the athlete;
- 4.1.5 Be willing to make their horse(s) available for examination at a time and location reasonably requested by the Team Vet and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations of the Team Vet; this may also be in consultation with the athlete's own vet;
- 4.1.6 Not have used or administered any substance that, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted Doping as defined in the EA Anti-Doping Policy;
- 4.1.7 Provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis to the EA;
- 4.1.8 Satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for WEG Nominated Entries;
- 4.1.9 Demonstrate to the satisfaction of EA that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in WEG to the highest possible standard;
- 4.1.10 Have acted and at all times act in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of Jumping or EA into public disrepute or censure; and
- 4.1.11 Have signed the EA National Squad athlete agreement.

4.2 For **Horses** to be eligible for selection to WEG Nominated Entries, all horses must:

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- 4.2.1 be registered with EA or should the horse be permanently domiciled in a country other than Australia, a current FEI passport administered by either EA or the rider's host country;
 - 4.2.2 have passed a veterinary examination to the satisfaction of the Team Vet;
 - 4.2.3 not have breached the requirements of the EA or FEI Anti-Doping & Medication Control Policies;
 - 4.2.4 have a current FEI passport
- 4.3 For **Owners** - in order for the horse and athlete combination to be selected for WEG Nominated Entries, EA must have received from the owner(s) of the nominated horse a signed copy of the 2014 EA Horse Owner Agreement
- 4.4 **Eligibility and Requirements to attend Nomination events**

Nomination events will be available for six to eight (6-8) combinations (subject to entry logistics). The six to eight (6-8) combinations, and up to an additional two (2) ranked reserves will be chosen by the JSP on or before 1 June 2014 to compete in the two (2) Nomination events.

It is a requirement for the six to eight (6-8) combinations and up to two (2) ranked reserves to have obtained their Certificate of Capability prior to the first Nomination event.

In determining the Short List of six to eight (6-8) combinations, the JSP will take into consideration the ability and experience of combinations to compete successfully at high level international competition, including performances over the prior 12 month period at international and National performances, performances at CSI3* events or greater, CSI-W's, Nations Cup and Grand Prix performances.

Should there be more than six to eight (6-8) combinations, athletes will be required to pre-nominate CSI3* or above events from which the Grand Prix / Nations Cup results will be considered. Events between 1 February and 31 May 2014 will be considered.

5. APPEALS

- 5.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes and horses for the WEG Team will be heard by an EA Appeal Tribunal in accordance with the EA Appeal By-Laws.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. Owners cannot appeal any decision. An athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with the CEO of EA within three (3) working days from the date of the announcement of the WEG Team.

6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nomination criteria combines the FEI qualification requirements, the Competition Criteria and the General criteria.

6.1 FEI Qualification Process for WEG 2014 – Jumping – Certificate of Capability

Please refer to Annexure B

http://www.fei.org/sites/default/files/JumpRules_24thEd_2013_clean_updated_1.2.13.pdf

Qualification period: Start: 1 January 2013

End: 13 July 2014

6.2 General Criteria

The Jumping Nomination Process offers horse and athlete combinations the opportunity to be nominated to the WEG team in three (3) ways. These are:

6.2.1 Early Nomination

The JSP may, at their discretion, nomination up to two (2) combinations to the WEG team before the nomination events to be held in Europe.

In exercising their discretion, the JSP will consider the combinations' demonstrated ability to meet the objectives of this Nomination criteria together with outstanding performances achieved in CSI5* competitions held between 1 January 2013 and 1 June 2014, with particular attention to form in the most recent competitions.

6.2.2 Automatic Nomination

Horse and Athlete combinations seeking automatic nomination to the 2014 WEG team must:

- a) Be one of the two (2) combinations to have the least total penalties accumulated during the nominated qualifier and 1st round of the designated Grand Prix competition in each of the Nomination Events. The JSP will nominate the qualifier class at the event dependant on conditions at the time.
- b) Athletes must ride their nominated horse in the nominated qualifier and Grand Prix. Athletes are permitted to ride another horse in a second qualifier, if available at the event, in order to qualify for the Grand Prix. However, only the scores from the nominated horse will count for the selection process.
- c) To be eligible to be considered, the total penalties accumulated during the qualifying round for the Grand Prix and the first round of the Grand Prix of the designated competitions of the Nomination events must be no more than 20 penalties. In order to be eligible a combination must complete the qualification round and first round of the Grand Prix across both nomination events.

- d) Should athlete combinations finish on equal penalties, penalties from the Grand Prix competitions will be used to decide the automatic nomination. Should there be equality of penalties over the two Grand Prix Competitions, then time in the first round of the second Grand Prix competition will decide the automatic nomination.
- e) Should there not be two (2) combinations to meet the criteria, the positions shall become discretionary nominations.

6.2.3 Discretionary Nomination

Following the Early and Automatic Nomination of the horse and Athlete combinations as per clauses 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 above, the JSP will nominate the remainder of the WEG Jumping Team based on the following criteria:

1. Be the combinations that the JSP believe have the ability to contribute positively to the 2014 WEG Jumping Team, achieving the best possible result at the 2014 WEG demonstrated by the following:
 - a) Performances and placings at 3* shows and above will be considered but do not automatically position one combination above another in terms of nomination.
 - b) Ability and experience of the combinations to compete successfully at high level of international competition, including past international and national performances; performances at CSI3* events or greater, and CSI-W's, and Grand Prix performances.
 - c) Ability of the Athlete to prepare their horse at peak condition for a major campaign
 - d) Ability of the Athlete to contribute to a positive Team environment
 - e) The age, soundness and fitness of the horse
 - f) Ability, or potential ability, of the combination to perform under the stress and pressure of the WEG.
 - g) Any other factors the JSP in its sole discretion consider relevant in the circumstances
 - h) Discretionary combinations do not necessarily have to be nominated on the Long or Short List or have been one of the six (6) nominated or two (2) reserves for Nomination events to be eligible for discretionary selection. However, the combination must have attained a Certificate of Capability for the WEG in accordance with FEI rules. See Annex 1 for further detail.
2. Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute toward a team score may be considered. If in the opinion of the JSP a consistent combination will contribute towards an effective team score, this

combination may be nominated ahead of another combination that has performed well under the competition criteria, but which in the opinion of the JSP, has the potential to be inconsistent.

7. DISCRETIONARY CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Extraordinary Factors

In considering the performances of athletes and horses at events, training camps or other activities required under this policy, the Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extraordinary factors applying to that athlete and/or horse.

7.1.1 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy must advise the High Performance Manager and relevant National Performance Director of this fact, and the reasons, in writing, before the commencement of the activity or as soon as practicable.

7.1.2 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.

7.1.3 In the case of illness or soundness problems of the horse, the horse will be required to undergo a veterinary examination by the National Team Vet or by a vet nominated by the Team Vet.

7.1.4 In the case of bereavement, equipment failure, travel delays, quarantine factors or other extraordinary factors, the Selection Panel will make a decision on an individual basis.

7.2 Additions to the WEG Long List

The JSP may, in its absolute discretion, add a horse and athlete combination to the WEG Long List at any stage subject to the combination satisfying the relevant FEI qualification criteria and prior to close of Nominated Entries.

7.3 Removal from a List

Athletes who:

7.3.1 by reason of illness, injury or soundness problems to either their horse or themselves are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the Selection Panel (after having received advice from a medical practitioner or the Team Vet); or

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

7.3.3 fail to comply with the terms of their Athletes agreement; or

7.3.3 do not meet any other stated requirement communicated to them in writing by EA,

may be removed from the WEG Long or Short List. Removal from the WEG Long or Short List by the EA Selection Panel may only be with the prior written approval of the CEO of EA.

8. POST SELECTION SUBSTITUTIONS

If, after team selection, the horse sustains an injury and/or exacerbates an earlier injury and/or shows symptoms of an illness at any time up to the point of competition, the horse will be subject to an assessment of the current form of the horse to compete at the expected level. This assessment could be conducted by a nominated Jumping Selector or by any suitably qualified person/s nominated for that purpose by the NPD in consultation with the JSP and Team veterinarian. Results of this assessment would be forwarded to the JSP to carry out a decision on the suitability of the horse to retain their position in the team.

Any replacement must be made in accordance with this Selection Policy.

ANNEXURE A

Jumping Selection Timelines –

Date	Event	Comment
Prior to the end of January 2014	WEG Long List named	National Elite Squad members
1 st June 2014	Early Nomination/s named	Selectors may announce an early nomination/s at this time
On or before 1 st June 2014	WEG Short List announced - Six to Eight (6-8) combinations and two (2) ranked reserves named to attend Nomination events	Nomination events to be held June-July 2014
May-June	Veterinary Assessment of (6-8) combinations to attend Nomination events	Date and Venue TBC
03-06 July	WEG Nomination Event #1 Mons Ghlin (BEL) CSI4*	
10-13 July	WEG Nomination Event #2: Spangenberg (GER) CSI3*	
July / August 2014 (dates TBC)	Final Vet Check prior to WEG Team announcement	Date and venue TBC
Start August 2014 (final date TBC)	Nominated entries and Certificate of Capabilities to be received by FEI/WEG OC	WEG Short List
On or before 10 th August 2014	WEG Team announcement	Five (5) combinations - plus three (3) ranked reserves



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August 2014	Appeals Hearing (if required)	Due process if necessary
TBC	Horses and Athletes to arrive at venue	TBC
TBC August 2014 – max 10 days prior to competition	Definite Entries	