

SELECTION POLICY 2014 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES VAULTING

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

1. OBJECTIVE

To select athletes for the Australian Vaulting Team to achieve the best possible result for Australia at the 2014 World Equestrian Games to compete in Individual (male and female), Pas-de-deux and Squad events.

2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

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

- 2.1 The initial process of selection will commence with the current endorsed National Vaulting Selection Panel (NVSP) identifying athletes from which the Vaulting team will be primarily selected (Long list). The Long list will be announced on 15 December 2013.
- 2.2 Once identified to the long list, athletes will need to provide evidence to support their interest in competing in WEG no later than 10 March 2014.
- 2.3 The specific documentation required will include, but may not be limited to:
 - 2.3.1 FEI qualification scores;
 - 2.3.2 Copies of original score sheets from the qualifying period
 - 2.3.3 Arrangements for suitable horses for use at WEG (including horse score sheets)
- 2.4 Based on the evidence available, the NVSP will select athletes who are most likely to meet the selection objectives (Short List). The short list will be announced on 24 June 2014.
- 2.5 The short list will consist of athletes nominated by EA to the FEI as Nominated Entries as per FEI qualification and entry requirements
- 2.6 The NVSP will select the Australian Vaulting Team for WEG 2014 from athletes named on the short list. The WEG team will be announced prior to definite entries for the event.
- 2.7 This process, including published dates, 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 process. 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.
- 2.8 The NVSP may request further evidence to assist decisions within the selection process. Evidence may be requested from multiple sources, including but not limited to:
 - The Athlete;
 - Coaches, lungers and officials;
 - Vaulting National Performance Director (NPD);
 - Equestrian Australia

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR THE LONG LIST, SHORT LIST AND WEG TEAM

- 3.1 For **Athletes** to be eligible for selection, all athletes must:
- 3.1.1 be a current member of EA;
 - 3.1.2 be eligible to compete for Australia as per FEI regulations Art. 119;
 - 3.1.3 attend and participate in training clinics and camps as notified in writing, unless a written exemption has been granted by the EA Board or the NVSP in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption;
 - 3.1.4 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;
 - 3.1.5 Provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis to the EA;
 - 3.1.6 satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by EA prior to or at the time of selection for WEG Nominated Entries;
 - 3.1.7 sign the Team Member Agreement

4. APPEALS

- 4.1 Appeals concerning non-selection of athletes and horses for the WEG Squad will be heard by an EA Appeal Tribunal in accordance with the EA Appeal By-Laws.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Only athletes may appeal their non-selection. 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.

5. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 5.1 Selection Criteria
 - 5.1.1 All Athletes must meet current FEI qualification requirements to be eligible for selection to the Australian Vaulting Team.
 - 5.1.2 The NVSP will select qualified and suitable Athletes to compete as:
 - Individual (male and females)
 - Pas-de-deux
 - Squads
 - 5.1.3 The NVSP will seek to select athlete/horse combinations that they believe will achieve the best possible result for Australia at WEG 2014 consistent with the

objectives and benchmarks outlined in the Vaulting High Performance Plan 2013-2020.

5.1.4 Athletes must show evidence that they are able to consistently score above the minimum WEG qualification scores in the form of results from competitions where there are at least two judges with a minimum qualification of EA Level 3 Vaulting Judge.

5.1.5 Athletes must nominate a horse which has demonstrated an overall horse score of at least 7.0 in the class in which it will be competing.

5.2 General Criteria

In considering the performances of Athletes that have met the selection criteria, the NVSP will take into account the following general criteria:

- 5.2.1 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. "Recent" will generally relate to performances in the three months prior to consideration.
- 5.2.2 Performance at all International, National and official competitions within the selection period 12 months prior to the final selection date will be considered, with particular attention to the most recent competitions, but do not automatically position one athlete above another in terms of selection.
- 5.2.3 The NVSP, in their discretion, may take into consideration the standard of competition, the number of competitors, the level of experience of the judges and the overall quality of the competition when scores have been achieved.
- 5.2.4 An athlete and/or horse combination maintaining a consistent standard during the selection period may be selected ahead of a combination that may have achieved higher scores, but whose performances are less consistent.
- 5.2.5 The NVSP in their discretion may take into consideration the ability of an athlete to perform at major international Championships or Events or past performances at such events, even when these events fall outside of the selection period.
- 5.2.6 Unforeseen circumstances, including those outside of the control of the athlete, may also qualify for dispensation in the sole discretion of the NVSP.

6. DISCRETIONARY CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Extraordinary Factors

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

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- 6.1.1 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.
- 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 other extraordinary factors, the Panel will make a decision on an individual basis.
- 6.2 Additions to the WEG Long list and Short list
 - 6.2.1 At the NVSP's discretion, an Athlete who has satisfied the relevant selection criteria may be added to the WEG Long List.
 - 6.2.2 At the NVSP's discretion, an Athlete who has satisfied the relevant selection criteria may be added to the WEG Short list at any stage up to the closing of Nominated Entries.
- 6.3 Removal from a list

Athletes who:

- 6.3.1 by reason of illness or injury are unable to perform to the required standard as determined by the NVSP (after having received advice from a medical practitioner);
- 6.3.2 contravene the FEI or EA Codes of Conduct or EA Rules and policies;
- 6.3.3 fail to comply with the terms of their Athlete's Agreement; or
- 6.3.4 do not meet any other stated requirement communicated to them in writing by EA,

may be removed from the WEG long List, Squad or WEG Team. Removal from the WEG long List, Squad or WEG Team can be undertaken by the NVSP but only with the prior written approval of the CEO of EA.