



FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES 2018 EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND SELECTION & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

1. Introduction

This Selection and Performance Criteria applies to all athletes wishing to be considered for selection to Team New Zealand to compete in the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG).

The World Equestrian Games are being held in Tryon between the 11th and 23rd September 2018, the discipline dates for each being as follows:

- Dressage – 12th – 16th September
- Eventing – 13th – 16th September
- Endurance – 12th September
- Jumping – 19th – 23rd September
- Vaulting – 18th – 22nd September
- Para-Dressage – 18th – 22nd September

ESNZ is committed to selecting athletes capable of delivering a credible and competitive performance for New Zealand at the 2018 WEG.

Selected athletes are expected to actively participate in the ESNZ High Performance Programme and be committed to our High Performance values as set out below:

- Welfare of the horse is paramount – Horse Welfare is pivotal to the integrity of our sport but also absolutely critical for performance;
- Integrity – Being part of Team NZ demands strong moral principles, including honesty and integrity. Representing NZ is an honour that deserves both respect and humility. Wearing the NZ flag requires that that this legacy is upheld;
- Success is important to us – We always strive for excellence and when success is achieved, ensure that we celebrate it. Success in some instances may mean winning, but in team situations can equally mean a performance that forfeits an individual “win” for the benefits team’s success. Success requires hard work, skill, team-work and innovation.
- Team/Unity - Success requires cohesion, collaboration and contribution of the entire team that supports our HP riders and horses. All members of the team need to be striving to perform to their best ability, should respect each other and should own and feel accountable for both their own and the teams’ performance.
- Fairplay - We respect and adhere to the rules of our discipline, to the international rules of the FEI and to the rules of ESNZ. We believe in the equal treatment of all concerned.

2. Process

2.1 The process for selection of riders and horses to represent New Zealand at International events is governed by the Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) Special Regulation (National Selection).

2.2 ESNZ will appoint Selectors for each Discipline and they will be named in Section 7 “Discipline-specific Performance & Selection Criteria”.

2.3 In addition, to the Selection Process set out in that General Regulation, upon making their Selection decision, the Selectors for each discipline will seek the ratification and approval from the ESNZ WEG Selection Approval Panel.

2.4 The ESNZ WEG Selection Approval Panel has been appointed as follows:

- Wallie Niederer – ESNZ Board Member
- Sarah Dalziell-Clout – High Performance Director
- Vikki Underwood – Independent

2.5 The ESNZ WEG Approval Panel may discuss and challenge the Selectors processes, reasoning or decisions and will ultimately ratify or not ratify the selection decision based on this Selection and Performance Criteria.

2.6 The ESNZ WEG Approval Panel may, in its discretion, provide reasons for its decisions, but there is no obligation on it to do so.

2.7 There is no obligation on the ESNZ WEG Approval Panel or the selectors to nominate riders/combinations to fill any places at the 2018 World Equestrian Games.

2.8 Once a rider/horse combination is selected into the discipline WEG Squad, the rider acknowledges and agrees that their selection is conditional upon the following:

- (a)** Signing the ESNZ Rider Agreement by the date specified by ESNZ High Performance;
- (b)** Complying with the obligations in the ESNZ WEG Rider Agreement;
- (c)** S/he may be subject to drug testing by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (“DFSNZ”) and/or any other recognised drug testing authority, and must comply with the FEI Anti-Doping Regulations and the ESNZ Anti-Doping Regulation (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made by DFSNZ under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006); and
- (d)** S/he must maintain a designated level of competitiveness.

2.9 The ESNZ WEG Approval Panel, in consultation with the relevant Discipline Selectors may add or remove a rider/combination from a 2018 HP Squad at any time.

3. General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to be considered for selection, all riders must meet the following eligibility requirement at the time of Final Selection (in addition to the discipline-specific Eligibility Requirements set out below):

- 3.1 Be a New Zealand citizen with a New Zealand passport;
- 3.2 Be a current financial member of ESNZ;
- 3.3 Be registered with the FEI and ensure that their horse(s) are registered with the FEI and hold a valid FEI Passport.
- 3.4 Not have any outstanding liabilities to ESNZ (notwithstanding that this excludes any HorsePower Loan liability);
- 3.5 Have been acting in accordance with the ESNZ Constitution, Regulations and Code of Conduct;
- 3.6 Not be under investigation for any breach of, or anti-doping rule violation under, any part of the ESNZ Anti-Doping Policy, the FEI Anti-Doping Rules, or the WADA Code;
- 3.7 Not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the rider's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the ESNZ Anti-Doping Policy, the FEI Anti-Doping Rules, or the WADA Code;
- 3.8 Have provided ESNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including a current physical address, email address, and telephone number);
- 3.9 Signed an ESNZ Athlete Agreement (if requested to do so);
- 3.10 Agree to and enable ESNZ horse health professionals to have access to the nominated horses' veterinarian or farrier records and to perform any assessments, tests or examinations as deemed reasonable by such professionals for selection purposes (understanding that such information and access will be treated with respect and confidence);
- 3.11 Agree to and enable ESNZ to perform any assessments, tests or examinations as deemed reasonable by registered health professional(s) for selection purposes (understanding that such information and access will be treated with respect and confidence);
- 3.12 Have achieved the Minimum Qualification Criteria within the Qualification Period as set by the FEI for that discipline (refer to : <http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/high-performance/weg-2018/>)

4. Other Factors

The Selectors may take into account the following factors::

- 4.1 The competition performance record of the rider and the horse as a combination in light of the Objective for that discipline;
- 4.2 The Horse's age, temperament, soundness history, whether the Horse travels well, acclimatises well to a change of environment;
- 4.3 The Horses' suitability to compete at the WEG in Tryon 2018 and the likely conditions of that event;
- 4.4 The rider's relationships with other riders in the team or squad, as well as with ESNZ staff and other personnel who may be involved with the Event, team or squad;
- 4.5 The rider's conduct and behavior at previous events, tours and training; and
- 4.6 The results of any assessments, tests or examinations carried out with respect to the rider, which may affect their ability to perform to their best;
- 4.7 The results of any assessments, tests or examinations carried out with respect to the horse, which may affect their ability to perform to their best;
- 4.8 The willingness of the rider, the horses' owner(s) and support team to contribute positively to the Objective of /for that discipline and the principles within the Athlete Agreement.

5. Selection Dates & Team Announcement

Selectors may choose to name a long-list for each discipline in accordance with the dates set out in Section 7, or where no date is specified, at a time they deem appropriate.

It is anticipated that the Team New Zealand final selection will be made by or before the following dates:

- Dressage, Endurance & Eventing – September 3rd 2018
- Para-Dressage, Vaulting & Jumping – September 10th 2018

(each date to be referred to as “**Final Selection**” for the corresponding discipline)

Team/individual announcements for each discipline will be individually released to the media and general public from ESNZ once riders have been contacted.

6.1 DRESSAGE

Selectors: Helen Hughes-Keen
Judy Alderdice
Robin Haberfield

Objective: Selection of up to four high performance dressage combinations capable of making it through to the second round of competition (the Grand Prix Special) at the World Equestrian Games 2018 (being one of the 30 best combinations from the Grand Prix).

Eligibility Requirements:

In addition to the General Eligibility Requirements above, the, horse and rider, as a combination must be named on the ESNZ High Performance Squad at the time of Final Selection.

Performance Criteria:

The Selectors will take into account competition performance record of the rider and horse as a combination at Grand Prix level in the preceding 18 months in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:

- a. Grand Prix competition form from 1 February 2018 (i.e. recent form);
- b. The competitions at which the combinations has been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
 - i. CDI3*, CDI4*, CDI5*, CDIW will take higher priority than national or foreign national shows;
 - ii. The international calibre of the competition;
 - iii. The level of the judges; and
 - iv. The quality of the competition in the competition.

Process:

Selectors may name a long-list of competitors following Horse of the Year 2017 which may be changed by Selectors, at their discretion, at any point up to Final Selection.

Those long-listed combinations will be required to submit a campaign plan for the two months following Horse of the Year up to the WEG to demonstrate ongoing form and performance ahead of Final Selection. This campaign plan will be shared and discussed between Selectors and Management. Once agreed with the rider, that combination will be required to commit to that campaign plan, barring unforeseen circumstances.

6.2 EVENTING

Selectors: Judy Bradwell
Cindy Llewellyn
Bill Phiskie

Objective: Selection of up to five Eventing High Performance combinations who are each capable of a top 5 individual placing and contributing to a podium team placing at the World Equestrian Games 2018 (“WEG”).

Performance Criteria:

The Selectors will take into account the competition performance record of the rider and the horse as a combination at 3* and 4* level in the preceding 18 months in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:

- a. Performances at CCI4* competitions;
- b. More recent CIC and CCI competition form in an international-quality field (in particular, competition form from April through to long-list selection (post Barbury)); and
- c. The competitions at which the performances have been attained, noting that not all competitions will be considered equal. Factors taken into consideration might include (without limitation):
 - a. the number of starters;
 - b. Calibre of horses and riders competing;
 - c. Severity of the cross country track and conditions;
 - d. The prestige of the competition.

Eligibility Requirements:

The horse and rider, as a combination must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of long-list selection (i.e. the Monday following Barbury 2018):

1. They must be named on the ESNZ High Performance on High Performance Futures Squad;
2. they must have completed at least one CCI3* or CCI4* since 1 August 2017; and
3. they must have completed after 5th April 2018 at least:
 - a. two 3* level competitions (CIC, CCI or CICO3*); or
 - b. one CCI4* and one 3* level competition (CIC, CCI or CICO3*).

Process:

Selectors will name a long-list of competitors following Barbury CIC3* 2018 which may be changed by Selectors, at their discretion, at any point up to Final Selection.

Those long-listed combinations will be required to submit a campaign plan for the two months following Barbury up to the WEG to demonstrate ongoing form and performance ahead of Final Selection. This campaign plan will be shared and discussed with the Chef d’Equipe. The final campaign plan may be required to include certain competitions as final outings for long-listed combinations, for example Aachen and/or Hartpury. Once agreed with the rider, that combination will be required to commit to that final campaign plan, barring unforeseen circumstances.

6.3 JUMPING

Selectors: Oliver Edgecombe
Helena Stormanns

Objective: Selection of up to five Jumping High Performance combinations who are each capable of a top 30 individual placing and/or contributing to a team top 10 placing at the World Equestrian Games 2018.

Performance Criteria:

1. The Selectors will take into account competition performance record of the rider and horse as a combination jumping 1.50m and over Grand Prix classes in the preceding 18 months in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:
 - a. Performances with zero jumping faults, or if a two round competition, then a clear round in either the first or second round in a 1.50 metre or over Grand Prix;
 - b. Consistency of performances at, at least 1.50m Grand Prix level;
 - c. Recent International FEI competition form in Europe and North America (i.e. since 1 January 2018); and
 - d. The competitions at which the combinations has been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
 - i. performances a FEI CSI Show-jumping Events will be given priority over national or foreign national events;
 - ii. The international calibre of the competition;
 - iii. The size of the classes; and
 - iv. The quality of the competition in the competition.

Eligibility Requirements:

In addition to the General Eligibility Requirements above, the, horse and rider, as a combination must be named on the ESNZ High Performance Squad or the ESNZ High Performance Futures Squad (formerly Accelerator) at the time of Final Selection.

6.4 ENDURANCE

Selectors: Jenny Weston
Warren James

Objective: Selection of up to four Endurance High Performance combinations (plus one possible travelling reserve combination) who are each capable of a top 25 individual placing and/or contributing to a team top three placing at the World Equestrian Games 2018.

Eligibility Requirements:

In addition to the General Eligibility Requirements above, the, horse and rider, as a combination must be named on the ESNZ High Performance Squad at the time of Final Selection.

Performance Criteria:

1. The Selectors will take into account competition performance record of the rider and horse as a combination in the preceding 24 months in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:
 - i. Completions of at least 1x 160km rides at an average speed of 16kph from 1 January 2017; and
 - ii. Either a second ride at 160km at an average speed of 14kph or a second ride at 120km at an average speed of 16kph from 1 July 2017

taking into account the time completed, the size of the competition field, the difficulty/technicality of the track and the weather conditions, and comparison of speed to that of the first horse across the line in an event that was ridden competitively.

Process:

Selectors may name a long-list of competitors following the South Island Championships in 2017 which may be changed by Selectors, at their discretion, at any point up to Final Selection.

Those long-listed combinations will be required to submit a campaign plan for the two months following the South Island Championships up to the WEG to demonstrate ongoing form and performance ahead of Final Selection. This campaign plan will be shared and discussed between Selectors and Management. Once agreed with the rider, that combination will be required to commit to that campaign plan, barring unforeseen circumstances.

6.5 PARA DRESSAGE

Selectors: Helen Hughes-Keen
Judy Alderdice

Objective: Selection of up to four Para Dressage High Performance combinations who are each capable of a top 5 individual placing at the World Equestrian Games 2018.

Eligibility Requirements:

In addition to the General Eligibility Requirements above, the, horse and rider, as a combination must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of Final Selection:

1. Have achieved four scores of 70% or greater, where the average of the two best scores is 72% or greater in Qualifying Tests (refer to definitions) at the grade for which they have been nominated since 1 January 2017.

Qualifying Test means a Team or Individual Test, judged by an FEI PE Judge at any CPEDI3*, the NZ Para-Dressage National Championships, the NZ Horse of the Year show or such other shows as ESNZ determines (scores from overseas National Events or able-bodied dressage events may be considered with prior application by the rider to the ESNZ High Performance Director).

At a CPEDI3* Event, the total test score is to count, where there is only one International Foreign PE Judge, their test score shall be the score considered and if more than one International Foreign Judge is judging, then the average of those judges scores will be used.

Performance Criteria:

The Selectors will take into account competition performance record of the rider and horse as a combination in the preceding 18 months in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to

- c. Performances at the Grade in which the combination is looking to be selected;
- d. The competitions at which the combinations has been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
 - i. CPEDI3* events will take higher priority than national shows;
 - ii. The international caliber of the competition;
 - iii. International FEI Para-Judges scores will take priority over those of a National level Judge
 - iv. The quality of the competition in the field.

Process:

Selectors may name a long-list of competitors following Horse of the Year 2017 which may be changed by Selectors, at their discretion, at any point up to Final Selection.

Those long-listed combinations will be required to submit a campaign plan for the two months following Horse of the Year up to the WEG to demonstrate ongoing form and performance ahead of Final Selection. This campaign plan will be shared and discussed between Selectors and Management. Once agreed with the rider, that combination will be required to commit to that campaign plan, barring unforeseen circumstances.

6.6 VAULTING

Selectors: TBC

Objective: Selection of a team for the Vaulting Squad competition (up to six riders and up to two reserve riders) who capable of a team top 8 placing at the World Equestrian Games 2018.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. In addition to the General Eligibility Requirements above, the selected squad athletes (including reserves) and horse(s) must be named (including reserves) at the time of Final Selection.

Performance Criteria:

2. The Selectors will take into account the competition performance records of the team and/or the individual riders at all international, national and official competitions since 1 January 2015 in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to
 - a. The competitions at which the combinations has been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account :
 - i. The international competitions will take higher priority than national competitions;
 - ii. More recent form will take priority over older competition form; and
 - iii. The quality of the competition in the field.
 - b. Form which would demonstrate the ability to score an overall score of at least 6.8 in the squad competition; and
 - c. Nomination of a horse which has demonstrated an overall horse score of at least 7.0 in the squad competition.