



## **Equestrian Sports New Zealand: Selection Criteria for the 2019 Trans-Tasman Endurance Competition**

Hosted by Ruahine Endurance Club, Waiouru, New Zealand over November 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 The selection criteria apply to all combinations of horse and rider wishing to be considered for selection for the ESNZ Endurance Trans-Tasman Competition Team (“the Team”) to compete in the FEI competition to be held at Waiouru over the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2019 (“the Event”). Note that all CEI classes will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

1.2 The objective of sending a Team to this Event is to provide an opportunity for promising riders to gain experience competing as a team at an international-level competition. The Selectors will apply their discretion to select the best four combinations of horse and rider (up to three senior and at least one junior / young rider) which they consider are capable of satisfying this objective.

1.3 The selectors appointed by the ESNZ Board are Jenny Weston and Andrea Smith.

1.4 The Team will consist of 4 combinations, being up to 3 senior and at least 1 junior / young rider, all being either 1\* or 2\* FEI registered riders. Two combinations will compete in the CEI1\* 80 km event and two combinations will compete in the CEI2\* 129 km event. The junior / young rider(s) may be selected to compete in the 1\* or the 2\* event. Additionally, a further senior and J/Y combination will be selected as reserves for the Team in case a combination is unable to compete on the day. The reserves will need to be eligible for the 2\* competition but may be called upon to compete in either event.

1.5 Applications must be emailed to the Sport Administrator, Jo Lankow by 5 pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

1.6 The selected Team will be announced on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 on the ESNZ website [www.nzequestrian.org.nz](http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz). Riders will be advised by phone prior to the formal announcement.

### **2. Eligibility**

2.1 Combinations seeking selection to the Team must satisfy the following eligibility requirements to be able to be considered for selection:

a. Riders must be a current member of ESNZ and an affiliated Endurance Club; and be in good standing with ESNZ.

- b. Riders must act in accordance with the ESNZ Constitution, Regulations and Code of Conduct.
- c. Riders must be New Zealand citizens.
- d. Horses and riders must not be serving a period of ineligibility from competition for breach of any applicable anti-doping rules or FEI/ESNZ regulations.
- e. Riders must have provided ESNZ and the selectors with key contact details for communication purposes (including a current physical address, email address and telephone number).
- f. For selection to ride in the 2\* class, riders to have successfully completed at least one CEI\*\* (120-139km) ride on the horse that they are nominating with. Additionally, the horse and the rider (not necessarily as a combination) must have successfully qualified at least five Open CEN or CEI rides of at least 80 km since 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017.  
For selection to ride in the 1\* class, riders to have successfully completed at least one CEI\* (80-119km) ride on the horse that they are nominating with. Additionally, the horse and the rider (not necessarily as a combination) must have successfully completed at least five Open CEN or CEI rides of at least 80 km since the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- g. Riders must not have represented New Zealand at World Championship level within the previous 10 years.
- h. Riders may apply for selection if they have previously competed in Australia as part of a Trans-Tasman team but not if they have been part of a Trans-Tasman team that has competed in New Zealand.
- i. Riders and support crew must meet all costs associated with competing at the event.

2.2 All selections to the Team are subject to the following:

- a. The selected riders will sign the ESNZ Rider Agreement (incorporating a Code of Conduct).
- b. The selected riders may be subject to drug testing by Drug Free Sport NZ (DFSNZ) or any other recognised drug testing authority. All riders must comply with the FEI Anti-Doping Regulations, the ESNZ Doping Regulations (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made by DFSNZ under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006).
- c. The selected riders will be familiar with and follow the ESNZ Social Media Policy.

Should any one or more of these conditions not be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Selectors, the rider will be withdrawn as a selected rider.

### **3. Performance Criteria**

The Selectors will consider all eligible riders for selection to the Team. The Selectors will apply their discretion and select riders whom they consider are capable of meeting the objective stated above, based on the following factors:

- a. Riders must meet all criteria as set out above.
- b. Riders must demonstrate the mental and physical attributes to perform as a team.
- c. Riders must demonstrate the ability to commit to the team culture.

- d. Riders must demonstrate the ability to, and follow the instructions of, the Chef d'Equipe, and other ESNZ staff members they may need to liaise with.
- e. Riders must not suffer any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the event to the highest possible standard.
- f. Riders must demonstrate that they are suitable to be a representative of NZ and of ESNZ.

#### **4. Selection Decisions and Appeals**

4.1 The Selectors shall select the combinations in accordance with the criteria listed in this document.

4.2 The Selectors may, but are not bound to, provide reasons for their selection decisions.

4.3 Any eligible rider who is not selected for the Team may appeal the decision only in accordance with the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection), Chapter 5, articles 16-18 <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/esnz-special-regulation-national-selection-updated-2017.pdf>