

FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 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 2022 FEI World Championships (WCH).

The World Equestrian Games are being held in Europe in August, September and October 2022, the discipline dates and locations for each being as follows:

Dressage	6 th – 10 th August	Herning Denmark
Para-Dressage	10 th – 14 th August	Herning Denmark
Jumping	10 th – 14 th August	Herning Denmark
Eventing	14 th – 18 th September	Pratoni, Italy
Endurance	22 nd October	Verona, Italy

ESNZ is committed to selecting athletes capable of delivering a credible and competitive performance for New Zealand at the 2022 WCH.

Selected athletes are expected to be committed to our High Performance values as set out below:

- Integrity – Being part of NZ Team 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 up held;
- Excellence – 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, teamwork and innovation.
- Inclusive - 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.
- Welfare of the horse and human – Horse Welfare is pivotal to the integrity of our sport but also absolutely critical for performance; and we watch out for, look after and care of each of our team members.

2. Process

2.1 The process for selection of riders and horses to represent New Zealand in 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 WCH Selection Approval Panel.

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

- Julian Bowden – ESNZ CEO
- Tracey Patterson – Independent (High Performance Sport NZ)
- Jonathan Paget – GM of High Performance

2.5 The ESNZ WCH 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 WCH 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 2022 FEI World Championships.

2.8 Once a rider/horse combination is selected into the discipline WCH 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 Rider Agreement;
- (c)** She/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)** She/he must maintain a designated level of competitiveness as per IPP agreed with HP Manager/Coach

2.9 The ESNZ WCH Approval Panel, in consultation with the relevant Discipline Selectors may add or remove a rider/combination from a 2022 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 athlete 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 and available from the FEI and/or ESNZ website
- 3.13** Subject to the Criminal Records (Clean State) Act 2004, disclose if you have been convicted of a criminal offence or under investigation for a criminal offence.

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 WCH 2022 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 short list for each discipline in accordance with the dates set out in Section 6, 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, Jumping and Para-Dressage – TBC
- Eventing – 20th August 2022

(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
Margs Carline
Justine Kidd

Objective: Selection of up to 4 combinations capable of contributing to our team target of a top 8 finish at the 2022 FEI World Championships, with our 2024 Paris Olympic Games target in mind.

Eligibility Requirements:

See section 3 General Eligibility Requirements above.

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 2 years in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:

- a. Grand Prix (excluding Freestyle) competition form from 1 September 2021 (i.e. recent form); achieving a score of 67% or greater
- b. Developing combinations for Paris Olympic Games 2024;
- c. The competitions at which the combinations have been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
 - i. CDI3*, CDI4*, CDI5*, CDIW may take higher priority than national or foreign national shows;
 - ii. Covid restrictions on any above-mentioned events taking place;
 - iii. The calibre of the competition;
 - iv. The level of the judges; and
 - v. The quality of the competition in the competition.

Other Factors:

See section 4 Other Factors above

Process:

Selectors may name a short list of combinations at the end of March 2022.

There may be a request by the selectors for combinations to compete in a specific class prior to final selection.

6.2 EVENTING

Selectors: Judy Bradwell
Cindy Llewellyn
Mitty Forsyth

Objective: Selection of up to five Eventing combinations who are each capable of contributing to a podium team placing at the 2022 FEI World Championships (WCH).

Eligibility Requirements:

See section 3 General Eligibility Requirements above.

Performance Criteria:

The Selectors will take into account the competition performance record of the rider and the horse as a combination at 4* and 5* level in the preceding 2 years in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:

- a. Results from a combinations competition plan as specified in their IPP;
- b. Current form i.e. year of Championship;
- c. Developing combinations for Paris Olympic Games 2024;
- d. The competitions at which the performances have been attained, noting that not all competitions will be considered equal. Factors taken into consideration may 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.

Other Factors:

See section 4 Other Factors above

Process:

Selectors will name a short list of combinations by the end of June 2022.

The team of 5 plus reserves to be named approximately 20th August 2022.

6.3 JUMPING

Selectors: Jackie Jermyn
Paula Mussen
Miranda Harrington

Objective: Selection of up to 5 Jumping combinations who are capable of jumping clear rounds and no more than 8 faults in each round of the FEI World Championships 2022, with our 2024 Paris Olympic Games target in mind.

Eligibility Requirements:

See section 3 General Eligibility Requirements above.

Performance Criteria:

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 2 years in light of the Objective and may give greater consideration to:

- a. Performances with 8 jumping faults or less in the Grand Prix, at CSI4* and CSI5* shows;
- b. Consistency of performances at 1.50m CSI Grand Prix level;
- c. Current FEI competition form in the year of the Championship;
- d. Developing combinations for Paris Olympic Games 2024;
- e. The competitions at which the combinations have been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
 - i. performances a FEI CSI Jumping Events may 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.

Other Factors:

See section 4 Other Factors above

Process:

Selectors may name a short list of combinations by the end of March 2022.

There may be a request by the selectors for combinations to compete in a specific class prior to final selection.

6.4 PARA DRESSAGE

Selectors: Helen Hughes-Keen
Second to be confirmed

Objective: Selection of Para Dressage combinations who are capable of contributing to a top 8 Team placing at the FEI World Championships 2022.

Eligibility Requirements:

See section 3 General Eligibility Requirements above.

Performance Criteria:

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:

- a. 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 2021.
- b. 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 General Manager of High Performance).

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.

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:

- d. Performances at the Grade in which the combination is looking to be selected;
- e. Developing combinations for Paris Paralympics 2024;
- f. The competitions at which the combinations have been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
 - i. CPEDI3* events may take higher priority than national shows;
 - ii. Covid restrictions on any above-mentioned events taking place;
 - iii. The international caliber of the competition;
 - iv. International FEI Para-Judges scores will take priority over those of a National level Judge
 - v. The quality of the competition in the field.

Other Factors:

See section 4 Other Factors above

Process:

Selectors may name a short list of combinations by the end of March 2022.

There may be a request by the selectors for combinations to compete in a specific class prior to final selection.

Those short-listed combinations will be required to submit a campaign plan for the two months following Horse of the Year up to the WCH to demonstrate ongoing form and performance ahead of Final Selection.