

**2016 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM  
SELECTION CRITERIA – EQUESTRIAN**

*NOTE: The AOC reserves the right to amend these Criteria as necessary.*

1 Pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law, the AOC has adopted these Selection Criteria in respect of the selection of Athletes to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team as nominated by Equestrian Australia ("EA").

2 **Eligibility for Selection**

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2016 Australian Olympic Team, each Athlete (or team where applicable) must:

- (1) have met the requirements prescribed in the Qualification System;
- (2) have met and continue to observe and meet the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter;
- (3) have met and continue to meet the requirements of Rules 40 and 44 of the Olympic Charter and their Bye-Laws;
- (4) have signed the 2016 Australian Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2016 Olympic Games;
- (5) have made the statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required by the AOC from time to time;
- (6) have been nominated by EA in the form prescribed by the AOC, which has been signed on behalf of EA;
- (7) have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the AOC's Constitution and its By-Laws, including the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and Ethical Behaviour By-Law, and must not have breached the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (8)
  - (a) have not at any time engaged in Prohibited Association as prescribed under Article 2.10 of the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) Code (in effect from 1 January 2015), meaning association in a professional or sport-related capacity with any Athlete Support Personnel who:
    - (i) is serving a period of Ineligibility; or
    - (ii) has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules; or
    - (iii) is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in (i) or (ii) above.
  - (b) have not at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not and whether before or after the date of my selection), which has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Athlete or the Athlete's sport into disrepute or censure, or which is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC or Team Sponsors, or as a result of which the Athlete's membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the 2016 Australian Olympic Team;
  - (c) have not at any time (whether before or after the date of my selection) been convicted of, or charged with, any serious offence involving violence, alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;

- (d) have and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to the Athlete's NF and the AOC concerning any conduct that might be in breach of (a), (b) or (c) above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which the Athlete has been charged, or of which the Athlete has been convicted, and have consented to the Athlete's NF and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and have consented to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries.
  - (e) any matter arising under (a), (b),(c) or (d) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.
- (9) undergo medical assessment and testing to the complete satisfaction of the AOC.

In accordance with Clause 3, a failure, in the opinion of the AOC, by an Athlete to comply with one or more of the requirements in subclauses (1) to (9) above will render that Athlete ineligible for selection by the AOC.

### **3 Selection**

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of these Selection Criteria;
- (2) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) who has not met the requirements of these Selection Criteria is still eligible for selection by the AOC;
- (3) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) should not be selected for membership of the 2016 Australian Olympic Team, notwithstanding that the Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of these Selection Criteria; and
- (4) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes (or teams where applicable) permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of these Selection Criteria and/or the Qualification System.

### **4 No Extenuating Circumstances**

For the purposes of determining whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of these Selection Criteria and/or the requirements imposed by the Qualification System, the AOC will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances which may have been relevant to the nomination of the Athlete. The extent to which EA may consider extenuating circumstances, if at all, is determined by its Nomination Criteria.

### **5 Timing of Nominations**

Nominations by EA must be received by the AOC by 5pm AEST on Monday 4 July 2016. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the AOC may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to the EA Appeal Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC.

The deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2016 Olympic Games.

**6 Amendments**

These Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time as necessary. Any amended Selection Criteria will be made available on the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)) and Athletes will be notified by EA.

**7 Interpretation**

Words used in these Selection Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

For the purposes of these Selection Criteria the phrase "Qualification System" means the 2016 FEI Qualification System issued and approved by the IOC.

**8 Law**

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.