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Dear Kate,

**Re: Nomination & Selection of Equestrian Athletes to the Australian Olympic Team.**

Further to my letter of 15 June 2020 regarding Equestrian Australia's membership status of the AOC and our subsequent discussion regarding the nomination and selection of athletes to the Australian Olympic Team for the Tokyo Games, I am pleased to advise the following.

The AOC's Olympic Team Nomination & Selection By-Law (the "By-Law") requires that the AOC Selection Committee select "Nominated Athletes" to an Australian Olympic Team. A Nominated Athlete is an Athlete that is nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team for a Games by a member National Federation (NF) in accordance with the provisions of the By-Law.

Under the By-Law, the AOC cannot currently select athletes to an Australian Olympic Team without a nomination from a NF.

As the AOC membership status of Equestrian Australia currently precludes them from nominating athletes and in order to provide certainty and clarity for the athletes, the AOC will be taking the following actions.

**1. Amending the By-Law to include the following clause:**

*Where there is no NF recognised by the AOC for a sport on the programme of a Games, the AOC Selection Committee will have the authority to nominate and select athletes to a Team in accordance with this By-Law. This authority extends to any activity required to be completed by a NF as part of the nomination process under this By-Law, such as (without limitation) adopting a Nomination Criteria.*

This new clause will allow the AOC to be able to select athletes where there is no NF for a sport on the Olympic programme that meets the criteria to be a member of the AOC under the AOC Constitution.

## 2. Nomination Criteria for Equestrian athletes:

The By-Law requires an NF to issue Nomination Criteria, which set out the criteria for nominating athletes to the AOC for selection to an Australian Olympic Team. As no NF currently exists there is no valid Nomination Criteria for equestrian athletes to refer to. So, the amendment to the By-Law also authorises the AOC to issue Nomination Criteria for Equestrian athletes.

Therefore, the AOC will be amending the nomination criteria for each of the three Equestrian disciplines of Jumping, Eventing and Dressage, in the form included in this email. The existing Nomination Criteria, as drafted by Equestrian Australia, are maintained (with some minor amendments) and the following clause is inserted:

*This Nomination Criteria provides for certain powers to be exercised and/or actions to be taken by the National Federation. If the National Federation:*

- (a) is not in existence;*
- (b) is not recognised by the AOC; or*
- (c) is unable to take such actions or exercise such powers (or such purported action or exercise of power would be invalid), then the AOC Selection Committee may take the action or exercise the power.*

With these amendments the AOC provides equestrian athletes with the certainty that the eligibility, nomination and subjective criteria have not changed, and the process for selection and nomination is safeguarded, ensuring they can continue their preparations with confidence.

Kind Regards,



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