


<p style="text-align: center;">Equestrian WA High Performance Pathways</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Para Equestrian Dressage Squad Selection Criteria 2017</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">PARA-EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA</p>
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Introduction

The purpose of Equestrian Western Australia's (EWA) High Performance Pathway is to assist talented combinations to further their equestrian development with the view to being selected onto Australian National Squads.

All squads are based on criteria as listed below.

In selecting and assessing potential squad members, the WA State Selectors will source information from and consult with a range of suitable personnel with the appropriate expertise and knowledge.

Squads for the following year are selected based upon results from the preceding six to twelve months, as reviewed by the Selection Panel. Combinations may be asked to submit an application to the EWA High Performance Manager (HPM) to assist Selectors in their choices. All eligible WA riders will be reviewed by the State Selection Panel with successful applicants notified via email shortly after. Squads are reviewed annually. Should a combination be considered for selection, they must then return a signed Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct by the stated date to the EWA HPM. Current Squad riders will also be subjected to biannual performance reviews, and are not guaranteed a squad position if they do not meet criteria.

Combinations travelling Interstate or Overseas for the purpose of training and/or competition will be commended for their efforts, and should they continue to represent WA at the standards required, will remain listed to the Squad. In such cases, travelling squad members must continue to correspond with the EWA High Performance Manager as per guidelines in their Athlete Agreements.

EWA General Squad Criteria

Combinations are obliged to meet the following for inclusion on the EWA Para Equestrian Dressage Squad:

- Riders must be members of Equestrian Australia and have a measurable physical or visual impairment that satisfies the minimum impairment criteria as detailed in the PE classification manual and have been assessed and graded by an accredited PE classifier
- Combinations should have the enthusiasm to receive guidance and show aspiration and potential talent for future selection on to the Equestrian Australia National High Performance Program
- Athletes should attend at least one High Performance opportunity annually including attendance at a Judges Education Seminar at their respective competition level.
- Athletes will need to sign the Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct before inclusion on to an EWA High Performance Squad
- Horse and rider must be sound and fit to satisfy competition requirements from the beginning of the Squad year when signing declaration. Should the selected combination become unable to continue training or competition for any reason, they have the responsibility to notify the EWA HPM in writing. All correspondence will be confidential.
- Riders are expected to check their emails once a week as well as read the High Performance Section in the EWA Weekly Newsletter

PARA EQUESTRIAN State Squad

- Combinations who are showing significant improvement and in the opinion of Selectors are moving towards achieving the target scores for their respective grade. The primary focus will be on combinations that have shown the ability or potential to represent WA at State or National standards.
- In all instances where competition results are used for assessment purposes, the standard of competition, number of competitors, the number and level/experience of the judges and the overall quality of the competition may be taken into consideration. Whilst performances at EA and some RDA events may be used as a guide, competitions at major events will be necessary to ensure consideration for State Squad Selection.
- Combinations on State Squad who show they are unable to maintain the rigours of competition and training during a reasonable period (6 - 12 months) will lose their place on this squad.

PARA EQUESTRIAN Development Squad

- Promising new combinations that may have recently begun competing at PE, Para Dressage or EA Dressage events or talented riders without a suitable mount who show the ability to produce work of an increasing trend on a variety of horses

