



SELECTION CRITERIA

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 General and Competition 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.

Squad performances are assessed bi-annually in January and June each year and are to be obtained within the 12 months preceding the selection period. Squad performances are valid for 12 months from squad selection, however athletes are expected to be actively competing while on the squad to obtain at least one squad performance every 6 months and complete multiple performances within the preceding 12 months. All eligible WA riders will be reviewed by the State Selection Panel with successful applicants notified via email shortly after. Should a combination be considered for selection, they must then return a signed Athlete Code of Conduct by the stated date to the EWA HPO.

Combinations travelling interstate or overseas for the purpose of training and/or competition will be commended for their efforts. 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 Officer.



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EWA General Squad Criteria

Combinations are obliged to meet the following criteria for inclusion on an EWA High Performance Squad:

- Riders needs to be a **current competitive member of EWA** and their horse registered with EA and micro chipped
- All Squad horses must have a current **Performance License** (Card).
- Athletes should attend **at least three** High Performance opportunities as well as attend a Judge Education Seminar
- Athletes will need to sign the **Athlete Code of Conduct** before inclusion on 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 HPO in writing as soon as possible**. All correspondence will be confidential.
- Riders are expected to **keep up to date with squad notifications** as well as read the High Performance Section in the EWA Weekly Newsletter

A mid-year Squad review will be conducted after 30th June annually. **Riders please note:** Major Events such as WA State Championships, Regional, National Dressage Championships and Australian Interschool Championships are a selection event for WA Dressage Squad riders. When addressing the criteria for scores riders need to include one score from either WA State Championships, Regional or National Dressage Championships. Restricted events for example State Interschool Championships are not included. However, Australian Interschool Championships will be considered.

WILD CARDS:

Selectors, at their sole discretion, may offer a wild card to a combination to join a relevant Squad. This combination may or may not have filled the performance requirements for squad selection. ***The Selectors' decisions are final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into.***

HOLDING LIST

Combinations that have previously been on the State Squad but are temporarily not competing due to a variety of reasons affecting either the horse or the rider may be placed on a Holding List. In principle, combinations may remain on the Holding List for up to 6 months. If they do not resume competition at a level deemed satisfactory by the State Selectors within 6 months from the date of their placement on the Holding List they may be removed from the State Squads.



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EWA Competition Squad Criteria

Combinations must meet the following Competition Criteria and listed General Criteria in order to secure a place on a Squad. Just fulfilling the Selection criteria does not automatically place the combination in a Squad. Selectors will retain the right to use their discretion when there are more eligible combinations than available squad positions.

Only scores achieved at a minimum of two different EA competitions for competitive riders will be considered for selection. For scores to be considered, the minimum of 2 scores must be ridden under two different sets of qualified judges. Performances from the preceding 6 months are considered.

For all Squads, the following addition to scores at CDIs and State/National Championships (State and Australian Interscholar Championships are not included) will be considered:

- **State Championships** **1.06**
- **Nationals / CDI's** **1.08**

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- For combinations competing from Prix St. George to Grand Prix and with the goal of competing at a high standard at National level on a National Squad and showing an increasing trend in performance scores.
- Horses and Ponies accepted
 - **Prix St. George / Inter 1:** minimum 2 scores combined of 64% and above. Horses to be aged 16 years and below
 - **Inter A / Inter B:** minimum 2 scores combined of 62% and above
 - **Inter II and Grand Prix:** minimum 2 scores combined of 60% and above

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- For combinations competing at Elementary level and above, showing potential to selection on a National Squad and/or potential to be competitive at National level and thereby having potential to be selected onto a National Dressage Squad
- Horses and Ponies accepted
 - **Elementary:** Minimum 3 scores of 68% and above. Horses to be aged 7 years and below.
 - **Medium:** Minimum 3 scores of 65% and above. Horses to be aged 11 years and below.
 - **Advanced:** Minimum 2 scores of 65% and above. Horses to be aged 14 years and below. Must have the minimum scores in the levels achieved on the Recognition squad



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- For combinations competing from Novice level and above, showing potential to compete on a National Squad and/or be competitive at National level and thereby having potential for selection on the National Young Rider Squad. Restricted events, eg State Interschool Championships, are not included. However, Australian Interschool Championships will be considered.
- Riders to be aged under 25 years of age as at the 1st of January in the current year.
- Horses and ponies allowed
 - **Novice:** minimum 2 scores of 70% and above showing an increasing trend
 - **Elementary:** minimum 2 scores of 65% and above showing an increasing trend
 - **Medium and Above:** minimum 2 scores of 62% and above showing an increasing trend
Must have a minimum of 2 scores in the level achieved on the youth squad



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