



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.

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 Officer** 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 biannually, in January and July. 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.



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EWA General Squad Criteria

Combinations are obliged to meet the following 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)**.
- Members of the **EA National Eventing Squads** will automatically be included in the La Noir Saddleworld EWA State Squad
- Winner of the **Valley Equine FEI Eventing Rider of the Year** is automatically invited onto the La Noir Saddleworld EWA Eventing Youth Squad if not already qualified
- 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
- Under extenuating circumstances 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 to be selected onto a squad. The Selectors' decisions are final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into.
- Athletes are expected to attend at least one High Performance event 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 as soon as possible. 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**
- A mid-year Squad review will be conducted after 30th June 2017. Riders are expected to meet the competition criteria every twelve months to maintain a position on the squad. Riders who meet the criteria between selection periods will be invited on the Squad prior to review.



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La Noir Saddleworld Equestrian Western Australia EVENTING STATE SQUAD

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least one of the following competition criteria in the preceding 12 months:

- CCI2* MER with a final score of less than 60 Penalties OR
- CCI3* MER with a final score of less than 65 penalties OR
- CCI4* Completion

Riders under 25 years of age as at 1st January 2017:

- CCI2* MER OR
- CCI3* Completion



La Noir Saddleworld Equestrian Western Australia EVENTING RECOGNITION SQUAD

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least one of the following competition criteria in the preceding 12 months:

- CIC or CCI1* MER with a finish score of less than 60 penalties OR
- CIC or CCI2* MER with a finish score of less than 65 penalties OR
- CIC or CCI3* MER



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La Noir Saddleworld Western Australia EVENTING YOUTH SQUAD

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least one of the following competition criteria in the preceding 12 months. Where multiple performances are required a higher level performance meeting the criteria may be used.

Riders 16 - 21 years of age as at 1st January 2017

- 2 x EvA105 MER with a finish score less than 50 penalties OR
- 2 x CNC1* with a finish score less than 60 penalties OR
- CIC1* MER with a finish score less than 65 penalties OR
- CCI1* MER

Riders 16 - 25 years of age as at 1st January 2017

- 2 x CNC2* MER with a finish score of less than 65 penalties OR
- CIC2* MER



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