



## 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 Teams.

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 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, in January. 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 a EWA High Performance Squad:

- PE Riders need to be a **current competitor or participant members of EWA**. Horses competing in PE and/or Participant classes do not have to be registered.
- Athletes should attend **all** High Performance opportunities 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 **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**

### **WILD CARDS:**

Under extenuating circumstances Selectors, at their sole discretion, may offer a wild card to a combination to join the Para Equestrian 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.***

***\*\* Should exceptional circumstance or performances occur, the Selection Panel retains the right to allow for their discretion to take precedent\*\****

### ***Equestrian Western Australia PARA EQUESTRIAN STATE SQUAD***

The State Para Equestrian Squad is aimed at those rider/horse combinations with demonstrated success at nominated Para Equestrian, Competitor and Participant competitions in WA and are able to represent the state. Riders should hold a Classification Profile issued by an Equestrian Australia Classifier. Riders who have a measurable disability and are waiting to be classified may also apply.

Rider/Horse combinations will be assessed on performances at the following competitions within the previous season:

DWA Dressage Championships  
 FEI Showcase  
 All EWA Affiliated Dressage Club Events  
 National RDAA Dressage Championships  
 RDAWA State 4 Phase Challenge [Dressage]



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