



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 athletes, the EWA State HP Selection Panel will source information from and consult with a range of suitable personnel with the appropriate expertise and knowledge.

Once a combination achieves the necessary qualification to meet the selection criteria, the combination will be invited and notified by email to be placed on the squad once results are received into the EWA office. The athlete will then remain on the squad for 12 months from the time they meet the selection criteria. The athlete must return a signed athlete agreement and code of conduct before their placement on the squad is finalised.

Squads are reviewed biannually, in January and July to ensure all squad combinations have performances that meet the selection 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 athletes must continue to correspond with the EWA High Performance Officer 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:

- Squad athletes need to be current competitive members of EWA and their horse registered with EA and micro chipped
- All Squad horses must have a current Performance License (Card)
- Squad athletes of the EA National Eventing Squads will automatically be invited onto the La Noir Saddleworld EWA State, Recognition & Development/Youth Squads
- Combinations should have the enthusiasm to receive guidance and show aspiration and potential talent for future selection on to the EA 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 THREE High Performance workshops annually which may include two Judges/Officials Education Seminar's 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 HPO in writing as soon as possible. All correspondence will be confidential.
- Athletes are expected to check their emails regularly as well as read the High Performance Section in the EWA Weekly Newsletter and the HP Facebook page
- A mid-year Squad review will be conducted after 30th June 2019. Squad combinations are expected to meet the competition criteria every twelve months to maintain a position on the squad subject to a mid-year review. Squad updates are expected to be sent in to determine your position on the squad at the time of selections



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This criteria will be reviewed mid-year to determine how squad levels are performing and may change according to squad size requirement. The maximum number of rider/horse combinations on WA eventing squads shall be 25. Any combinations that have achieved the basic selection criteria but have not been included on the squads will be the next ranked athletes to be elevated to any squad vacancies. The ranking shall be decided on the last 3 performances that meet selection criteria, ranked by the the lowest total penalties achieved.



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EVENTING STATE SQUAD***

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least ONE MER at 4*/5* FEI CCI – S or L events.

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EVENTING RECOGNITION SQUAD***

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least ONE MER at 3* FEI CCI - S or L events.

***La Noir Saddleworld Equestrian Western Australia
EVENTING DEVELOPMENT/YOUTH SQUAD***

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least TWO MERs at 2* FEI CCI - S or L events

*please note the new level rule changes have come into effect ie. State Squad 3*is now 4/5*, Recognition 2* is now 3*, and Development/Youth 1* is now 2*. Results from July 2018 will be relevant to the rules at that time.



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