



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 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 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).
- 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 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 please note: Results at Major Events such as WA State Championships are a selection event for WA Dressage Squad riders.**

WILD CARDS:

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.***

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 Squad.



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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 for their discretion when there are more eligible combinations than available squad positions.

Only scores achieved at a minimum of two different official EA sanctioned competitions, 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 12 months are considered.

For all Squads the following addition to scores at CDIs and State/National Championships 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 must be over 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes
 - **Prix St. George / Inter 1:** minimum 2 scores of 64% and above. Horses to be aged 16 years and below as at 1st January 2017
 - **Inter A / Inter B:** minimum 2 scores of 62% and above
 - **Inter II and Grand Prix:** minimum 2 scores of 60% and above

La Noir Saddleworld Western Australia DRESSAGE RECOGNITION SQUAD

- 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 must be over 149cm with shoes or 148cm without shoes
 - **Elementary:** Minimum 3 scores of 68% and above. Horses to be aged 7 years and below as at 1st January 2017.
 - **Medium:** Minimum 3 scores of 65% and above. Horses to be aged 11 years and below as at 1st January 2017.
 - **Advanced:** Minimum 2 scores of 65% and above. Horses to be aged 14 years and below as at 1st January 2017.



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La Noir Saddleworld Western Australia DRESSAGE YOUTH SQUAD

- 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
- Riders to be aged under 25 years of age as at the 1st of January 2017.
- Horses and ponies allowed; no age limit and no height restrictions
 - **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

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



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