



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. Squads for Vaulting within the Equestrian WA High Performance Pathways focus primarily on developing West Australian athletes toward competing at major Australian competitions such as the State Championships around the country and the Australian Vaulting National Championships. With the development of the Squad, potential for participation at CVI's in Australian can also be anticipated.

All squads are based on General and Competition criteria as listed in this document. 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.

Selection in the Squad will provide some support through the WA High Performance Program to assist selected athletes to develop further. It will include clinics to educate vaulters about the demands of higher level competition; promote improved gymnastic skills and provide measurable training programs for the individuals.

This program aims to assist athletes further within their current training situations and will not in any way reduce the need for high level 'home base' training. Selection into the program does not guarantee selection to any event.



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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.

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 member of EWA** and their horse registered with EA and micro chipped
- Athletes 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
- Athletes must be **fit** to satisfy competition requirements from the beginning of the Squad year when signing declaration. Should the selected athlete 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**



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La Noir EWA Vaulting Squad Competition Criteria

A Squad position will be held for one year, subject to mid-year review, then riders will be invited to reapply. Combinations must also meet the following competition criteria to be considered:

La Noir Equestrian Western Australia VAULTING STATE SQUAD

Athletes need to be representing Western Australia in competitive classes.

Athletes with at least two scores of 5.5 between 1st of January 2016 to 30th December 2016.

La Noir Equestrian Western Australia VAULTING RECOGNITION SQUAD

Athletes need to be representing Western Australia in participant classes.

Athletes with at least with at least two scores of 5.5 between 1st of January 2016 and 30th of December 2016.

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



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