



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 Officer (HPO) 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 HPO. 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 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:

- Riders need to be a **current competitive members of EWA** and their horse(s) registered with EA and micro chipped
- All Squad horses must have a current **Performance License** (Card).
- To be eligible for the Youth Squad Riders need be 17 years of age or under on the 1st of January
- To be eligible for the State Squad Riders need be over 17 years of age on the 1st of January
- 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 **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.
- Riders are expected to **check their emails/face book** once a week as well as read the High Performance Section in the **EWA Weekly Newsletter**
- **Riders please note: Results at Major Events such as WA Horse of the Year are a selection event for WA Show Horse Squad riders.**

WILD CARDS:

Under extenuating circumstances Selectors, at their sole discretion, may offer a wild card to a combination to join the Show Horse 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*****



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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 the Squad.

EWA will appoint two squads (each made up of roughly 6 horse/rider combinations) including a State and a Recognition Squad. Total number of combinations listed to the Squad may vary from time to time.

Equestrian Western Australia Show Horse STATE SQUAD

The State Show Horse Squad is aimed at those rider/horse combinations with demonstrated success at nominated Show Horse Events in WA and are able to represent the state. Successful performances are defined as 1st, Champion, Reserve, Top 5 or Top 10 where appropriate.

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

- EWA Horse of the Year
- The Perth Royal Show (Includes the following classes: showhorse – height, weight, ladies, gents, champion, show hunter classes)
- EWA Newcomers (including Show horse & Hunter)
- EWA Intermediate (including show horse and hunter)
- Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Hobart Royal Shows
- The EA National Championships
- Rider classes may also be considered in the selection (remains rider/horse combination)
- Autumn Pageant/Winter Gala

Equestrian Western Australia Show Horse YOUTH SQUAD

The Youth Squad is intended to attract those junior rider/horse combinations that have potential to make the State Squad and are demonstrating successful performances. Successful performances are defined as 1st, Champion, Reserve, Top 5 or Top 10 where appropriate. Rider/Horse combinations will be assessed on successful performances at the following shows within the previous show season:

- EWA Horse of the Year
- Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Hobart Royal Shows
- The EA National Championships
- The Perth Royal Show (Includes the following classes: showhorse – height, weight, ladies/girls, gent/boys, champion, show hunter classes)
- EWA Newcomers (including Show Horse and Hunter)
- EWA Intermediate (including Show Horse and Hunter)
- Autumn Pageant/Winter Gala
- State Interschool Championships – Show Horse only



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