

	EWA Selection Criteria for RISING STARS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD	
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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 State and 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 are selected based upon results from the preceding 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. Existing squad members may submit an application for a new or non-squad horse without qualifying results. However, the combination will be required to undertake a ridden assessment with a Coach Educator (CE) with a view to having completed the relevant qualifying criteria within six (6) months of squad commencement.

All eligible WA riders will be reviewed by the State Selection Panel with successful applicants notified via email shortly after. Squads are reviewed once a year. 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.

EWA General Squad Criteria

Combinations are obliged to meet the following for inclusion on a EWA Rising Stars Development Squad:

- Riders needs to be a current competitive member of EWA and their horse registered with EA and micro chipped (up to the current year the rider turns 21yrs), and hold a current Performance card at the levels required.
- All performances must have been ridden at EWA Affiliated Events with official judges and not at stand-alone PCAWA events.
- Combinations should have the enthusiasm to receive guidance and show aspiration and potential talent for future selection on to the Equestrian Western Australia Rising Stars Development Program.
- To ensure that the Rising Stars squad program is developing well-rounded equestrian athletes, combinations are expected to receive coaching outside their selected discipline at squad clinics.
- Athletes will need to sign an **Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct** before inclusion on to the EWA Rising Stars Development Squad.
- Horse and rider must be sound and fit to compete. Should the selected combination become unable to continue training or competition for any reason, they have the responsibility to notify the EWA High Performance Officer in writing as soon as the incident occurs.
- Riders are expected to keep informed on Squad related information by checking their emails, and face book page.
- Combinations are invited to attend squad training clinics and workshops **on their squad nominated horse**. Minimum of 3 x Squad Clinics must be attended for 2021.
- Riders are strongly encouraged to attend the EWA Rising Stars Development Squad Clinics and Member Education Seminars. Should they be unable to attend, this needs to be communicated to the EWA High Performance and Athlete Development Officer in writing at the earliest indication.

In order to create a pathway from Interschool Programs to State and National Squad Programs, the EWA Rising Stars Development Squad Selection Criteria should follow the same structure of that at State High Performance level with its own cut off point.

Combinations must meet the above listed General Criteria as well as one of the following Competition Criteria in order to secure a place on the Rising Stars Development Squad.



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EWA Rising Stars Program Selection Criteria

A Squad position will be held for one year. Horse and rider must be sound and fit to compete. Combinations must also meet (though not be limited to) the following competition criteria to be considered.

Following review of EWA Rising Stars Development Squad Selection criteria it is recommended that 2020 Selection Events for athletes that may be identified as benefiting from nomination to the Rising Stars Program should include **(though not be limited to)** any one of the following;

- 2020 EWA Saddles Plus State Interschool Equestrian Festival
- 2020 EWA State Dressage Championships
- 2020 EWA State Jumping Championships
- 2020 WAYER
- 2020 EWA Horse Of The Year



Rising Youth Eventing Stars: must be competing at minimum EvA80

- Athlete and horse combinations compiled from the top 12 ranked through performances to include (**though not limited to**) either a 2020 State Interschool Championships, State Dressage Championships, State Jumping Championships, WAYER and Horse Of The Year.
- Identified as having potential Eventing talent to compete in any WA State Equestrian Teams and thereby also having potential for future selection onto a EWA Eventing Squad.
- Must be competing either;
 - EvA 80 level
 - EvA 95 level
 - EvA105 MER
 - CNC 1 Star level (2 x CNC 1* with an MER)

*NB: A Minimum Eligibility Requirement (**MER**) is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performances*

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Rising Youth Jumping Stars - must be competing at minimum 80 cm

- Athlete and horse combinations compiled from the top 12 ranked through performances to include (**though not limited to**) either a 2019 State Interschool Championships, State Dressage Championships, State Jumping Championships, WAYER and Horse Of The Year.
- Identified as having potential Jumping talent to compete in any WA State Equestrian Team and thereby also having potential for future selection onto an EWA Jumping Squad
- Primary: 2 separate events with competition performances with 0 penalties in final SJ rounds at 80cm or 90cm level
- Secondary/Youth: 2 separate events with competition performances with 0 penalties in final SJ rounds at 90cm, 100cm, 1.10m or 1.20m level

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Rising Young Dressage Stars – must be competing minimum Novice level

- Athlete and horse combinations compiled from the top 12 ranked through performances to include (**though not limited to**) either a 2020 State Interschool Championships, State Dressage Championships, State Jumping Championships, WAYER and Horse Of The Year.
- Identified as having potential Dressage talent to compete in any WA State Equestrian Team and thereby also having potential for future selection onto an EWA Dressage Squad.
- For combinations competing from Novice level and above, showing potential to compete in the EWA Australian Interschool Equestrian Team and/or be competitive at National level and thereby having potential for selection onto a EWA Dressage Squad.
- Horses and ponies allowed; no age limit and no height restrictions (**must be at 2 separate affiliated events under official judges**)
 - **Novice:** minimum 2 scores of 65 % and above showing an increasing trend
 - **Elementary:** minimum 2 scores of 62% and above showing an increasing trend
 - **Medium and Above:** minimum 2 scores of 60% and above showing an increasing trend

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Rising Young Show Horse Stars – must be competing minimum Novice level

- Athlete and horse combinations compiled from the top 12 ranked through performances to include (**though not limited to**) either a 2020 State Interschool Championships, Australian Interschool Championships, State Dressage Championships, State Jumping Championships, WAYER and Horse Of The Year.
- Identified as having potential Show Horse talent to compete in any WA State Equestrian Team and thereby also having potential for future selection onto an EWA Dressage Squad.
- For combinations showing potential to compete in the EWA Australian Interschool Equestrian Team and/or be competitive at National level and thereby having potential for selection onto a EWA Show Horse Squad.
- Horses and ponies allowed; no age limit and no height restrictions (**must be at 2 separate affiliated events under official judges**):
 - **EWA Horse Of The Year:** a minimum top 3 placing at EWA Horse Of The Year
 - **Interschools:** a minimum top 3 overall placing
 - **EWA affiliated Gala events:** a minimum champion or reserve champion placing

***** For 2021 selection only: due to the lack of qualifying events during 2020, performances from 2019 may be used *****

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