



# INFORMATION BOOKLET

### **Purpose:**

The Junior Equestrian Development Squad has been created to assist the young riders (riders must be 17 years of age or under, as of 1 January 2023) of Western Australia to perform at the top level for their age group and open the pathway to the high-performance squads of WA.

### **Application process:**

All Horse/rider combinations will need to complete a form (similar to what has been done before) with their qualifications between 1/1/22 and 1/1/23. Riders must be 17 years of age or under, as of 1 January 2023. New combinations, new riders or past members who do not meet the qualifications will need to ride at the assessment. All riders will need to send through an approximately 500 word written essay or a two-to-three-minute video answering the below questions.

1. What is yours and your horse's name, and how long have you been together?
2. What is your greatest achievement in your riding career and with greatest achievement with your current horse?
3. What are your goals for the next 12 months and five years? How are you going to achieve these goals?
4. Why will you benefit from the squad?
5. What will you bring to the squad in 2023?

### **Qualifications:**

Each rider may choose one or more discipline to use as qualifications. These scores must have been collected no earlier than 1/1/2022

- Dressage:
  - Two (2) tests which have been judged by an EA accredited judge at Novice obtaining 63% (or one (1) test at 63% and one (1) test at the assessment day at 63%).
  - Two (2) tests which have been judge by an EA accredited judge at Elementary or above obtaining 60% or higher.
  - Riders who use their assessment test as a qualifier must obtain a test in a competition environment of 63% before 30/6/2023.
- Show Horse: Athletes who have placed top three in their rider class at events below
  - EWA HOTY
  - EWA Autumn Pageant
  - EWA Winter Gala
  - Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Hobart Royal Shows
  - The EA National Championships
  - The Perth Royal Show
  - EWA Newcomers
  - EWA Intermediate
- Show Jumping:
  - Two (2) rounds at 80cm to 110cm with 0 penalties,

- Eventing: Two (2) MER at EvA80cm or above
  - MER: Dressage; 45 penalties or below, Show Jumping; 16 penalties or below, Cross Country Phases; 0 obstacle penalties and 30 or less time penalties.

### **Dates:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> February: Assessment Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> February: Unmounted cultural day
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April: Midweek school holiday camp
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: One-Day squad clinic
- July School Holiday Midweek Camp: **Date TBC**
- 5<sup>th</sup> August: One-Day Squad clinic
- 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September: Midweek school holiday camp
- November one day squad clinic: **Date TBC**. This day is set up to align with the Young Horse Event. Where riders can be given the opportunity to shadow vets, judges etc. and will have to volunteer as helpers on the day.
- 25<sup>th</sup> November: End of Year Day

Also, riders will be able to attend sessions offered by program partners Careers in Racing, that may include;

- ★ Racing WA Careers Educational Session;
- ★ Behind the scenes tour of Ascot Racecourse;
- ★ Track work Riding Lesson;
- ★ Have a Go Day;
- ★ Lark Hill / Byford Trots Excursion Day;

### **Assessment day:**

Each invited rider will ride a dressage test for our two judges, Gill Botten and Elaine Green. Showjumpers and Eventers may choose to ride a prelim test but are encouraged to ride higher if they can. Dressage riders and show horse riders must ride novice or above. No Prep tests will be allowed.

All tests ridden will be the second test of the set i.e., Prelim 1.2, Novice 2.2 or Elementary 3.2

Riders who jump, will have the option to ride one round at 80cm or above. Riders who do not feel comfortable at this height do not need to ride a round but those who can are encouraged.

Out of all the applications the top 10 will be selected and automatically placed on the squad. We will then invite 15-30 riders (depending on how many apply) to ride at the assessment day.

### **Proposed Mounted Schedule:**

#### Schedule winter

Time	A	b	c	d	e	F
7:30-8:00	Registration					
8:15-9:15	Unmounted Lecture 1					
9:30-10:30	Flatwork 1	Flatwork 2	Rider fitness /mental Health		Horse Management	
10:45-11:45	Rider fitness /mental Health		Horse Management		Cross Country	Show Jumping
11:45-12:45	Lunch					
1:00-2:00	Cross Country	Show Jumping	Flatwork 1	Flatwork 2	Rider fitness /mental Health	
2:15-3:15	Horse Management		Show Jumping	Cross Country	Flatwork 1	Flatwork 2

#### Schedule summer

Time	A	b	c	d	e	f
8:30-9:00	Registration					
9:30-10:30	Flatwork 2	Flatwork 1	Show Jumping	Cross Country	Horse Management	
10:45-11:45	Rider fitness /mental Health		Horse Management		Cross Country	Show Jumping
11:45-12:45	Lunch					
1:00-2:00	Unmounted Lecture 1					
2:15-3:15	Horse Management		Flatwork 2	Flatwork 1	Rider fitness /mental Health	
3:30-4:30	Cross Country	Show Jumping	Rider fitness /mental Health		Flatwork 2	Flatwork 1

Riders who attend are expected to attend every lesson throughout the day. These schedules are proposed drafts, these are fluid and will be updated depending on riders. The groups will be of 4 riders with similar abilities and ages. If we have a group of riders who do not jump, they will either have a cross country 'environment' lesson or second more intense dressage lesson (rather than flatwork). Lesson will also move around depending on temperature and upcoming events (i.e., the older/more experienced rider will have a show jumping lesson over a cross country lesson if state show jumping is close to the clinic)

### Horse Management and Fees:

As seen in the proposed schedules, every rider will have a horse master ship lesson every squad day. These will be based off the Horse Management: Introductory book. These books are included in the fees and is mandatory for all riders to have one. Those who already have one will be offered the level 1 Horse Management.

As the books are now included in the fees, and riders will be gaining more unmounted knowledge out this squad then the past year, fees will be increased. The new fees are \$400 per rider. Riders are only permitted to be on the squad with one horse.