



EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA **STATE DRESSAGE HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD**

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The objective of the Equestrian Western Australia State Dressage High Performance Pathway is to target and assist in the development of talented combinations. These combinations demonstrate the ability to achieve a high standard of excellence in the competition arena with the possibility of being competitive at a National (or International) level.

All squads are based on General and Competition criteria as listed below.

Once a combination achieves the necessary qualifications of the respective criteria, the combination will receive an invitation and letter from Equestrian WA via email. This will happen once the results are received by the office and will be dependent on the size of the squad. The athlete may remain on the squad for 12 months unless they are no longer meeting the criteria. Exemptions can be granted on application, for example in cases such as pregnancy or major injury to horse or rider. Exemptions must be accompanied by a vet or doctors certificate and submitted within a period of two weeks from the injury. Both must be forwarded to High Performance Coordinator. The athlete must return a signed Athlete agreement, code of conduct to be officially added.

Squads are reviewed biannually, in December and June to ensure all squad combinations have performances that meet the selection criteria.

The Squad will take part in a mid-year review on the 30th of June 2025. Combinations on the EWA State, Recognition and Development Squads must achieve three (3) scores which meet the aggregate criteria at their respective level. Combinations on the DWA Young Riders Squad must obtain two qualifying scores in their selected level or above. Combinations who do not meet the criteria, are subject to review by the sub-committee. The sub-committee will be able to add more combinations once the mid-year review has occurred.

In order to take up their place on the Squad each year – the Rider must accept the invitation from Equestrian Western Australia to do so timeously and execute the Equestrian Western Australia Squad Code of Conduct Agreement.

Equestrian Western Australia Dressage High Performance Squad General Criteria

- Squad athletes need to be current competitive members of EWA and their horse will have a full registration.
- All Squad horses must have a current Performance License (Card)
- Athletes will need to sign the Athlete Code of Conduct and athlete agreement.
- Athletes are expected to check their emails regularly as well as read the High Performance Section in the EWA Weekly Newsletter and engage with any communication from the working group.
- Squad combinations are expected to meet the competition criteria to maintain a position on the squad
- This criteria will be reviewed mid-year to determine how squad levels are performing and may change according to squad size requirements. The maximum number of rider/horse combinations on EWA Dressage Squad shall be 15. The EWA Dressage Reserve Squad will hold up to 5 members. The Dressage WA Youth Squad will hold a maximum of 10 riders.
- 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 athletes must continue to correspond with the EWA Sports Development Officer as per guidelines in their Athlete Agreements.
- If an athlete is suspended from the squad for non-compliance with Squad requirements and conditions, then the athlete will be excluded from subsidised clinic for:
 - 1st offence – 6 months
 - 2nd offence – 12 months
- WA riders, that are a citizen of another country, can be placed on the Dressage WA High Performance squad if, they are currently taking all reasonable steps to become an Australian citizen and notify EWA as soon as possible after they are either granted Australian citizenship or declined Australian citizenship. In accordance with the National Selection Policy.
- Riders will not be part of the squad until they have signed and sent back their Code of Conduct to the EWA office.



- If the horse is sold and no longer is being campaigned by the Squad rider, it is the rider's responsibility to notify the EWA Sports Development Manager within 4 weeks of sale.
- All combinations MUST compete in the WA State Championships, the Australia National Dressage Championships or an Equivalent CDI competition in the Eastern States or Overseas.
 - Combinations who are unable to attend the above events, but had entered, must provide a Vet certificate outlining the reason for not attending. The vet certificate must be dated within two (2) weeks of said event.
- Combinations who are not predominately domiciled within Western Australia and who otherwise satisfy the Eligibility Criteria may be invited by the sub-committee to take up a position on the Squad on the understanding that full support and inclusion in Squad activities may not be available to them as they would to those Squad members domiciled in Western Australia.
- In calculating the aggregate scores, the highest three scores at the appropriate level will be included in the calculation. ONE score MUST be from one of the events listed above.
 - For Competitor levels i.e. Elementary to Advanced – admissible tests must have been conducted before 2 (or more) judges;
 - For FEI levels – one admissible test must have been conducted before 3 judges, all other admissible tests may have been conducted before 2 (or more) judges.
 - Single judge test results are not admissible for aggregate calculations to satisfy the Eligibility Criteria.
- Scores at Preliminary and/or Novice level are not eligible for inclusion in aggregate calculations.
- Queries regarding placement on the squad, must be made within two (2) weeks of the squad being announced.
- The sub-committee are able to update this criteria at any time of the year to their discretion.



Equestrian Western Australia Dressage High Performance Squad Individual Criteria

Equestrian Western Australia Dressage State Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve an aggregate score of

64% or above in The Big Tour

Horses under or equal to the age of 18 years

Or

64% or above in The Medium Tour

Horses under or equal to the age of 16 years

Equestrian Western Australia Dressage Recognition Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve an aggregate score of

65% or above in the Small Tour

Horses under or equal to the age of 14 years

Or

66% or above at the Advanced Level

Horses under of Equal to the age of 12 years

Equestrian Western Australia Dressage Development Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve an aggregate score of

67% or above at the Medium Level

Horses under or equal to the age of 10 years

Or

69% or above at the Elementary Level

Horses under of Equal to the age of 9 years

Dressage Western Australia Reserve Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve an aggregate score of

64% or above in the Big Tour,
Horse may be of any age

64% or above the Medium Tour,
Horse may be of any age

65% or above in the Small Tour,
Horse may be of any age

64% or above at the Advanced Level
Horses under of Equal to the age of 12 years

65% or above at the Medium Level
Horses under or equal to the age of 10 years
Or

67% or above at the Elementary Level
Horses under of Equal to the age of 9 years

Combination must be based permanently in Western Australia.

Dressage Western Australia Young Rider Development Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve two scores of the following

Elementary	66% and above
Medium	64% and above
Advanced	63% and above
Small Tour	62% and above
Medium Tour	61% and above
Big Tour	61% and above
FEI Pony	64% and above
FEI Junior	63% and above
FEI Young Rider	62% and above
FEI Grand Prix	61% and above

Riders under the age of 21 and over the age of 11 as of 1/1/25
Combinations must have completed 4 tests at their invited level.