

Equestrian WA High Performance Eventing Squad Criteria

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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.

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 from the time they meet the selection criteria, exemptions can be granted on application ie. In cases such as pregnancy, major injury. 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.

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Equestrian WA High Performance General Squad Criteria

Combinations are obliged to meet the following for inclusion on a EWA High Performance Squad:

- 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)
- Squad athletes of the EA National Eventing Squads will automatically be invited onto the EWA HP Squad to the level equivalent to their National position.
- 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 in the What's App group.
- Squad combinations are expected to meet the competition criteria to maintain a position on the squad
- Athletes with multiple qualified horses for squad positions, if the second position horse is retired, sold or ride is lost, 2nd position will NOT be held.
- Riders must complete the Sports Integrity Australia - eLearning – Anti-Doping Fundamentals within the first 6 months of being on the squad, then each year an annual update. In the second 6 months of being on the squad, to complete the Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport. These certificates need to be sent into the HP Coordinator.
- 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 eventing squads shall be 25. The Eventing WA Brumbies Squad will have a total of 25 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 Eventing WA HP 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.

Equestrian WA High Performance Individual Squad Criteria

Equestrian Western Australia Bates Eventing State Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least
3 MER at 4*/5* FEI CCI – S or L events
(Results from the preceding 24 months)
Any Age

Equestrian Western Australia Bates Eventing Recognition Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least
2 MER's at 3* FEI CCI – 1 x S and 1 x L
OR
3 MER's at 3* FEI CCI S
(Results from the preceding 12 months)
Any Age

Equestrian Western Australia Bates Eventing Development Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least
2 MER's at 2* FEI CCI - 1 x S and 1 x L
OR
3 MER's at 2* FEI CCI S
(Results from the preceding 12 months)
Riders under the age of 25 as of 1/1/24

Eventing Western Australia Brumbies Development Squad

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least
3 MER's at 1* events
(Results from the preceding 12 months)
Riders under the age of 21 as of 1/1/24