



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 Squads.

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

In selecting and assessing potential squad athletes, the EWA State HP Selection Panel will source information from and consult with a range of suitable personnel with the appropriate expertise and knowledge.

Once a combination achieves the necessary qualification to meet the selection criteria, the combination may be invited and notified by email to be placed on the squad once results are received into the EWA office pending squad size requirement. The athlete may remain on the squad for 12 months from the time they meet the selection criteria but if results have not been met within 6 months then a combination may be removed. The athlete must return a signed code of conduct before their placement on the squad is finalised.

Squads are reviewed biannually, in January and July to ensure all squad combinations have performances that meet the selection 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 athletes 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:

- Squad athletes need to be current competitive members of EWA and their horse registered with EA and micro chipped
- All Squad horses must have a current Performance License (Card)
- Squad athletes of the EA National Eventing Squads will automatically be invited onto the La Noir Saddleworld EWA State, Recognition & Development/Youth Squads if positions are available
- The Selectors' decisions are final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into.
- Athletes are expected to attend at least THREE High Performance workshops annually which may include two Judges/Officials Education Seminar's.
- Athletes will need to sign the Athlete 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 eg sold horse or injury, they have the responsibility to notify the EWA HPO in writing as soon as possible. All correspondence will be confidential.
- Athletes are expected to check their emails regularly as well as read the High Performance Section in the EWA Weekly Newsletter
- A mid-year Squad review will be conducted up to 30th June annually. Squad combinations are expected to meet the competition criteria every six months to maintain a position on the squad subject to a mid-year review. Squad updates are expected to be sent in to determine your position on the squad at the time of selections



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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 WA eventing squads shall be 25. Any combinations that have achieved the basic selection criteria but have not been included on the squads will be the next ranked athletes to be elevated to any squad vacancies. The ranking shall be decided on the last 3 performances that meet selection criteria, ranked by the the lowest total penalties achieved.



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EVENTING STATE SQUAD***

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least ONE MER (results from the proceeding 6-12months) at 4*/5* FEI CCI – S or L events.

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Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least ONE MER (results from the proceeding 6-12months) at 3* FEI CCI - S or L events.

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EVENTING DEVELOPMENT/YOUTH SQUAD***

Horse/Rider combinations must achieve at least TWO MERs (results from the proceeding 6-12months) at 2* FEI CCI - S or L events



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