



# EQUESTRIAN WA

## REGIONAL ATHLETE YOUTH SQUAD



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### **PURPOSE**

The Regional Athlete Youth Squad (RAYS) has been created to assist the regional young riders (under the age of 18) of Western Australia to perform at the top level for their age group and make their way through the competition grades or levels and open the pathway to the Equestrian WA high-performance squads.

### **Application process:**

All horse/rider combinations will need to complete an online application found here:

[https://form.jotform.com/EWA\\_Marketing/EWA-RAYS-Application](https://form.jotform.com/EWA_Marketing/EWA-RAYS-Application)

Qualifications between 01/01/25 and 01/05/2026. Riders must be 17 years of age, or under, as of 1 January 2026. There is no minimum age of riders. Riders may apply to the squad with 2 horses. Each horse must have a separate application and meet the criteria. Submission of entries will be from 9:00am, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and close on the 11:59pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2026

A regional rider must be based permanently outside of the metro area.

All riders will need to send through a written essay (approximately 500 words) 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 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. How do you handle and learn from criticism or constructive feedback?
5. How do you give back to the equestrian community?
6. What will you bring to the squad in 2026?

### **Qualifications:**

Each rider may choose one or more discipline to use as qualifications. These scores must have been collected no earlier than 1/1/2025. Combination result must come from official EA or Pony Club competitions.

New combinations can seek an exemption if required by emailing the squad coordinator at [development@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:development@equestrianwa.org.au), these combinations will be expected to ride at the assessment day. Riders who only have results from pony club competitions are welcome to apply, but will be expected to ride at the assessment day.

All riders must hold a minimum of an EWA Junior Participation Membership before the first clinic of the year (refer to pg3)

### ***Dressage:***

Combinations must achieve three (3) tests which have been judged by an EA Accredited Judge at Preliminary obtaining 65% or higher. If tests have two judges, you must use the average score of both judges.

OR

Combinations must achieve three (3) tests which have been judge by an EA Accredited Judge at Novice or above obtaining 62% or higher. If tests have two judges, you must use the average score of both judges.

Results at Elementary and above will not be considered for this squad, and combinations are suggested to look other squads available.

**Show Horse:**

Athletes who have placed top three (3) in their rider class at one or more of the 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

**Showjumping:**

- Three (3) rounds at 60cm and above with 0 jumping penalties.
  - Rounds and penalties are to be taken from the first round only. This excludes jump-offs.

OR

- Two (2) rounds at 60cm and above with 0 penalties and one (1) round with 4 jumping penalties.
  - Rounds and penalties are to be taken from the first round only. This excludes jump-offs.

Results at 90cm and above will not be considered for this squad, and combinations are suggested to look other squads available

**Eventing:**

Three (3) MERs at EvA65cm 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.

Results at Ev95cm and above will not be considered for this squad, and combinations are suggested to look other squads available

**POTENTIAL IMPORTANT 2026 Dates: These are subject to change but will be given notice**

DATE	ACTIVITY
June	Online Virtual Unmounted Session
21st June	Weekend Clinic – Capel Regional Equestrian Centre
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Weekend Clinic – Eastern Wheatbelt Equestrian Centre
26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Weekend Camp – State Equestrian Centre
October	Online Virtual Unmounted Session
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Weekend Clinic – Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club

### Proposed Mounted Schedule:

Time	Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Pink	Navy
09:00-10:00	Horse Management				Horse Management	Horse Management
10:00-11:00		Horse Management	Horse Management	Horse Management		
11:00-12:00	Flatwork 1			Flatwork 2	Showjumping	Cross Country
12:00-1:00	Lunch					
1:00-2:00		Flatwork 1	Cross Country	Showjumping		Flatwork 2
2:00-3:00	Showjumping	Cross Country	Flatwork 1		Flatwork 2	

All lessons are 1 hour long.

Riders are expected to attend and attempt every lesson in their schedule. 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. Groups are also fluid and will change depending on who is attending the clinic or their competition season. Lessons will also move around depending on temperature and upcoming events. All riders will have a flatwork lesson every clinic.

### Fees

Fees will include access to all 5 ridden days, 2 virtual unmounted sessions and a RAYS (one short sleeve shirt and one hat). Riders will have the opportunity to purchase second shirt, hat and/or a long-sleeved shirt after being selected onto the squad at an additional fee. All fee's will be paid through nominate before the first clinic.

Riders have the opportunity to apply with up to two horses for the 2026 squad. Each horse must have a SEPARATE application forms and essay/video filled out and submitted before the closing date. There are three different options for fees.

	Price	Description
1	\$350	<b>One Horse and One Rider</b>
2	\$500	<b>Two Horses and One rider</b> in one group. Both horses must be selected to join the squad and must be at the same/similar competition level. Rider will be able to swap between horses throughout the camps but will stay in the same group of riders

Both horse application must be submitted at the start of the year. Riders are not permitted to add a second horse once they have been selected onto the squad. This could lead to being removed from the Squad.

### Commitment

Riders are expected to attend 90% of all ridden clinics, with all unmounted virtual lessons compulsory for the year. Exceptions can be made, riders and/or guardians need to contact the Sports Development Manager, [development@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:development@equestrianwa.org.au) prior to the clinic date. Riders may be asked to leave the squad if they are unable to meet these requirements and no refunds will be offered.

### Queries

For any questions or queries, please feel free to contact the Sports Development Manager via [development@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:development@equestrianwa.org.au) or on (08) 9296 1200.