


<p style="text-align: center;">Equestrian WA High Performance Pathways</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jumping Squad Selection Criteria 2015</p>	
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## **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 a General and Performance criteria as listed below.

In selecting and assessing potential squad members, the WA State Selectors will source information from and consult with a range of suitable personnel with the appropriate expertise and knowledge.

Squads are selected based upon results from the preceding six to twelve months, as reviewed by the Selection Panel. Combinations are asked to submit an application to the EWA High Performance Manager (HPM) to assist Selectors in their choices. All eligible WA riders will be reviewed by the State Selection Panel with successful applicants notified via email shortly after. Squads are reviewed biannually. Should a combination be considered for selection, they must then return a signed Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct by the stated date to the EWA HPM. Current Squad riders will also be subjected to biannual performance reviews, and are not guaranteed a squad position if they do not meet 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, they will remain listed to the Squad. In such cases, travelling squad members must continue to correspond with the EWA High Performance Manager as per guidelines in their Athlete Agreements.

### **EWA General Squad Criteria**

Combinations are obliged to meet the following for inclusion on an EWA State Squad:

- Riders need to be a current competitive member of EWA and their horse registered with EA and micro chipped.
- Squad Horses must have a current Competition License (Card).
- Combinations should have the enthusiasm to receive guidance and show aspiration and potential talent for future selection onto the Equestrian Australia National High Performance Program
- Athletes will need to sign an Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct before inclusion on to any EWA State Squad
- Horse and rider must be sound and fit to compete. Should the selected combination become unable to continue training or competition for any reason, they have the responsibility to notify the EWA HPM in writing as soon as the incident occurs
- Riders are expected to check their emails once a week as well as read the High Performance Section in the EWA Weekly Newsletter
- Riders are strongly encouraged to attend the EWA High Performance Pathway Camps. These will be unmounted and to be offered 28/29 March and 20/21 June 2015. Should they be unable to attend, can this be communicated to the EWA HPM in writing at their earliest indication.

## **EWA Jumping Performance & Squad Criteria**

Combinations must also meet the following competition criteria to be considered:

### **Equestrian WA Jumping Open Squad**

- Riders need to be;
  - A. Competing successfully in 1.30m classes and above with the aim for the COMBINATION to be competitive at the 1.40m level by the end of the year.
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  - B. With young horse training at 1.30m with aim for the COMBINATION to be competing at that height or above by the end of the year.
- In all instances when assessing performance, the standard of competition, the number of competitors, the level/experience of Course Designer and the overall quality of the competition will be taken into consideration
- Consistent successful performance will be given greater consideration over occasional successful performances

### **Equestrian WA Jumping Development Squad**

- Riders 21 years and under and as a combination, be returning consistent performances over a 1.10m course and above with the aim for the COMBINATION to be competitive in the 1.25m by the end of the year.
- In all instances when assessing performance, the standard of competition, the number of competitors, the level/experience of Course Designer and the overall quality of the competition will be taken into consideration.
- Consistent successful performances will be given greater consideration over occasional successful performances

A Squad position will be held for one year, subject to mid-year review, then riders will be invited to reapply.

***\*\* Should exceptional circumstance or performances occur, the Selection Panel retains the right to allow for their discretion to take precedent\*\****