



Dressage Queensland State Squads

Selection Criteria

For 2026 Squad Selection



Dressage Queensland Squads

- FEI Squad
- Performance Squad
- Young Rider Squad

These squads are designed to be the goal of dressage riders throughout our State and combinations selected onto these squads are the best performing Queensland combinations of the year. Only the most consistently high performing combinations will be selected for the squads.

As well as identifying the best performing combinations in Queensland, the selection of the Queensland Squads has the dual intent of:

1. Providing pathways to the National Squads, and
2. To promote and develop the Sport within the State of Queensland.

Qualifying Period

For 2026 selection eligible scores will be taken from 1st November 2024. The qualification period will end on October 31st 2025.

General Selection Criteria for All Squads

The following general requirements apply to all three squads: -

In the case where a rider or owner of the horse qualified for squad does not comply with the Equestrian Australia rules, regulations and guidelines, including anti-doping and medication control and yellow card policy (i.e. a yellow card during the qualifying period) during the squad selection period, selection is not guaranteed and their selection/non-selection will be at the discretion of Dressage Queensland and the Dressage Queensland Selection committee.

- Scores will be taken from all Official Competitive events, Australian CDIs, State Championships (any state; Open, Pony, Young Rider, AOR) and National Championships (Open, Pony, Young Rider, AOR).
- Results not listed on the EA database as of October 31st will not be included unless the rider provides them to the administrator WITH documented verification prior to October 31st.
- A minimum of two appropriate-level EA accredited judges must oversee the scoring of a class for a score to be deemed eligible for selection.
- Selection is for one horse one rider combinations who have attained qualifying scores, and if selected must only be ridden at official competitive dressage competitions/events by the squad rider or their position is forfeit. This restriction does not apply to other disciplines (i.e. Interschool, pony club, eventing, show horse etc)
- Horses and riders must be sound and fit to satisfy competitions standards from the signing of the contract or will be placed on a holding squad.
- Riders must be Australian citizens or permanent residents & MUST be eligible to and declare that they will represent Queensland & Australia (ie hold a current Australian passport).
- Riders MUST be current financial members of Equestrian Queensland and owners of horses must be current financial members of Equestrian Australia.
- A minimum of two qualifying scores MUST be achieved at two separate Queensland qualifying events.
- No HC, Young Horse or Freestyle scores will be considered.
- Horses and ponies are eligible for selection on all squads.
- Riders (and guardian, if applicable) and owners of horses (where not the rider) must be prepared to sign the Squad Contract by the due date or forfeit their position on the relevant squad.

Holding List for all Squads

- Riders must notify the High Performance Manager in writing when the horse or rider becomes unfit to compete due to injury or illness as soon as possible with an anticipated recovery time and regularly communicate with the High Performance Manager with progress updates.
- The High Performance Manager in turn liaises with the Chair of Selectors regarding the combinations recuperation progress and expected return to competition standard and also notifies Dressage Queensland of same.
- A combination may remain on the holding list for up to 6 months. If competition is not resumed by this time their place on the squad may be vacated as decided by the Selection Panel and ratified by Dressage Queensland.
- If a combination is placed on the holding list, all squad benefits may be suspended at Dressage Queensland's discretion until the combination is reinstate.



Selection Criteria Dressage Queensland FEI Squad For 2026 Squad Selection



Purpose

The FEI Squad is for recognition of excellent performances and combinations who have the potential to be selected on to the National High Performance and Recognition Squads. FEI Squad members will act as role models with the intent of raising the standard and profile of dressage in Queensland.

Selection Process

To be eligible for selection combinations must meet the General Selection Criteria and relevant contract.

- Riders are eligible from the beginning of the year in which they turn 22 years of age.
- Scores considered will be the combination's four (4) best qualifying % equal to and above the minimum qualification %.
- Scores must be achieved from a minimum of four (4) separate official competitive events, as defined in general criteria.
- One score MUST come from a CDI (including nationals classes at CDI events), State Championships (any state, including Pony, Youth or AAOR) or National Championships (including Pony, Youth or AAOR).
- A minimum of one (1) of the four scores MUST come from a Dressage Queensland Star Championships.
- A minimum of one (1) of the four scores must be achieved from a Queensland-affiliated club event.
- A maximum of one (1) score may be achieved at an interstate official competitive event, so long as it meets the General Criteria.

Qualifying Percentages (unweighted)

- Grand Prix/Special incl CDI Under 25 - 64% or greater;
- Inter II incl CDI Under 25 - 65% or greater;
- Inter A - 65% or greater;
- Inter B - 65% or greater;
- Inter I - 68% or greater;
- Prix St Georges incl CDI-Y - 68% or greater.

EQ Sports and Squad Special Considerations

Combinations that have not met the eligibility requirement set out in the Squad Selection Criteria may apply to the Selection Committee for "Special Consideration" under the provisions in section 4 of the "EQ Sport & Squad Selection policy". Special consideration will only be considered where riders have been unable to participate in events on one or more of the following basis:

Injury to rider/horse

Illness of athlete

Bereavement of family member or relative

Travel delays which prevent an athlete from being present at the commencement of a competition

Special consideration will not be given to riders that have had adequate opportunity to compete and achieve scores but just haven't quite meet the criteria.

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Selection Criteria Dressage Queensland Performance Squad For 2025 Squad Selection



Purpose

The purpose of the Performance Squad is to encourage talented combinations by providing a pathway to National selection. This squad is to develop up-and-coming combinations.

Selection Process

To be eligible for selection combinations must meet the General Selection Criteria and relevant contract.

- Riders are eligible from the beginning of the year in which they turn 22 years of age.
- Scores considered will be the combination's four (4) best qualifying % equal to and above the minimum qualification %.
- Scores must be achieved from a minimum of four (4) separate official competitive events, as defined in general criteria.
- A minimum of two (2) of the four scores MUST come from either a Dressage Queensland Star Championship, CDI (including national classes at CDI events), State (any state, including Pony, Youth or AOR) or National Championship (including Pony, Youth or AOR).
- A minimum of one (1) of the four scores must be achieved from a Queensland-affiliated club event.
- A maximum of one (1) score may be achieved at an interstate official competitive event, so long as it meets the General Criteria.

Qualifying Percentages (unweighted)

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| ○ GP incl CDI Under 25 | - 62% or greater; |
| ○ Inter II incl CDI Under 25 | - 63% or greater; |
| ○ Inter B | - 64% or greater; |
| ○ Inter A | - 64% or greater; |
| ○ Inter I | - 66% or greater; |
| ○ PSG incl CDI-Y | - 66% or greater; |
| ○ Advanced | - 68% or greater; |
| ○ Medium | - 69% or greater. |

EQ Sports and Squad Special Considerations

Combinations that have not met the eligibility requirement set out in the Squad Selection Criteria may apply to the Selection Committee for "Special Consideration" under the provisions in section 4 of the "EQ Sport & Squad Selection policy". Special consideration will only be considered where riders have been unable to participate in events on one or more of the following basis:

1. Injury to rider/horse
2. Illness of athlete
3. Bereavement of family member or relative
4. Travel delays which prevent an athlete from being present at the commencement of a competition

Special consideration will not be given to riders that have had adequate opportunity to compete and achieve scores but just haven't quite meet the criteria.

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Selection Criteria Dressage Queensland Young Rider Squad For 2025 Squad Selection



Purpose

The purpose of the Young Rider Squad is to encourage talented young riders by providing a pathway to National selection. This squad is to develop up-and-coming combinations.

Further Information

- This squad is a rider development squad. If a veterinary certificate is supplied stating that the squad horse is not fit for the squad activity, that is, Young Rider camp and nominated Young Rider/DQ clinics, the Young Rider may ride a non-squad horse for these events if they wish.

Selection Process

To be eligible for selection combinations must meet the General Selection Criteria and relevant contract:

- Riders are eligible to be on the Young Rider Squad from the beginning of the year in which they turn 8 years until the end of the year they turn 21 years.
- Scores considered will be the combinations four (4) best qualifying %'s equal to and over the minimum qualification %.
- Scores must be achieved from four (4) separate official competitive events, as defined in general criteria.
- A minimum of one (1) of the four scores MUST come from either a Dressage Queensland Star Championship, CDI (including national classes at CDI events), State (Any state, including Youth/Young Rider/Pony) or National Championship (including Youth/Young Rider/Pony).
- A minimum of two (2) of the four scores must be achieved from two separate Queensland-affiliated events.
- A maximum of one (1) of the four scores may come from a National or Queensland State Interschool event or interstate official competitive competition, so long as it meets the general criteria.

Qualifying Percentages (unweighted)

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| ○ Inter II/Grand Prix incl Under 25 | - 60% or greater |
| ○ Inter A/Inter B | - 60% or greater |
| ○ PSG/Inter I incl FEI-YR | - 62% or greater |
| ○ Advanced | - 64% or greater |
| ○ Medium, incl FEI-J | - 65% or greater |
| ○ Elementary, incl FEI-P | - 66% or greater |
| ○ Novice (excl FEI-Ch) | - 67% or greater |

EQ Sports and Squad Special Considerations

Combinations that have not met the eligibility requirement set out in the Squad Selection Criteria may apply to the Selection Committee for "Special Consideration" under the provisions in section 4 of the "EQ Sport & Squad Selection policy". Special consideration will only be considered where riders have been unable to participate in events on one or more of the following basis:

5. Injury to rider/horse
6. Illness of athlete
7. Bereavement of family member or relative
8. Travel delays which prevent an athlete from being present at the commencement of a competition

Special consideration will not be given to riders that have had adequate opportunity to compete and achieve scores but just haven't quite meet the criteria.

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