



# Eventing Queensland State Squads Selection Criteria



## For 2020 Squad Selection

### Eventing Queensland Squads

Applications for 2020 squads can be submitted after the completion of the Wallaby Hill Long Format Event, held between 29 November and 31 December 2019. Applications must be submitted by no later than 6 January 2020 for the Elite, Futures and Young Rider Squad. The addition of the Junior Squad applications close on 28 February 2020.

The applications for the 2020 squads will be reviewed by Eventing Queensland and athletes who achieve the below minimum criteria will be invited to join the Eventing QLD State Squads. To be accepted on the State Eventing Squad all athletes must return their squad agreements strictly by the due date.

Please note: Whilst the names of the classes have been updated as per the FEI 2019 Eventing Rule Revisions which came into effect on 1 January 2019, the minimum eligibility criteria has not changed for the 2020 selection criteria.

### Qualification Criteria/Squad Selection Events

#### *Elite Squad*

- Athletes competing at CNC3\* and above
- CCI3\*-L 45 penalties or less
- CCI3\*-S 40 penalties or less
- With a minimum of competing in 4 events as a horse/athlete combination during 2019 calendar year Australia wide
- With one event meeting the squad criteria

#### *Futures Squad*

- CCI3\*-L completion with no xc Jumping Penalties
- CCI3\*-S 45 penalties or less
- CCN3\*-S 40 penalties or less
- CCI2\*-L\* 40 penalties or less
- CCI2\*-S/CCN2\*-S 35 penalties or less
- With a minimum of competing in 6 events as a horse/athlete combination during 2019 calendar year Australia wide
- With one event meeting the squad criteria

#### *Young Rider Squad*

- Athletes are invited to join the Young Rider Squad until and including the year they turn 25 years of age
- CCI3\*-L - automatic inclusion if completed an event regardless of the penalties
- CCI3\*-S/CCN3\*-S 50 penalties or less
- CCI2\*-L\* 45 penalties or less
- CCI2\*-S/CCN2\*-S 40 penalties or less
- CCN1\*-S 30 penalties or less
- With a minimum of competing in 6 events as a horse/athlete combination during 2019 calendar year Australia wide
- With one event meeting the squad criteria

### **Junior Squad**

- Athletes are invited to join the Junior Squad from 12 years until the year they turn 18 years of age.
- Achieved 3 x MER at EVA95 level and above (MER = dressage no more than 45 penalties or less, clear cross country with no more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time and no more than 16 jumping penalties).
- This squad will be user pays to clinics.

### **General Selection Criteria for Squads**

The following general requirements apply to the Elite, Futures, Young Rider and Junior squads:

- Any Young Rider who qualifies for both the Futures or Elite Squad will be included into both squads and receive the benefits of the higher squad.
- Automatic Exclusion from the squad due to the following:
  - Sale of squad horse
  - Squad horse no longer being ridden by chosen athlete/horse combination
- Automatic exclusion from the squad will be updated immediately on the EQ website after informing the athlete of their exclusion via email. Additionally, it is the athletes' responsibility to inform the squad co-ordinator in writing in a timely fashion when horses are either sold or no longer being ridden by that athlete.
- Athlete selection and/or exclusion is subject to any yellow card, strict liability offence and/or medication control violations.
- Athletes must conform to the EA Code of Conduct, EA Social Media Policy and Welfare of the Horse or be subject to disciplinary procedures.
- There are 4 squad clinics during 2020, athletes must commit to attending a minimum of 3 of these clinics with a minimum of two days being attended for the three-day clinics and a minimum of two days for all other clinics. Squad clinic dates; February, May, July and September.  
*\*These clinic dates may be subject to change pending coach availability*
- Attendance at the Equestrian Queensland 2020 High Performance Seminar (date to be confirmed) is compulsory. Should an athlete not be able to attend this seminar they may apply in writing to the Equestrian Queensland for an exemption. Any athlete failing to meet their commitments to attend the Off the Horse Seminar may be subject to a review at the disciplines next squad review
- Any squad horse that is injured when a squad clinic is being held may be substituted with another horse competing at; One Star level for Futures and Elite squads, and Pre-Novice level for Young Rider squads. Individual circumstances will be considered with applications being submitted in writing for substitutions at other levels. Application to be in writing to [enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au](mailto:enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au) or [qldeventingsquad@gmail.com](mailto:qldeventingsquad@gmail.com). If a substitute horse is not available, the squad member is required to attend all lectures/seminars during that clinic. Athletes are also welcome to attend squad clinics on foot.
- Throughout 2020, if an athlete meets the qualifying criteria at one event, they will be invited to attend the squad clinic but will not formally named on the squad list until the review period at mid-season in June and end of season.
- All squads are subject to a review period at the end of June 2020. The squad criteria will remain the same, however the number of events attended will be amended to:
  - Junior: 4 events in the first 6 months of 2020
  - Young Rider: 4 events in the first 6 months of 2020
  - Futures: 4 events in the first 6 months of 2020
  - Elite: 2 events in the first 6 months of 2020
  - These events are to be attended as a horse/athlete combination

- Athletes must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.
- Athletes must be current financial members of Equestrian Queensland.
- Horses must be registered with Equestrian Australia and must have a current eventing competition licence.
- Athletes and/or their nominated representative e.g. owners of horse must be prepared to sign the Squad Contract by the due date or forfeit their position on the relevant squad.