



# Eventing Queensland State Squads Selection Criteria



## For 2021 Squad Selection Eventing Queensland Squads

Applications for 2021 squads are now open. As previously advised existing 2020 Elite, Futures, Young Riders and Junior Squad members will be re-named on the 2021 Squad and do not need to reapply.

Any additional Elite, Futures and Junior Squad members that have met the squad criteria in 2020, need to apply. **Junior Squad members and any Young Riders that meet the age criteria of 16 years of age until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 21, that meet the Futures Squad criteria, need to apply as a matter of urgency** due to the appointment and ratification process required and attendance at the upcoming QLD Youth Development Clinic funded by Equestrian Australia and Equestrian Queensland on 18-21 January at QSEC.

Applications must be submitted by no later than 11 January 2020 for the Elite and Futures Squads.

Any additional applications for the 2021 squads will 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 2021 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

#### ***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. Subsidy for attendance at the upcoming QLD Youth Development Clinic will be allocated.

### General Selection Criteria for Squads

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

- 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 Elite & Futures squad clinics during 2021. 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; TBA.
- Attendance at the Equestrian Queensland 2021 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. **Junior Squad members and those squad members that meet the Young Rider age criteria must be prepared to attend the QLD Youth Development Clinic from 18-21 January at QSEC.**
- 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. Individual circumstances will be considered with applications being submitted in writing for substitutions at other levels. Applications to be in writing to [enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au](mailto:enquiries@equestrianqld.com.au) [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 2021, 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. 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 2021
  - Futures: 4 events in the first 6 months of 2021
  - Elite: 2 events in the first 6 months of 2021
  - 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.