



Eventing Queensland State Squads Selection Criteria



For 2023 Squad Selection

Eventing Queensland Squads

Appointments for the Eventing Queensland Elite, Futures and Youth Squads are selected on events participated at from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 Australia wide.

Applications for the 2023 squads made by athletes who have achieved the below performance criteria, will be reviewed by Eventing Queensland.

A Queensland combination that meets Equestrian Australia's High Performance Criteria will automatically be placed on an Eventing Queensland Elite Squad.

Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

The Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) definition can be found on Equestrian Australia National Eventing Rules link [HERE](#). (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).

Qualification Criteria/Squad Selection Events

Elite Squad

- 1 MER attained at CCI4*-S or CCI4*-L (immediate appointment)
- 3 MERs attained at CCI3*-L, CCI3*-S or CCN3* (or a combination of all 3)

Futures Squad

- 3 MERs attained at CCI2*-S, CCI2*-L or CCN2* (or a combination of all 3)

Youth Squad

Athletes are invited to join the Youth Squad from 12 years old until the year they turn 25 years of age.

For athletes aged from the year they turn 18 to the year they turn 25 years -

- 3 x MERs at CCI1*S, CCI1*-L or CCN1*-S (or a combination of all 3)

For athletes aged from the year 12 years until the year they turn 18 -

- 3 x MERs at EVA95 or above

The Eventing QLD Youth squad will be user pays to clinics.

Youth Squad members must be prepared to attend the Equestrian Queensland Youth High Performance & Youth Development Clinics and Youth Development Clinics held by Eventing Queensland.

General Selection Criteria for Squads

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

- To be accepted on any of the Eventing QLD State Squads, all athletes must return their squad agreements strictly by the due date.
- An automatic exclusion will occur from the squad due to the following:
 - Sale of squad horse
 - Squad horse no longer being ridden by chosen athlete/horse combination
- The 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.
- Squad members who have taken time out for maternity leave, are able to return to the squad at the level that they were originally selected at on the understanding that they are competing at the appointed level. Notice must be provided in writing to manager@equestrianqld.com.au
- Athlete selection and/or exclusion may be 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 will be 4 Elite & Futures squad clinics during 2023. Athletes must commit to attending a minimum of 3 of these clinics. Squad clinic dates TBA.
- Athletes are required to attend at least 50% of the EA Competitive Edge off-horse seminars. Should an athlete not be able to attend the series of seminars, notice must be provided to manager@equestrianqld.com.au.
- Any athlete failing to meet their commitments to attend either the clinics or the EA Competitive Edge Session 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; 1* or 2* level for Futures and Elite squads. Notice in writing must be provided to manager@equestrianqld.com.au. Athletes are welcome to attend squad clinics on foot should they not have a substitute horse.
- Throughout 2023, 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.
- 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.