



Dressage Queensland State Squads Selection Criteria

Effective 1st March 2013
for 2014 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. Squad positions are sought after, and as a result, performances will need to be consistently good and continually improving. The aim of Dressage Queensland is to increase the required percentage as the numbers of competitors increase across all levels. Only the most consistently high performing combinations will be selected for the squads.

In addition to squads, Dressage Queensland has developed a rider development scheme for Regional and South East Queensland based riders alike. This scheme is aimed to improve performance to address the development of dressage across the State. . This program will target all riders across all levels not just the few already talented riders on our squads. To this end, the Queensland Squads have a dual purpose:

1. To act as a feeder to the National Squads, therefore a pathway towards National Selection
2. To promote and develop the Sport within the State of Queensland.

Squad positions will be filled from Queensland leading horse and rider combinations and they will be expected to continually improve their performances over time.

Squad selection will be based on the combination of horse and rider. As such, if the combination is not able to fulfill their squad obligations (for example if the horse is sold) they will be removed from the squad.

Qualifying Period

Eligible scores for each year will be taken from immediately after the National Championships up to and including the National Championships in the qualifying year.

General Selection Criteria for All Squads

The following general requirements apply to all three squads:-

- Squad selection is from specific rider and horse combinations who have attained qualifying scores
- No HC scores will be considered
- No weighted scores will be considered
- Only scores from 2 star and above competitions will be considered
- Exception to the above rule are scores obtained at a nominated Squad Selection Event
- Division 2 scores are not considered for squad
- Riders and owners of the horses must be current financial members of Equestrian Australia
- Horses must be registered with either Equestrian Australia or Equestrian Queensland and must have a current Dressage Performance Card
- Horses must be sound and fit to satisfy competition standards from the beginning of the squad year when signing declaration
- Horses and ponies are eligible for selection
- Riders must conform to the Code of Conduct and Welfare of the Horse
- Riders must be an Equestrian Queensland member
- Riders must be Australian citizens or permanent residents

- Riders with dual citizenship (one of which is Australian) must declare that they will ride for Australia and Queensland
- At least one result must be from a Queensland competition for a rider to be eligible for a Queensland squad
- Riders must be uninjured and fit to satisfy competition standards from the beginning of the squad year when signing declaration
- Results will be taken from the official Equestrian Australia results database
- Riders must be prepared to sign the Squad Agreement
- Owners, if not squad selected rider, must sign the Horse Owner's Agreement
- The squad selected horse and rider combination must be the only combination to compete in official events. It is permissible for other riders to compete the horse in associate events.
- A Young Rider will not be considered for a position on either the FEI Squad or Performance Squad until they reach FEI Squad qualification criteria.
- Should a Young Rider be selected on the FEI Squad, they may be considered for the Performance Squad on a second horse if their second horse meets the criteria of the Performance Squad.
- Combinations selected are expected to compete at 1 x 2 star competition or higher in Queensland by the 31st July unless High Performance Manager, or in the case of Young Riders, the Young Rider High Performance Manager is notified of any illness /injury the horse and/or rider
- Riders must notify High Performance Manager as soon as possible of any injury or illness to horse and/or rider which may impede competition attendance. All correspondence will be confidential. (The High Performance Manager will in turn notify the Selection Panel.)

Selection Procedure for all Queensland Squads

To be eligible for selection combinations must meet the General Selection Criteria. Just fulfilling the selection criteria does not automatically place the combination on a squad. Where there are more eligible combinations than available squad positions the Selectors use the following considerations to make their final Squad selection.

- The level the combination competed in the qualifying year and the previous year
- Whether the horse has moved up a level
- Percentage improvement over the qualifying year
- Age of horse
- Geographical location of combination
- Experience of rider
- The "team player" focus of the rider

Wild Cards

Under extenuating circumstances the Selectors, at their sole discretion, may offer a wild card to a combination to join a relevant squad. This combination may, or may not have fulfilled the performance requirements to be selected onto a squad.

The wild card can be offered over and above the stipulated number of squad combinations or can be used if there are not enough qualifying combinations to fill the squad.

A maximum of 1 wild card (per squad) can be offered each year. The decision to make wild card offers is solely within the Selectors discretion.

The selectors' decisions are final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into.

Holding List for all Squads

Combinations may be placed onto the holding list should they incur a short term impediment to their participation on the squad that will have a recovery of 2 to 3 months post injury/impediment. (e.g.: horse or rider injury. All other squad positions will be reviewed throughout the year and combinations will be removed if they are unable to fulfill their commitments.

- The holding list members remain part of the Queensland Squads, however limited benefits will be given to these members, as decided by the Selection Panel and Dressage Queensland.
- Combinations on any of the squads which are temporarily not competing due to a variety of reasons affecting either the horse or the rider may be placed on the Holding List by the Selection Panel and ratified by Dressage. Queensland
- Riders must notify the High Performance Manager in writing (or in the case of Young Riders the Young Rider High Performance Manager 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.

- The selection panel may reinstate any member to any squad at any time they are satisfied the combination meets competition standard fitness.
- To return to the Squad with full benefits the combination must produce 1 qualifying performance at 1 x 2 star or higher event.
- A combination may remain on the holding list for up to 6 months. If competition is not resumed, gaining at least qualifying results, 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 will be suspended until the combination is reinstated.

Dressage Queensland reserves the right to review and amend the selection criteria as and when required. Selection Criteria will not be amended later than 31st March for the following year's selection process.



Selection Criteria

Dressage Queensland FEI Squad



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Purpose

The FEI Squad will consist of combinations who have the potential to be selected on to the National Elite (GP) Squad or the National Development (FEI) Squad in the next year. These will be combinations which are established at FEI level with the ability to represent Queensland at their highest level. FEI Squad members will act as role models with the intent of raising the standard and profile of dressage in Queensland.

Squad Composition

The squad will consist of a maximum of **8 combinations** – 4 Big Tour combinations and 4 Small Tour combinations.

Note – if there are insufficient combinations to fill the 4 Big Tour positions the selectors have the discretion to leave the positions vacant. Optionally they may select additional Small Tour combinations, if they fulfill criteria.

This squad may include a wild card entry over and above the 8 combinations. Refer Wild Card section.

Qualification Criteria

Competition

- Qualifying results:-

Inter II & Grand Prix	62% or greater
Prix St Georges & Inter I	65% or greater
- No other levels or results will be taken into consideration
- Minimum requirement of at least four official qualifying results, per calendar year from a minimum of 3 qualifying events,
- Qualifying Events are all **Queensland 2 star events** and any event at a higher level (e.g. any State or National event) or at nominated Squad Selection Events
- Division 2 scores are not considered for squad
- No weighted scores considered

For Grand Prix at CDIs, results of the Grand Prix and either the Grand Prix Special or the Grand Prix CDN will count, whichever is the higher,

Selectors will be aware of results from National and State competitions and will take these scores into account when considering squad selection.



Selection Criteria

Dressage Queensland Performance Squad



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Purpose

The purpose of the Performance Squad is to develop talented combinations showing potential to be selected onto the State FEI Squad within the next 2 years.

Explanatory Note: *Horses established and consistently performing well at Medium have established flying changes and therefore have the potential to be at FEI within 2 years.*

Squad Composition

The Performance Squad will consist of a maximum of **10 combinations** – 2 Big Tour, 4 Small Tour and 4 Medium/Advanced combinations.

Note – if there are insufficient combinations to fill positions the selectors have the discretion to leave them vacant. Optionally they may select additional Small Tour combinations if insufficient Big Tour combinations are available. Likewise for Medium/Advanced combinations if there are insufficient Small Tour combinations available.

This squad may include a wild card entry over and above the 10 combinations. Refer Wild Card section.

Qualification Criteria

Competition

- Qualifying results
 - Medium: 67% or greater
 - Advanced: 66% or greater
 - Prix St Georges & Inter I 63% or greater.
 - Inter II & GP 60% or greater
- No other levels or results will be taken into consideration
- Minimum requirement of at least four official qualifying results from any level from Medium to GP per calendar year from a minimum of 3 qualifying events.
- Qualifying Events are all **Queensland 2 star events** and any event at a higher level (e.g. any State or National event) or at nominated Squad Selection Events
- No weighted scores considered

Selectors will be aware of results from National and State competitions and will take these scores into account when considering squad selection.

Other

- Medium and Advanced horses must be no more than 12 years of age at time of selection.
- Horses and ponies are eligible for selection.



Selection Criteria

Dressage Queensland Young Rider Squad



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Purpose

The purpose of the Young Rider Squad is to develop talented young riders with the potential to be selected onto the Dressage Queensland FEI and High Performance Squads in the future.

Squad Composition

The Young Rider Squad will consist of a maximum of **12 combinations** – 6 combinations for riders aged 16 – 21 years and 6 for riders aged 12 – 15.

This squad may include one wild card entry over and above the 12 combinations. Refer Wild Card section.

The age of rider is deemed to be the year they turn that age (e.g. if the rider turns 16 in May 2011 then they compete as a 16 year old rider for 2011. Qualifying scores are linked to the age of the rider

Note – if there are insufficient qualifying combinations to fill all positions in either age group the selectors have the discretion to leave the positions vacant. Alternatively the Selectors may elect to transfer those available squad places into the other age group. Relevant qualifying criteria still applies.

Qualification Criteria

Competition

- Qualifying results:

12 – 15 year old:	Novice:	64% or greater
	Elementary:	62% or greater
	Medium:	60% or greater
	Advanced:	60% or greater
16 – 21 year old	Elementary:	64% or greater
	Medium:	62% or greater
	Advanced:	60% or greater
	FEI:	60% or greater
- Minimum requirement of at least **4 official qualifying results** from any level from Novice/Elementary (depending on age) to Grand Prix per calendar year from a minimum of 3 qualifying events.
- Qualifying Events are:
 - Queensland Young Rider Championships
 - Interstate Young Rider Championships
 - National Young Rider Championships
 - National and State Interschool championship (only one Interschool qualifier can be considered)
 - All Queensland 2 star events and any event at a higher level (e.g. any State or National event)
 - Nominated Squad Selection Event
- No HC results will be considered.
- No weighted scores considered

Other

- Horses and ponies are eligible for selection.
- Selectors will be aware of results from National and State competitions and will take these scores into account when considering squad selection.