

STATE JUMPING SQUADS

Squad Criteria

The purpose of our State Jumping Squads is to recognise and develop horse and rider combinations to represent South Australia at State and National Championship level.

This document outlines the necessary criteria for a horse/rider combination to be considered for one of the following State Jumping Squads:

- SA Senior Elite Squad
- SA Senior Development Squad
- SA Junior / Young Rider Squad
- SA Junior Development Squad

Within this document you will also find other Squad related information such as:

- Other Criteria for Selection
- Selection Process
- Code of Conduct
- State Jumping Selectors
- State Squad Coordinator
- Chef d'Equipe / Team Managers / Coaches

Any approved updates to the information provided herein will be conveyed to members via the ESA Jumping web page and through Jumping SA facebook page.

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SENIOR ELITE SQUAD

The **Senior Elite Squad** is for talented athlete and horse combinations established at 1.40m and above and suitable to represent South Australian in Team competitions at State and National level.

SA Riders based overseas who are listed on the Australian National Squad will be automatically included as on the Senior Elite Squad under "Overseas Riders".

The Senior Elite Squad may contain approximately 10 riders; however, this may vary from time to time.

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Competition performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.40m and above.
- Commitment to High Performance Jumping Programs, Squad activities and ongoing development.
- Available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

SENIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The **Senior Development Squad** will ideally comprise talented combinations aiming for selection for SA Teams.

The Squad may contain approximately 15 athlete/horse combinations; however, this may vary from time to time.

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Athlete and horse combinations that are competing at 1.30m -1.35m level, but are not yet established to the extent that they are capable of competing successfully at 1.40m at National and State competitions will be considered.
- Competition performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.30m and above.
- Commitment to High Performance Jumping Programs, Squad activities and ongoing development.

JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER SQUAD

Selection in these squads is an indication that Selectors have identified potential combinations for future National and/or State Championships.

In principle, the Selectors will apply the following criteria when selecting combinations for the Junior/Young Rider Squad:

- Members of this squad are, talented individuals who are identified as athletes who produce consistent levels of performance and achievements in Fosters Cup and Futures League jumping classes and above. The development of these athletes will ensure they are able to move to senior competition with a professional and guided background.
- As determined by the Jumping SA Committee, Junior combinations will be selected from performances in rounds of the Fosters Cup. Young Rider combinations will be selected from performances in the National Young Rider series, SA Novice and Platinum Leagues.
- Junior competition performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.15m and above
- Young Rider competition performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.25m and above
- Commitment to High Performance Jumping Programs, Squad activities and ongoing development.
- Available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Junior Development Squad is for riders aged up to 17 years committed to developing their riding and jumping performances. Riders in the year of their 18th birthday are ineligible to be added to the squad.

In general, this Squad is for junior riders jumping a minimum of 1.05m consistently with four faults or less to be developed to compete in Fosters Cup classes within the following 12 months.

There is a requirement for Junior Development Squad riders to make themselves available for Squad development opportunities, assist and/or volunteer at Jumping SA events and provide regular reports on their ongoing performances.

To be considered for the Junior Development Squad, eligible riders must apply in writing to the State Jumping Selectors. Application forms are available from the Jumping SA Squad Coordinator.

OTHER CRITERIA FOR SELECTION ON SQUADS

The following criteria will be considered when selecting athlete and horse combinations for any of the SA State Squads:

- Riders on the Elite Squad must be prepared to attend training schools with the EA coach **with their selected horse.**
- Riders must show a willingness to be leaders in their sport, present themselves as role models and assist younger riders when needed.
- Horses must be sound and fit to compete.
- To be eligible for selection, riders must be current members of the ESA branch.
- Availability and willingness to participate in a team situation will be taken into consideration.
- Any other requirement listed in the full selection criteria.

The Elite Squad will be selected, based on the priorities as listed until the squad size has been reached. If in the situation that the number of combinations exceeds the required number, the selectors will decide which of the combinations from within the relevant criteria will be selected. The selectors are not compelled to fill all positions on the Squads.

SELECTION PROCESS - FOR ALL STATE BASED SQUADS

Squads will be selected in accordance with the approved selection criteria published in this document and available to all members via the ESA web page.

Squads and teams must be approved by the Jumping SA Committee or nominated representative.

Members selected for Squad positions, and those removed from the Squad, will be notified as soon as possible.

Jumping Squad members are expected to assist with the promotion of the sport and contribute to the development of the sport of Jumping in South Australia.

Squad members must sign and return and Jumping SA Squad Membership Agreement.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is expected that all Squad Members are aware of and will comply with of all relevant codes of conduct.

Including horse welfare, rider and member behavior and safe transport of horses.

OTHER SQUAD RELATED POSITIONS

SA STATE JUMPING SELECTORS

The State Selectors positions will be advertised to the SA Jumping community bi-annually. Any interested candidates who satisfy the set criteria are welcome to submit an application to the Jumping SA Committee. Appointments will be made for a two-year term commencing in January of an even year and concluding in December the following year.

Selectors will monitor individual performances of athletes and their horses for inclusion on State Squads and State Teams competitions. Ideally Selectors should be present at most competitions in SA, in particular those competitions holding championship title events and classes that accrue points for our overall annual awards such as the Balharry and Fosters Cup.

The role will also include, but is not restricted to, assisting the Jumping Squad Coordinator with squad activities; selection and recommendation for other events/activities relevant to the sport such as selection of Youth Development Scholarship finalists.

The Selectors will meet three to four times a year to update Squads and make selections for key Teams competitions such as State Championships, Australian Championships and Junior/Young Rider Festivals.

The State Selectors will report to the Discipline Committee (Jumping SA) via the Chairperson of Selectors. Nomination of the position of Chair will be made by the Selectors at their first meeting.

For full details about the role of the State Jumping Selectors, please see the Jumping Committee Role (Job Description and Policy Document):

www.sa.equestrian.org.au click - Sports / Jumping SA / About Jumping SA / Committee Role

SQUAD COORDINATOR

- The Squad Coordinator will be appointed for a two-year term at the Jumping General Meeting.
- It is preferred the Squad Coordinator is a current Jumping SA committee member.
- The Squad Coordinator will manage the funding for Squad initiatives.
- The Squad Coordinator will liaise with the Jumping Selectors.

CHEF D'EQUIPE / JUMPING TEAM MANAGER

- The Chef d'Equipe is directly responsible to the Chairperson of Jumping SA.
- The appointment of a Chef d'Equipe will be as required for a specific tour.
- *While on tour* the Chef d'Equipe will play an important role in selecting final team members in conjunction with the chairperson of the jumping committee or his/her delegate.

STATE JUMPING COACH (if required)

It is expected that this position may only be required on rare occasions.

Note: *Specific requirements and duties will be provided by the Chair of the Jumping SA Committee, as required and directed by the committee.*