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Selections in these squads will be provided support through the High Performance Program to assist in improved performance to producing team or individual medals.

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General criteria

1. Athletes are required to meet the following criteria to be considered for inclusion on either the '**Senior Elite Squad**' or the '**Senior Development Squad**':
 - Athletes must have demonstrated fitness, rider experience, and ability to develop and maintain a consistent training program. They must have demonstrated that they are ready for a rigorous training program/preparation as required for successful national standard competition.
 - Athletes must be prepared to work within the High Performance Program structure, be committed to team participation and athletes will be required to submit annual training and competition plans to the SA Squad Coordinator as requested.
 - All athletes must sign the Athletes Agreement before inclusion in any State Squad. Further to this, the owner of the horse named in the State Squad must sign the Owners Agreement. Both agreements must be signed and returned to the EA SA Branch Office before any combination will be named officially on any State Squad.
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 - Horses must be sound and fit to compete to the satisfaction of the ESA appointed vet.
 - Athletes and owners must be prepared to submit their horses for fitness assessments by an ESA appointed vet as requested.
2. The SA Showjumping Selectors will review squads two times a year. Selectors reserve the rights to add or remove any additional combinations at any time.



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“Senior Elite Squad”

Competition Criteria

The Senior Elite Squad combinations will need to meet minimum standard requirements of:

- Competition performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.40m and above level at National and/or State Championships, Royal Shows, Showcase of Showjumping events, outdoor World Cup and SA Balharry Cup events.
- aiming for selection for the South Australian Team at National and State Championships, 2015.

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

The SA Showjumping Selection Panel has the discretion to place emphasis on one or more of the general criteria in considering athletes and horses for nomination to the Senior Elite Squad:

- the Senior Elite Squad is for athletes demonstrating a plan and commitment toward the ‘general and competition criteria’ noted above and;
- the effectiveness of the athlete and horse combination as a partnership capable of achieving a good performance at National and/or State Championships standard;
- athlete and horse talent considered by the Selection Panel as having the capability to compete for South Australia at the National and/or State Championships standard;
- ability, or potential ability, of athletes and horses to perform under the stress and pressure of a National and/or State Championships;
- ability of athletes to prepare their horses to peak condition for a major campaign;
- ability of athletes to contribute towards an effective team environment;
- athletes will need to demonstrate that they are suitable representatives of South Australia;
- consistency of performance and likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team score will be considered.
- the age, soundness and fitness of horses will be taken into consideration;
- any other factors the Showjumping Selection Panel in its sole discretion considers relevant in the circumstances.



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Holding List

The Holding List is a part of the Senior Elite Squad. Combinations that have previously been on the Senior Elite Squad but are temporarily not competing due to a variety of reasons affecting either the athlete or horse may be placed on the Holding List.

The Holding List will include combinations currently competing overseas and therefore unavailable for selection to represent SA, but listed on National Squads to represent Australia at Olympic, World Equestrian Games and Nation Cup competitions.

In principle, combinations may remain on the Holding List for up to 12 months only. If they do not resume competition at a level deemed satisfactory by the National Selectors within 12 months from the date of their placement on the Holding List, they will be removed from the Senior Elite List. In exceptional circumstances this may be extended beyond 12 months but must be agreed to by the State Showjumping Committee.

Veterinary Assessment

Before inclusion on the Senior Elite Squad and at times of review, all horses may be required to submit to a veterinary examination.

Selectors reserve the right to:

- exclude a combination from inclusion on the Senior Elite Squad
- require a horse to undergo further Veterinary Assessment at any time (and remove the combination from the Senior Elite Squad upon such advice if the Selections deem appropriate).

Selectors must provide the Showjumping committee with details of any combinations not included for reasons above.

“Senior Development Squad”

The Senior Development Squad will ideally comprise talented combinations aiming for selection for SA at the 2016 National and/or State Championships.

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

The Showjumping Selection Panel has the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the general criteria in considering athlete and horse combinations to the Rio Squad:

- The age, soundness and fitness of horses will be taken into consideration.



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- No horse over 12 years of age will be considered.
- Athlete and horses talent considered by the Selection panel as having the capability to compete for South Australia at the National and/or State Championships standard in the future.
- Ability or potential ability, of athlete and horses to perform under the stress and pressure of senior competition.
- Ability of athletes to prepare their horses to peak condition for a major campaign.
- Any other factors the Showjumping Selection Panel in its sole discretion considers in the circumstances.

Competition Criteria

In principle, the Selectors will apply the following criteria when selection combinations for the Senior Development Squad:

- 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 level at National or State Championships, Royal Shows, Showcase of Showjumping events, outdoor World Cup and Platinum League will be required.

“Junior / Young Rider Development Squad”

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

In selecting and assessing potential squad members, the SA Showjumping Selectors will source information from a range of suitable personnel with the appropriate expertise and knowledge consulting with the National Jumping Selectors, NPD, Managing Coach and Chef d'Equipe (National Selection Panel). The SA Showjumping Selectors will review these squads twice annually.

Selectors reserve their rights to add or remove additional combinations at any time.



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Below outlines the criteria for the selection of the High Performance Squads for the Jumping program.

General criteria

Riders are required to meet the following criteria to be considered for inclusion on the “**Junior / Young Rider Development Squad**”:

- Athletes must have demonstrated fitness, rider experience, and ability to develop and maintain a consistent training program.
- Athletes must be prepared to work within the High Performance Program structure, be committed to team participation and rider’s will be required to submit training and competition plans to the Squad Coordinator as requested.
- All athletes must sign the Athletes Agreement before inclusion in any SA Squad. Further to this, the owner of the horse named in the SA Squad must sign the Owners Agreement. Both agreements must be signed and returned to the ESA Branch Office before any combination will be named officially on any SA Squad.
- While not essential, athletes are advised to compete outside their own state at least once a year in a major event to ensure consideration by the selectors.
- Horses must be sound and fit to compete

“Junior / Young Rider Development Squad”

The SA Junior Young Rider Development Squad identifies potential riders selected on an annual basis.

Competition Criteria

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

- Members of this squad are, in principle, 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.



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- As determined by the SA Showjumping 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 Futures and Platinum Leagues.
- Junior competition performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.15m and above level at National and/or State Championships, Royal Shows, Showcase of Showjumping events, outdoor World Cup and SA Fosters Cup events.
- Young Rider competition performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.25m and above level at National and/or State Championships, Royal Shows, Showcase of Showjumping events, outdoor World Cup and SA Futures and Platinum League events.
- The squad shall consist of up to 15 athletes.

General Criteria

Horses must be:

- Registered with ESA

Riders must be:

- Members of ESA
- Aged between 12-21years of age