

Jumping SA

Equestrian SA - Jumping Discipline Committee



STATE JUMPING SQUADS - 2023

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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 Junior Squad 1.15m
- SA Young Rider Squad 1.25m – 1.30m
- SA Senior Squad 1.30m - 1.40m
- SA Senior Recognition Squad 1.20m
- Development Squad – Junior and Senior Combined 1.05m

The system will provide incentives to train at the development stage and to improve across all Squad levels.

Training clinics with competent coaches will be arranged throughout the year. Consideration will be given to combining Junior and Recognition squads and Young Rider with Senior squads at the training sessions.

Squad Criteria

The main criterion is that the athlete and horse combination are consistently competing at the level of the relevant squad.

In all cases the applicant will be required to provide evidence of performance from two separate affiliated events showing a score of four faults or less in the first round of a competition. The performances must be relevant to the Squad being applied for.

Applications

Applications for Squad positions will be invited by the Jumping SA Committee using the 2023 State Jumping Squads application process. This is available through Nominate at [Squad Applications](#)

JUNIOR SQUAD

The Junior Squad is for riders aged up to 18 years committed to developing their riding and jumping performances. In general, this Squad is for junior riders jumping at a minimum of 1.15m. Athletes are eligible from the calendar year they turn 12 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.

There is a requirement for Junior 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.

Selection Criteria

- Members of this squad are athlete and horse combinations who are identified as having produced consistent levels of performance and achievements at the 1.15m level. The development of these athletes will ensure they are able to move to Young Rider competition with a professional and guided background.
- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Competition first round performances with 4 faults or less at 1.15m in the preceding twelve months.
- Available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

YOUNG RIDER SQUAD

The Young Rider Squad is for riders aged up to 21 years committed to developing their riding and jumping performances. Athletes are eligible for the Young Rider Squad from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 21.

Selection Criteria

- Members of this squad are athlete and horse combinations who are identified as having produced consistent levels of performance and achievements at the 1.25m – 1.30m level. The development of these athletes will ensure they are able to move to Senior competition with a professional and guided background.
- Competition first round performances with 4 penalties or less at 1.25m and above in the preceding twelve months.
- Commitment to High Performance Jumping Programs, Squad activities and ongoing development.
- Available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

SENIOR SQUAD

The Senior Squad is for athlete and horse combinations established at the 1.30m - 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 Squad under "Overseas Riders".

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Competition first round performances with 4 faults or less at 1.30m and above in the preceding twelve months.
- Commitment to High Performance Jumping Programs, Squad activities and ongoing development.
- Available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SQUAD

The Senior Recognition Squad will comprise athlete and horse combinations aiming for inclusion in the Senior Squad.

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Athlete and horse combinations that are competing at 1.20m level but are not yet established to the extent that they can compete successfully at 1.40m at National and State competitions will be considered.
- Competition first round performances with 4 faults or less at 1.20m in the preceding twelve months.
- Commitment to High Performance Jumping Programs, Squad activities and ongoing development.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD – JUNIOR & SENIOR COMBINED

The Combined Development Squad has been created for those combinations who are competing at the lower levels and have demonstrated that they have potential to progress to the Junior and Young Rider squads or the Senior Recognition Squad.

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Athlete and horse combinations that are competing at 1.05m level but are not yet established to the extent that they can compete successfully at higher levels.
- Competition first round performances with 4 faults or less at 1.05m in the preceding twelve months.
- Commitment to High Performance Jumping Programs, Squad activities and ongoing development.

General Criteria for Inclusion on all Squads

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

- Riders on the 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 Squads will be selected, based on the criteria as listed.

SELECTION PROCESS - FOR ALL STATE BASED SQUADS

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

Squads and teams must be approved by the Jumping SA Committee or nominated representative. Members selected for Squad positions, and those removed from a Squad, will be notified as soon as is practicable.

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.

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 behaviour and safe transport of horses.

Jumping Squad Coordinator

The Jumping SA Committee will appoint a person to the role of Jumping Squad Coordinator.

The coordinator will be the primary point of contact for all Squad members and will be the intermediary for communication between the Committee and Squad members.