



DRESSAGE SA 2024

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE SQUAD DOCUMENT

PURPOSE

Dressage South Australia (DSA) is committed to encouraging, training and developing combinations through the levels towards SA's High Performance Squad and National competitions. The purpose of the "Dressage South Australia Foundations for the Future Squad" is to recognise talented combinations within the different categories of DSA riders and create a squad to develop them. DSA's aim is to encourage dressage riders to reach their highest potential as they strive for improved performance and better outcomes through training.

BENEFITS FOR SQUAD MEMEBERS

- will have express entry to on and off-horse training programs
- successful squad applicants will be listed in Moving Forward and on the DSA Facebook page and website
- will be provided with a squad badge
- may be asked to be demonstration riders for judges' clinic and master classes
- will have access to presale tickets to attend master classes as a spectator before opening to the general public
- will have the opportunity to attend judges update sessions

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications via Nominate
- Choose your best three scores from the qualifying period 1st January 2023 to 30th December 2023
- **TWO out of the THREE scores MUST BE FROM SA HOTY COMPS**
- Results must be from competitive comps with no less than two judges for each test – can be over multiple levels
- Qualifying scores: Prelim 68% - Novice 68% - Elementary 67 % - Medium 64% - Advanced 62%
- Qualifying scores Para: EA PD Prelim 66% - PD Novice 66% - PD Elementary 65% - FEI PD Novice 65%

GENERAL QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

- squad selection will be based on the performance of the rider/horse combination from the preceding twelve months
- the squad is open to all competitive combinations but riders must be be current financial members of Equestrian South Australia
- should there be more applications than places, an average of the three highest submitted percentages will be used to determine the successful combinations by the selectors. The final average score will be weighted.
- squad riders are role models for the sport and must abide by the Equestrian Australia Codes of Conduct, social media Policy and the principals for the Welfare of the Horse. This is essential for all positions on the squads
- Maximum 24 Squad positions available
 - AOR
 - EA Open (non AOR)
 - Pony
 - Youth
 - Para

Minimum 2 representatives in each category with the next highest performed combinations from any category making up the 24 available positions

- If there are more applicants than places when comparing scores across levels, the scores will be weighted to provide an equal playing field
 - Prelim – No weighting
 - Novice – No weighting
 - Elementary + 1%
 - Medium + 4%
 - Advanced + 6%

MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE WITHIN NEXT 12 MONTHS

- Must volunteer at a minimum of ONE South Australian Dressage Club event (Competitive or CUR/Participation) or be an active member of a South Australian Dressage Club Committee or State Dressage Committee
- Minimum attendance at ONE South Australian judge's seminar theory session as an observer or rider each year

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RIDERS

1. Riders need to be current competitive members of ESA and must be based in SA
2. Para Equestrians must also be EA or FEI Classified
3. All owners need to be current members of ESA.
4. Horses need to be registered with the EA and micro-chipped
5. Horses must have a current competition licence
6. Horses must be sound and fit to satisfy competition standards from the beginning of the squad year
7. Riders must comply with the current Dressage Rules
8. Riders are role models for the sport and must conform to the EA Code of Conduct, social media Policy and Welfare of the Horse Policy
9. Poor sportsmanship and inappropriate behaviour by squad members will not be tolerated. Combinations can be removed from the Squad at the discretion of the DSA Committee at any time if poor sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour has been verified. Combinations will be formally notified of the decision and reasons will be outlined. Mentoring will be offered if the situation is appropriate with the aim of re-instatement
10. Any rider that has disciplinary proceedings against them enforcing a term of suspension will automatically be removed from the squad for the remainder of the year
11. If at any time a horse and/or rider become unavailable due to injury or illness for a period in excess of 3 months, DSA must be advised in writing and they will no longer be part of the squad
12. At the time of the mid-year review if the competitor has not competed at an EA official competition in the previous 6 months on their selected squad horse, they will no longer be part of the squad
13. Where a selected horse is unavailable to attend a clinic due to injury, riders may make a request to DSA to substitute another horse, each application will be considered on merit
14. Riders may be included on the Squad on more than one horse (subject to the combinations meeting the criteria) but may only register one horse for clinics that are run, unless additional places are available and the organisers choose to offer places to riders with a second Squad horse
15. The senior riders will particularly be seen as role models to younger riders and their behaviour and adherence to the EA Code of Conduct must reflect this
16. The young riders will be seen as role models to their peers and their behaviour and adherence to the EA Code of Conduct must reflect this
17. Riders may be asked to attend DSA events or Judges Clinics as demonstration rider/horse combinations from time to time
18. Riders may be invited to attend user pays training clinics and/or workshops conducted by DSA/DJSC and should make every effort to attend
19. Applications will be open on Nominate with the Squad announced once the selectors have reviewed the applications. Ratified decisions are final
20. DSA reserves the right to review and amend the selection criteria and Squad numbers, as and when, required