



Eventing SA State Squad Application Form

July to December 2025 intake

Please read the criteria for each squad extremely carefully and make sure you apply for the appropriate category. Selection to the State Eventing Squads will be made after applications are reviewed by the Eventing SA committee. All athletes must return their squad application strictly by the due date.

Squad Categories and Selection Criteria

HIGH PERFORMANCE (HP) SQUAD A – 4* /5*

- Combination must have achieved a MER in a CCI 3*L over any timeframe, with a minimum dressage score of 60%.
- In the preceding twelve months, the combination must have achieved one of the following.
 - Two CCN/CCI 4* MERs
 - CCI 5* completion

NB: Compulsory attendance at two on-horse squad clinics as well as any off-horse program provided is expected.

High-Performance Program funding will be applied when available.

Long-sleeved High-Performance Squad shirt provided.

HIGH PERFORMANCE (HP) SQUAD B - 3*/ 4*

- Combination must have achieved a MER in one CCI2*L/CCI3*L in any timeframe, with a minimum dressage score of 60%.
- Must have achieved the following MERs in the preceding 12 months:
 - One CCN /CCI 3* S/L MER with a minimum dressage score of 60%
 - One CCI 3* S/L MER with a minimum dressage score of 60%, OR one CCN/CCI 4* S/L completion

NB: Compulsory attendance at two on-horse squad clinics as well as any off-horse program provided is expected.

High-Performance Program funding will be applied when available.

Squad shirt is provided.

RECOGNITION SQUAD – 2*

Combinations must have achieved one of the following MERs in the preceding 12 months:

- Two CCN/CCI 2* MERs with a minimum dressage score of 60%
OR
- Two CCN/CCI 3* MER
OR
- One CCN/CCI 2* MER with a minimum dressage score of 60% PLUS
- One CCN /CCI 3* MER

NB: Compulsory attendance at two on-horse squad clinics as well as any off-horse program provided is expected.

High-Performance Program funding will be applied when available.

Squad shirt is provided.

YOUNG RIDER SQUAD - 95 /I*

Open to riders 21 years and under.

Must have achieved the following MERs in the preceding twelve months:

- Three MERs in 95/CCN/CCI* or above with a minimum dressage score of 60%

OR

- Two MERs in CCN/CCI 2*

OR

- One MER in CCN/CCI 1* with a minimum dressage score of 60%.PLUS
- One MER in CCN/CCI 2*

NB: Compulsory attendance at two on-horse squad clinics as well as any off-horse program provided is expected.

High-Performance Program funding will be applied when available.

Squad shirts are available for purchase.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD - I*

Demonstrated commitment to attend and participate in squad activities.

No age requirement.

Must have achieved one of the following in the preceding twelve months:

- Two MERs in CCN/CCI 1* with a minimum dressage score of 60%.

OR

- Two MERs in CCN/CCI 2*

OR

- One MER in CCN/CCI 1* with a minimum dressage score of 60% PLUS

- One MER in CCN/CCI 2*

OR

- Three completions at 2*

NB: Compulsory attendance at two on-horse squad clinics as well as any off-horse program provided.

Squad shirts are available for purchase.

SQUAD 95

This squad is for riders who are working towards being part of the High-Performance eventing squad community.

Funding may be available.

No age requirement.

Desire to attend and participate in squad activities.

Will be offered the opportunity to train at squad clinics whenever places are available.

Must have achieved the following in the preceding twelve months:

- Three MERs in 95/CCN/CCII* or above with a minimum dressage score of 60%

The option to attend/participate in off-horse activities. Participation in these off-horse sessions as well as attendance at on-horse clinics when the opportunity arises will allow the rider to progress to the Development Squad or above.

Requirements for squad membership

These apply to ALL High Performance / Recognition / Young Rider Squad / Development squad riders.

- Coaching clinics will be organised for riders predominantly for Show Jumping and Cross Country.
- Squad members are encouraged to attend as many clinics as possible.
- A minimum of **two** on-horse clinics must be attended (when provided) in each six-month period (i.e., Jan -June / July to December) by all squad riders except the 95 Squad. Please contact the squad coordinator if there is any reason this might not be possible.
- Clinics are to be attended as listed horse/athlete combinations.
- Participation in any off-horse program is compulsory. Please contact the Squad Coordinator if there is a genuine reason participation is not possible.
- Participation in clinics and the off-horse program will be considered when squad membership is reviewed every six months.
- Squad shirts must be worn on clinic days by High Performance, Recognition, Young Rider, and Development Squad riders.
- **Athletes must be financial members of Equestrian SA throughout the season.**
- Horses must be registered with Equestrian Australia.
- Horses **MUST** have a current **Equestrian SA** eventing competition license.
- Squad applications will only be accepted from riders with Australian sports nationality. Riders with other sports nationalities residing in South Australia may attend squad activities by invitation. (see <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/athletes/sport-nationality>)
- If a place is available, squad riders will be able to attend clinics with a substitute horse on a user- pays basis due to the following:
 - Sale of squad horse
 - Squad horse no longer being ridden by chosen athlete/horse combination.
 - Horse injury
- It is the athlete's responsibility to inform the Squad Coordinator in writing in a timely fashion when listed horses are sold, retired, or change riders.
- Eventing SA will review athlete inclusion following instances of significant rule violation and/or following sanctions.
- Athletes must conform to:
 - The EA Code of Conduct
https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Equestrian_Australia_Code_of_Conduct.pdf
 - The EA social media policy
<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Social%20Media%20Policy.pdf>

- The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Code_of_Conduct_Welfare_Horse_1Jan2013.pdf

- Squad riders are expected to show respect to other riders, organisers, and coaches.
- If an athlete meets the qualifying criteria throughout the year, they can apply to attend squad clinics but will not formally be named on the squad list until the following review period.
- Squad memberships are subject to a review period at the end of each June and December.

Application to be a member of Eventing SA Squads (one form per combination) by 30th June 2025

Please note that by applying and signing the application form, athletes agree to abide by squad requirements and expectations listed.

Which squad are you applying for?

Full name

Phone number

Email address

Birthdate if under 21 as of 31st December 2025

Name of guardian if rider is under 18 yrs.

Guardian's phone if rider is under 18 yrs.

Guardian's email if rider is under 18 yrs.

Equestrian SA membership number

Horse name

Horse registration number

Do you have a current (2025/2026) Eventing License ☐ Yes ☐ No

In which state was your Eventing License issued

List ALL performances from 1st July 2024 WHETHER THEY MEET SQUAD CRITERIA OR NOT

	Date	Event	Class	Dressage	XC Jump	XC Time	SJ	Total
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What are you aiming to achieve in the coming year?

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Who are your coaches?

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If you are a current member of Squads, please confirm that you have met the requirements to remain on the Squad.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I have read the squad criteria and requirements.

☐ I confirm that I meet the listed criteria and will abide by the requirements.

Signature of rider:.....

Signature of guardian if rider is under 18 years of age:

Return completed form to eventingsasquads@gmail.com