

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 Young Rider / Under 25 Squad
- SA Junior Elite Squad
- SA Senior Development 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

The updated Squad Criteria outlined in this document is effective from January 2021. Any approved updates to the information provided herein will be conveyed to members via the Jumping SA facebook page and updated documents will be available to view on the ESA Website (Jumping).

SENIOR ELITE SQUAD

The **Senior Elite Squad** is for talented athlete and horse combinations established at 1.40m and above with consistent levels of performances and achievement, 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".

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Must have a minimum of two competition performances with 4 penalties or less (including time faults) at 1.40m in the first round to be considered.
- Commitment to High Performance Programs and Jumping Squad activities provided to support ongoing development.
- Available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

Riders are selected on this Squad by the State Jumping Selectors.

YOUNG RIDER / UNDER 25 SQUAD

The **Young Rider / Under 25 Squad** is for talented athlete and horse combinations established at 1.20m and above and who are producing consistent levels of performance and achievements.

The aim of this Squad is to continue the development our younger adult riders, with no restrictions on the age of their horse, to advance to higher levels in our sport and be future representatives of this State.

Eligible Young Riders (16-21 years) and Under 25 Riders (18-25 years) will be identified by Selectors through a range of competitions such as, but not restricted to the Silver and Platinum Leagues, State and National Young Rider classes. Ages for this squad are from the start of the calendar year to the end of the calendar year within the age bracket.

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Must have a minimum of two competition performances with 4 penalties or less (including time faults) at 1.20m or above in the first round to be considered.
- Commitment to High Performance Programs and Jumping Squad activities provided to support ongoing development.
- Young Riders available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

Riders are selected on this Squad by the State Jumping Selectors.

JUNIOR ELITE SQUAD

The **Junior Elite Squad** is for talented athlete and horse combinations established at 1.15m and above and who are producing consistent levels of performance and achievements.

The aim of this Squad is to continue the development of our junior riders, with no restrictions on the age of their horse, to advance to Young Rider and Senior competitions and be future representatives of this State.

Eligible Junior Riders (12-18 years) will be identified by Selectors mainly through the Fosters Cup series and other competitions of 1.15m and above. Ages for this squad are from the start of the calendar year to the end of the calendar year within the age bracket.

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Must have a minimum of two competition performances with 4 penalties or less (including time faults) at 1.15m or above in the first round to be considered.
- Commitment to High Performance Programs and Jumping Squad activities provided to support ongoing development.
- Available for Team selection at State and National competitions.

Riders are selected on this Squad by the State Jumping Selectors.

SENIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The **Senior Development Squad** will ideally comprise of talented combinations who are producing consistent performances in classes of 1.25m and above but not yet established for rounds of the Balharry or Grand Prix classes.

The aim of this Squad is to support riders with the development of these emerging horses to advance to the highest levels in our sport and be future representatives of this State.

Selection Criteria

- Horses must be 10 years or under to be eligible for this squad.
- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing.
- Must have a minimum of two competition performances with 4 penalties or less (including time faults) at 1.25m or above in the first round to be considered.
- Commitment to High Performance Programs and Jumping Squad activities provided to support ongoing development.

To be considered for the Senior Development Squad, eligible riders must complete an official application form. State Jumping Selectors will call for applications twice a year via the Jumping SA Facebook page.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Junior Development Squad is for our younger developing junior riders (12-17) who are committed to improving their knowledge of the sport, riding skills and jumping performances.

The aim of this squad is to provide these younger riders with assistance and mentorship through squad development programs to support their progression to the Junior Elite Squad after 12 months on this squad. With the view to develop riders at Foster's Cup level, Junior Riders in the year of their 18th birthday are ineligible to be considered for this squad.

Junior Development Riders are required to report on their ongoing performances and provide competition results to the State Jumping Selectors every three months. In addition, JDS riders are expected to assist at Jumping SA events, including the State Jumping Championships, and may be called upon to volunteer at other events to assist course designers and officials.

Selection Criteria

- Athlete and horse combinations should be consistently competing in official competitions.
- Must have a minimum of two competition performances with 4 penalties or less (including time faults) at 1.05m or above in the first round to be considered.
- Only performances from official/affiliated jumping competitions will be considered. Results from Interschool, Pony Club or other discipline events will not be accepted.
- Commitment to High Performance Programs and Jumping Squad activities provided to support ongoing development.

To be considered for the Junior Development Squad, eligible riders must complete an official application form. State Jumping Selectors will call for applications twice a year via the Jumping SA Facebook page.

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:

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

SELECTION PROCESS - FOR ALL STATE BASED SQUADS

Squads will be selected in accordance with the approved selection criteria published in this document which will be made available to all members via the ESA web page (Jumping).

All riders must have a minimum of 2 performances at the required level in the "selection cycle" to be considered.

Performance results provided by riders will be checked and verified as part of the selection process.

State Jumping Selectors will select Squads and teams and forward to the Jumping SA Committee for final ratification/approval.

Members selected for Squad positions, and those removed from the Squad, will be notified by the Chair of Selectors as soon as possible after the Squad Selection has been ratified/approved by the Jumping Committee.

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.

APPEAL PROCESS

Once the initial Squad List has been posted, riders who believe they have been overlooked for one of the Squads will have 7 days to submit an appeal "in writing" to the Chair of Selectors to outline their relevant performances for consideration.

To make an appeal, please contact the Chair of Selectors to obtain an Application/Appeal form.

CODE OF CONDUCT

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

This includes EA policies such as horse welfare, rider and member behavior, safe transport of horses and social media.

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 criteria are invited to submit an application to the Discipline Committee (Jumping SA). Following a selection process, 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/programs/activities relevant to the sport such as selection of Youth Development Program/Scholarship finalists.

The Selectors will meet twice a year to update Squads and be in regular contact or meet to make selections for key Teams competitions such as State Championships, Australian Championships and Junior/Young Rider Carnivals.

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 and selection criteria of the State Jumping Selectors, please see the Jumping SA Committee 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 State Jumping Selectors.

CHEF D'EQUIPE / JUMPING TEAM MANAGER

- The Chef d'Equipe is directly responsible to the Chairperson of Jumping SA or Chair of Jumping Selectors.
- 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 State Jumping Selectors via the Chair of Selectors.

STATE JUMPING COACH (if required)

A State Jumping Coach will be appointed by the Jumping SA Committee from time to time at the recommendation of the Squad Coordinator(s).

Note: *Specific requirements and duties will be provided by the Chair of the Jumping SA Committee as required and directed by the committee, in consultation with the Squad Coordinator(s).*
