



DRESSAGE SA 2024 HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD DOCUMENT

****PLEASE NOTE:** DSA has decided to align the HP squad intake period with the Future Squad intake period Jan-Dec. As a result, there will be an additional intake/squad review in July 2024 for a 6 month period. The 2025 criteria will be released July/August 2024, there will be some adjustments that riders will need to be aware of.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Dressage South Australia (DSA) High Performance Squad is to recognise the horse and rider combinations that display exceptional and consistent performances at high level competitions in South Australia. These horse/rider combinations are expected to represent South Australia at interstate and national events and serve as inspiring role models for the sport. Riders must abide by Equestrian Australia Codes of Conduct and Social Media Policy, and the FEI Code of Conduct and the principals for the Welfare of the Horse. This is essential for all positions on the Team.

BEING PART OF A TEAM

This year we wish to focus on commitment to being part of the team and embracing all the activities and opportunities provided. As a team, we are stronger together, and we're committed to working collaboratively and supporting each other. We want to show an example to the sport at large by demonstrating the importance of respect and cohesiveness towards the common goal of becoming the best riders and individuals we can be.

The merit-based squad is open to 16 horse/rider combinations competing at **ADVANCED - GRAND PRIX** as well as **FEI Para CPEDN – CPEDI**. The squad members will have priority access to high-performance on and off-horse training programs. It is expected that these riders will represent SA at Interstate and National Championship events whenever possible. If the number of applications exceeds the available spots, the selectors will use an average of the 3 submitted percentages to determine the successful combinations. If there are not enough applicants who meet the qualifying scores, then some spaces will remain vacant.

Qualifying Criteria and Scores

- An average of the 3 scores will be used to determine which combinations get priority.
- Required scores are:
 - A minimum of one score must be from a **SA HOTY competition**.
 - the second can either be from a SA HOTY competition or from the same qualifying classes at an interstate CDN or CDI competition.
 - The third can be from any SA competitive competition.
 - Para Equestrians – Scores for High Performance squad must include one score from a FEI test at CPEDN or CPEDI level.
- 3 scores to be submitted each score needs to have been from tests with no less than 2 judges. Percentages from 12 months prior to the application closing date will be required.

The following criteria must be completed in the next 6 months for the 2024 application period.

- Must volunteer at a minimum of ONE South Australian Dressage Club event (competitive or participation) in South Australia 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 day as an observer or volunteer rider.

High Performance Squad from Advanced – Grand Prix Combinations

Should there be excess combinations apply, there will be 1 Medium Tour and/or 1 Big Tour place minimum % to qualify for each submitted test

- Advanced – 64%
- Small Tour – 61%
- Medium Tour - 60%
- Big Tour - 60%

Para High Performance Squad from CPEDN to CPEDI

Minimum % to qualify for each submitted test

- Team/ Individual CPEDN 64%
- Team/ Individual CPEDI 63%

High Performance Squad Criteria and Expectations

1. Riders need to be a current competitive member of ESA.
2. Para Equestrians must be EA or FEI classified.
3. Owners need to be current members of EA.
4. Horses must be registered with the EA, micro-chipped and have a current competition licence.
5. Horses must be sound and fit to satisfy competition standards from the beginning of the squad intake.
6. Riders must comply with the current Dressage Rules.
7. 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.
8. 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 or ESA Board at any time if poor sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour has been verified. Combinations will be formally notified of this decision and reasons will be outlined. Mentoring will be offered if the situation is appropriate with the aim of re-instatement.
9. Any rider that has disciplinary proceedings enforcing a term of suspension will automatically be removed from the squad for the remainder of the year.
10. Riders will receive squad badges for their saddle blanket and competition jacket.
11. 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.
12. The young riders will particularly be seen as role models to their peers and their behaviour and adherence to the EA Code of Conduct must reflect this.
13. Riders may be asked to attend Judges Clinics as demonstration rider/horse combinations from time to time.
14. Riders may be invited to attend training clinics and/or workshops conducted by DSA/DJSC and should make every effort to attend.
15. Riders will be provided opportunities for guidance from the EA National Squad program should they become available.
16. Applications will be open on Nominate and close on 30 June 2024 with the High-Performance squads being announced once the selectors have reviewed the applications, ratified decisions are final.
17. DSA reserves the right to review and amend the selection criteria as and when required.

