



## DRESSAGE SA 22/23 HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD DOCUMENT

### Purpose

The purpose of the Dressage South Australia (DSA) High Performance Squad is to identify horse/rider combinations that show the best and most consistent performances at high level competitions in South Australia. Ideally, these combinations will represent South Australia at Interstate and National events and will be role models for other riders.

### High Performance Squad

Is a merit base squad open to 16 horse/rider combinations, Senior Advanced –Grand Prix and Youth Elementary – Medium and FEI Para CPEDN – CPEDI.

The squad will have express entry into the high performance on and off-horse training programs. It is expected that these riders will represent SA at Interstate and National Championship events where possible.

Should there be more applications than places then an average of the 3 submitted % will be used to determine the successful combinations by the selectors.

If there are not the required applicants who meet the qualifying scores, then spaces will stay vacant.

Squads are open to all competitive combinations including AOR, PARA and Pony combinations

### 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 a 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 **1/7/21 until 20/6/2022** will be required.

*The following criteria must be completed in the next 12 months for the 2022/23 application period.*

- Must volunteer at a minimum of ONE South Australian Dressage Club event (Competitive or CUR/participation) event in South Australia or be an active member of a South Australian club dressage committee or State Dressage Committee
- Minimum attendance at ONE South Australian judge's seminar theory day as an observer each year

## **High Performance Squad from Advanced – Grand Prix Combinations**

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

- Advanced & Youth Advanced 64%
- Small Tour & Young Rider Small Tour 61%
- Medium & Big Tour & Young Rider medium//Big Tour 60%

## **Youth High Performance Squad from Elementary – Medium Combinations**

Minimum % to qualify for each submitted test

- Elementary 65%
- Medium 63%

## **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 year.
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 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. There will be no formal review scheduled however should positions become available combinations on the reserve list will be notified.
17. Applications will be open on Nominate and close on **20 June 2022** with the High-Performance squads being announced once the selectors have reviewed the applications ratified decisions are final.
18. DSA reserves the right to review and amend the selection criteria as and when required.