

2017 DNSW Squad Selection Guidelines



The aim of the DNSW squad program is to have NSW riders represent Australia on National Squads. Combinations already named on the National Squads will be indicated by an asterisk (*) on the DNSW Squads. DNSW Squad combinations will be named prior to the beginning of the competition season each year.

Selection will be generally based on performances in the preceding competition year. Squad selection is from specific rider/horse combinations that have attained qualifying scores. Age of horse, equestrian and competitive background of riders may also be taken into consideration. Riders must be Australian citizens and be current financial members of Equestrian New South Wales and Dressage NSW. Owners must be members of ENSW (if living in NSW) and members of DNSW (regardless of state of residence).

The Squads will comprise of the most consistent, high performing combinations at major events, that is, CDI's/State/National Championships. Performance of squad members will be tracked throughout the competition season and announcements/changes to the squad may occur throughout the year, allowing for new combinations to be placed on a "Watch List". The squad sub-committee will make a report for DNSW and ENSW every three months on the progress of combinations.

Squad riders are role models for the sport and 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 squad.

1. Dressage High Performance Squad:

Only combinations who have reached Big Tour (Grand Prix and Inter 11) will be considered for the High Performance Squad. Only scores obtained at the following events in 2016 will be considered for inclusion on the squad: Sydney CDI, Australian Dressage Championships, NSW Dressage Championships, Boneo Classic, Brisbane CDI, PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars and Dressage Festival. DNSW may add other scheduled CDI events throughout the year. These combinations must have competed in at least two of the seven major events listed at the end of this document, with at least one score of 68% or higher at these events. The Special will be considered but the Freestyle score will not. In 2017, members of the Dressage High Performance Squad must compete at a minimum of three of these events to be considered for the Squad in 2018 (horses returning home after competing internationally may be exempt from this requirement). There is an expectation that performance will improve over the course of the year and in future years, the percentages required to be selected on the Dressage High Performance Squad may be reviewed and revised upwards.

2. Dressage Development Squad:

The Dressage Development Squad will be comprised of combinations competing from Medium to Medium Tour. All combinations must be considered by the squad sub-committee to have the potential to reach Grand Prix. The scores achieved at major National/State/Interstate events should reflect the potential to represent NSW at a National level and progress to the Dressage High Performance Squad. Only scores obtained at the following events in 2016 will be considered for inclusion on the squad: Sydney CDI, Australian Dressage Championships, NSW Dressage Championships, Boneo Classic, Brisbane CDI, PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars, and the Victorian Dressage Festival. In 2017, members of the Dressage High Performance Squad must compete at a minimum of three of these events to be considered for the Squad in 2018 (exception: medium level horses), with one score as noted below to remain on the squad the following year. There is an expectation that performance will improve over the course of the year and in future years, the percentages required to be selected on the Dressage Development Squad may be reviewed and revised upwards.

Medium - No horse older than 8. Horses must obtain at least one score of 70% or above at one of the named major events.

Advanced - No horse older than 10. Horses must obtain at least one score of 70% or above at one of the named major events.

FEI Small Tour, Young Rider FEI Tour and Medium Tour – No horse older than 12. Horses must obtain at least one score of 68% or above at one of the named major events.

Important Information for Riders:

1. The combinations (horse and rider) must remain the same throughout the year to retain their position on the squad.
2. Combinations can be added at the discretion of the DNSW at any time, subject to meeting the published criteria.
3. It is the expectation that combinations nominated on squads will attend five one day squad clinics conducted on their behalf by ENSW. Exceptions will be made for National Squad riders who may find clinics conflicting with National arrangements.
4. Where a selected horse is unavailable due to injury, riders may make a request to selectors to substitute another horse for that clinic – each application will be considered on its merits.
5. Combinations are expected to make every effort to attend each clinic - failure to attend a minimum of four squad clinics in a calendar year will result in exclusion from the squad – extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration.
6. NSW Squad members may be asked to participate in special workshops/seminars or judges clinics. Riders must be aware that failure to accept such an invitation without fair and reasonable explanation may jeopardize their place on the squad.
7. NSW Squad members will be invited to participate at one post-NSW Championship clinic with Peter Holler.
8. If at any time a horse and/or rider become unavailable to continue as a member of a squad for any reason, DNSW must be advised in writing. These combinations may be placed on 'hold', rather than removed from the squad, if the unavailability is due to injury of horse or rider. This will depend on the circumstances and is at the discretion of DNSW.

2017 Selection Events:

- Boneo Classic
- PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars
- Sydney CDI
- Brisbane CDI
- NSW Dressage Championships
- Australian Dressage Championships
- Victorian Dressage Festival
- Other scheduled CDI events may be added

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