

2021 DNSW Squad Selection Guidelines



All Riders – Please note the changes to the High Performance Squad Selection Guidelines for 2021.

Due to the restrictions to international travel and individual State rules resulting from Covid 19 CDI competitions are not possible at present. As a result, selection events are affected. The selection events that were CDI's and are now CDN's will be classed as selection events. This includes the NSW selection events at Willinga Park CDN and Sydney CDLite plus the State and National Championships. Because of the ever changing situation of Covid Hotspots, border closures and restrictions this criterion will be constantly reviewed and updated to respond fairly to the circumstances at hand. Any interstate competitions [named below] will be included if riders choose to travel to these events. The Squad will not be penalized for being unable to attend Selection shows and so the usual expectation of attending at least 3 selection shows has been removed.

There are also changes to the scores required at selection events (see below).

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" by the selectors. 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.

Dressage High Performance Squad:

Combinations will be considered for the High Performance Squad from scores obtained only at the following events in 2021: Sydney CDI/lite, Australian Dressage Championships, NSW Dressage Championships, Willinga Park CDN, Boneo Classic, PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars, Boneo Park Spring, Dressage Festival and Brisbane CDN. DNSW may add other scheduled CDI events throughout the year if possible.

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.

Advanced - No horse older than 10. Horses must obtain at least three scores of 70% or above at the named selection events.

FEI Small Tour – No horse older than 12. Horses must obtain at least two scores of 70% or above at the named selection events.

FEI Medium Tour – No horse older than 12. Horses must obtain at least two scores of 68% or above at the named selection events.

FEI Big Tour - This includes the GP, Inter 11 and The Special. Horses returning home after competing internationally may be exempt from this requirement. Horses must obtain at least two scores of 68% or above at the named selection events.

YR FEI Tour – No horse older than 12. Horses must obtain at least two scores of 68% or above at the named selection events.

NB No freestyle scores can be used for selection at any level.

Squad activities are also affected depending on the rules regarding Covid 19 Hot Spot areas. It is our intention to create activities for the Squad riders when Covid 19 rules allow.

Importantly because of the Covid pandemic we will keep the squad as it exists as of 2020. Those that qualified in the few selection events at the beginning of 2020 before Covid restrictions came into force in March have been added.

The changes above are a direct result of the restrictions with Covid 19 pandemic. The situation will be constantly monitored and changes may be made depending on circumstances.

2021 Selection Events:

- Boneo Classic
- Willinga Park CDN
- PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars
- Sydney CDLite
- Brisbane CDI/CDN
- NSW Dressage Championships
- Australian Dressage Championships,
- Dressage Festival
- Boneo Spring
- Other scheduled CDI/N events may be added

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