

2022 DNSW Squad Selection Guidelines



All Riders – Please note the changes to the High Performance Squad Selection Guidelines for 2022.

Due to Covid 19 there is an ongoing potential for changes and restrictions to both international travel and individual State rules. As a result selection events may be affected. The selection events that were CDI's and are now CDN's will now be classed as selection events unless CDI's have been ratified eg. Boneo Classic. Because of the ever changing situation of Covid hotspots, border closures and restrictions this will be constantly reviewed and updated to respond fairly to the circumstances at hand. Any interstate competitions [named below] will be included if riders chose to travel to these events. The Squad will not be penalised for being unable to attend selection shows and so the usual expectation of attending at least 3 selection shows has been removed.

The aim of the DNSW squad program is to have NSW riders represent Australia on National 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". This "Watch list" is combinations that have achieved at least one score to qualify them for the squad and scores at training competitions at or near the required percentage. We may choose to include this watch list in Squad activities if this is appropriate. The squad sub-committee will make a report for DNSW and ENSW every three months on the progress of combinations.

The commitment to being part of the squad and all the activities and opportunities offered is something we wish to focus on this year. Riders are required to attend all scheduled clinics/protocols throughout the year to be part of or remain on the squad. This is of course subject to approved absences due to injury of either you or your horse.

As a squad member we will endeavor to be very aware of timing with your show schedules and your personal commitments. We are mindful that there are many pressures to bear in running your businesses and your work commitments but DNSW feels very strongly that the opportunities we are offering to be part of the High Performance Squad need to be taken up with a positive outlook and a "can do" enthusiasm. We understand there can be stressful times but we do wish you to make it a priority to be involved and to work this around your schedules, and to embrace your commitment to the programme.

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 2022: Sydney CDI/lite, Australian Dressage Championships, NSW Dressage Championships, Willinga Park CDI, Boneo Classic CDI, PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars, Boneo Park Spring, Dressage Festival and Brisbane CDN/CDI. 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 3 scores of 70% or above at the named selection events.

FEI Small Tour – No horse older than 12. Horses must obtain at least 3 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.

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Squad activities are also affected depending on the rules regarding Covid 19 hotspot 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.

2022 Selection Events:

- Boneo Classic
- Willinga Park CDI
- PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars
- Sydney CDLite/CDI
- 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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