



Expression of Interest

DNSW Athlete Pathway Squads

Squad selection will be self-nominated based on performances in the 2025 competition season. Riders who have achieved the qualifying scores within the time frame are invited to self-nominate for the squad. For more information go to the [DNSW Pathways and Squads](#) document on the DNSW website.
[DNSW Performance Squads | Dressage New South Wales](#)

Only combinations competing at elementary level and above will be considered for DNSW Squads and only riders competing at FEI (Open) will be considered for the Silver Squad. Only Official competitive scores obtained at events from calendar year 2025 will be considered for inclusion on the 2026 squad. Performance scores from State and National championships can be included regardless of the State they are held in as can CDIJ and CDIY results at the comparable level. Any athlete may apply regardless of their competition category – AOR, Open, Young Rider.

Combinations must be members of EA and of DNSW.

The DNSW Pathways consists of three progressive squads:

- **Blue Squad** – Emerging talent and talent identification squad
- **White Squad**- State and National performance Squad
- **Silver Squad** – Elite development squad

Blue Squad

Elementary	Average of 3 scores of 66% or over obtained at any official event
Medium	Average of 3 scores of 65% or over obtained at any official event
Advanced	Average of 3 scores of 65% or over obtained at any official event
Small Tour	Average of 3 scores of 65% or over obtained at any official event
Medium tour	Average of 3 scores of 63% or over obtained at any official event
Big Tour	Average of 3 scores of 63% or over obtained at any official event

Benefits

- Recognition as a DNSW Blue Squad athlete
- Publication of rider name on DNSW website
- Access to online education resources
- Attendance at judges' seminars and coaching events
- Invitation to DNSW endorsed ridden clinics (athlete funded, subject to capacity)

White Squad

Elementary	Average of 3 scores of 68% or over obtained at any official event. One score must be from any State or National Championships
Medium	Average of 3 scores of 67% or over obtained at any official event. One score must be from any State or National Championships
Advanced	Average of 3 scores of 67% or over obtained at any official event. One score must be from any state or National Championships or CDI.
Small Tour	Average of 3 scores of 66% or over obtained at any official event. One score must be from any State or National Championships or CDI
Medium tour	Average of 3 scores of 64% or over obtained at any official event. One score must be from any State or National Championships or CDI
Big Tour	Average of 3 scores of 64% or over obtained at any official event. One score must be from any State or National Championships or CDI.

Benefits

- Recognition as a DNSW Silver Squad athlete
- Publication of rider name on the DNSW website
- Access to online education resources
- Attendance at judges' seminars and coaching events
- Invitation to DNSW endorsed ridden clinics (partially funded, subject to capacity)
- Focus on competition readiness and performance sustainability

Silver Squad

Small Tour	Average of 3 scores of 68% or over obtained at any official event with one score being obtained at State Championships, National Championships or a CDI event.
Medium tour	Average of 3 scores of 66% or over obtained at any official event with one score being obtained at State Championships, National Championships or a CDI event
Big Tour	Average of 3 scores of 66% or over obtained at any official event with one score being obtained at State Championships, National Championships or a CDI event

Benefits

- Fully funded DNSW clinics
- Focus on competition readiness and performance sustainability
- Priority inclusion in State teams at State and National Championships
- Integrated rider and horse wellbeing support.
- Recognition as a Squad athlete.
- Publication on the DNSW website.
- Support for riders transitioning outside EA High Performance selection

Cost of joining a squad

On selection into a squad athletes will be required to pay a fee of \$55 to DNSW to secure their position on the squad. On payment of the joining fee the athlete will receive the following at no charge:

- DNSW squad T Shirt
- DNSW squad cap
- DNSW squad socks