

NATIONAL DRESSAGE SQUAD

SELECTION POLICY AND CRITERIA 2018

PREAMBLE

The Equestrian Australia High Performance Program recognizes combinations who have achieved high level performances within the previous 12 month period, as well as riders and/or combinations showing potential to represent Australia at an International level in the short to medium term.

Dressage Recognition Squads are currently divided into two programs:

Program 1: Big Tour (Senior)

Program 2: Development (A, B, C & D)

PROGRAM 1 – SENIOR: CRITERIA

- Horse & Rider combinations will be obtaining consistent results at FEI Big Tour, CDI3* / CDI-W or above, and will be demonstrating the necessary physical, mental, tactical, technical and personal skill set to be considered for team selection for major events such as the World Equestrian Games.
- Combinations are required to have achieved three scores of 68% or higher in Grand Prix tests in the previous twelve months which must be obtained at CDI events.
- Riders are expected to display attributes that suggest consistent commitment to the sport and the aptitude to progress to team selection in the future.

PROGRAM 2 – DEVELOPMENT: CRITERIA

Development A: Emerging Grand Prix / Medium Tour

- Horses must be aged 8 to 12 years (age as per northern or southern hemisphere born)
- Combinations must have achieved a minimum of three scores in Grand Prix tests of 67% or higher and / or Medium Tour of 68% or higher in the previous twelve months. Performances at CDI events, National and State Championships will be considered.

Development B: Small Tour

- Horses must be aged 7 to 11 years (age as per northern or southern hemisphere born)
- Combinations must have achieved a minimum of three scores of 68% or higher at Small Tour level (Prix St-Georges or Intermediate 1) in the previous twelve months. Performances at CDI events, National and State Championships will be considered.

Development C: U25 Grand Prix

- For Athletes aged 16 years of age to the end of the year in which they turn 25 competing in U25 Grand Prix tests.
- Combinations must have achieved a minimum of three scores of 64%* or higher in U25 Grand Prix tests or Grand Prix tests in the previous twelve months. Performances at CDI events, National and State Championships will be considered.

Development D: Young Riders/ Junior Riders / Pony Riders

- For athletes aged 16 years of age to the end of the year they turn 21 (Young Riders)
- Combinations must have achieved a minimum of three scores of 65% or higher at FEI Young Rider level tests (or higher) in the previous twelve months. Performances from CDI events, National or State Championships will be considered.

GENERAL CRITERIA

The following criteria are required for inclusion in all Recognition Squads.

- Athletes must be current members of Equestrian Australia
- Athletes must have demonstrated fitness, experience, and ability to develop and maintain a consistent training program
- Horses must be sound and fit to compete
- Athletes must always maintain an up to date FEI Medication Logbook (available at <http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/FEI%20Medication%20Treatment%20Logbook.pdf>)
- Athletes may be excluded if they have used any substance that, if it had been detected during a dope test, would have constituted Doping as defined by the Equestrian Australia Equine Anti-Doping Policy
- Athletes must have acted at all times in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the discipline of dressage or Equestrian Australia into public disrepute or censure (including the use of social media)
- Squads will be reviewed every six months on a rolling basis, i.e. if named on a Squad based on scores achieved in the previous twelve months combinations must, to retain their place in the Squads, have achieved at least one score in the six months prior to the review
- Every effort will be made to identify combinations and their results. If an athlete feels they have been overlooked and wishes to submit national performances, they can contact Equestrian Australia (stefanie.maraun@equestrian.org.au) with results and evidence to verify proof of the results.
- Squad numbers will be limited to the ten best-performed combinations in each category of Program 2: Development (A-D).

* Amendment made 16th November 2017