

## Equestrian Australia High Performance Program Squad Structure 2017-18

Equestrian Australia High Performance is funded by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) through the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and directly and/or indirectly by the Australian Olympic Committee. The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) is the sole funder and investment body into Equestrian High Performance.

All of these bodies are aligned to the AIS “Australia’s Winning Edge” strategy designed for Olympic High Performance outcomes. The aims of the strategy are as follows:

- consistent and sustainable success for Australian athletes and teams on the world stage
- greater levels of accountability for performance results
- improved governance structures and contemporary reporting and monitoring of performance
- engaging, uniting, inspiring and motivating all Australians.

Australia’s Winning Edge states that:

Investments will be prioritised to sports that demonstrate the greatest chance of short, medium and long-term success. Decisions will be based on credible evidence that takes into account recent performances and future potential, along with understanding the systems that will drive performance outcomes.

Aligned with Australian Olympic Committee outcomes, AIS Athlete categorization and the AIS National Athlete Pathway Framework (FTEM Model), the aim is to optimize short, medium and long term Australian podium success on the world stage through the identification and development of potential and current world-class athletes.

Equestrian Australia High Performance has structured the High Performance Squads in accordance with the above to identify, monitor and maintain targeted athletes and/or athlete and horse combinations to ensure high performance outcomes as follows:

### **Gold (AIS Athlete Category – Podium and Podium Ready)**

Athletes and/or athlete and horse combinations that have achieved medal performances at the most recent World Equestrian Games/and or Olympic Games and also considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming World Equestrian or Olympic Games. (AIS Athlete Category – Podium)

Or

Athletes and/or athlete and horse combinations who were members of a team and placed 4th to 8th or Individual Top 20 finishes at the most recent World Equestrian Games/and or Olympic Games and considered capable of progressing to AIS Athlete Category – Podium within the next two years. (AIS Athlete Category – Podium Ready)

### **Green (AIS Athlete Category – Podium Potential )**

Athlete and/or Athlete and Horse Combinations considered capable of progressing to Gold (AIS Athlete Category - Podium or Podium Ready) within the next 4 years. (AIS Athlete Category – Podium Potential)

### **Next (AIS Athlete Category - Developing and Emerging)**

An athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Green (AIS Athlete Category - Podium Potential) within the next 2 years. (AIS Athlete Category – Developing and Emerging)

## **EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUADS 2017/2018**

### **GOLD**

Chris Burton (E)  
Sam Griffiths (E)  
Shane Rose (E)  
Stuart Tinney (E)  
Edwina Tops-Alexander (J)

### **GREEN**

Sammi Birch (E)  
Clayton Fredericks (E)  
Andrew Hoy (E)  
Megan Jones (E)  
Sonja Johnson (E)  
Bill Levett (E)  
Emma McNab (E)  
Kevin McNab (E)  
Hazel Shannon (E)  
Katja Weimann (E)  
Ryan Wood (E)

### **NEXT**

Andrew Barnett (E)  
Olivia Barton (E)  
Emma Bishop (E)  
Andrew Cooper (E)  
Isabel English (E)  
Will Enzinger (E)  
Shenae Lowings (E)  
Robert Palm (E)  
Amanda Ross (E)  
Katie Taliana (E)  
Gemma Tinney (E)

### **Glossary:**

E – Eventing

J - Jumping

Athletes included in the Equestrian Australia High Performance (HP) Squads are required to meet the following criteria.

- Athletes must have demonstrated fitness, rider experience, and ability to develop and maintain a consistent training program. They must have demonstrated that they are ready for a rigorous training program/preparation as required for successful international standard competition.
- Athletes must be prepared to work within the High Performance Program structure and will be required to submit training and competition plans to the relevant High Performance staff as requested.
- The primary focus will be on athletes that have shown the ability or potential to represent Australia at International level at a high standard.
- All athletes must sign the Athletes Agreement before inclusion in any HP Squad. Agreements must be signed and returned to the EA National Office.
- In all instances, the standard of competition, the number of competitors, the number and level/experience of the judges and the overall quality of the competition will be taken into consideration. Whilst performances at FEI / EA events will be used as a guide, competing at major events will be necessary to ensure consideration.
- Athlete's horses must be sound and fit to compete to the satisfaction of the EA-appointed vet. Athletes and owners must be prepared to submit their horses for fitness assessments by an EA-appointed vet as requested.
- Athletes must be fit and able to compete to the satisfaction of the relevant High Performance Staff.

Whilst the squads will typically be reviewed every six months, Selectors reserve their rights to add additional athlete and/or athlete and horse combinations at any time.

## AUSTRALIA'S WINNING EDGE Athlete Categories

### **1. Podium**

Athlete who had a medal performance at a World Championship (or equivalent) event in the previous 24 months and is considered capable of a medal at the next World Championship (or equivalent)

### **2. Podium Ready**

Athlete who placed fourth to eighth at the most recent World Championship (or equivalent) event and is considered capable of progressing to Podium in the next two years.

### **3. Podium Potential**

An athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Ready in the next two years.

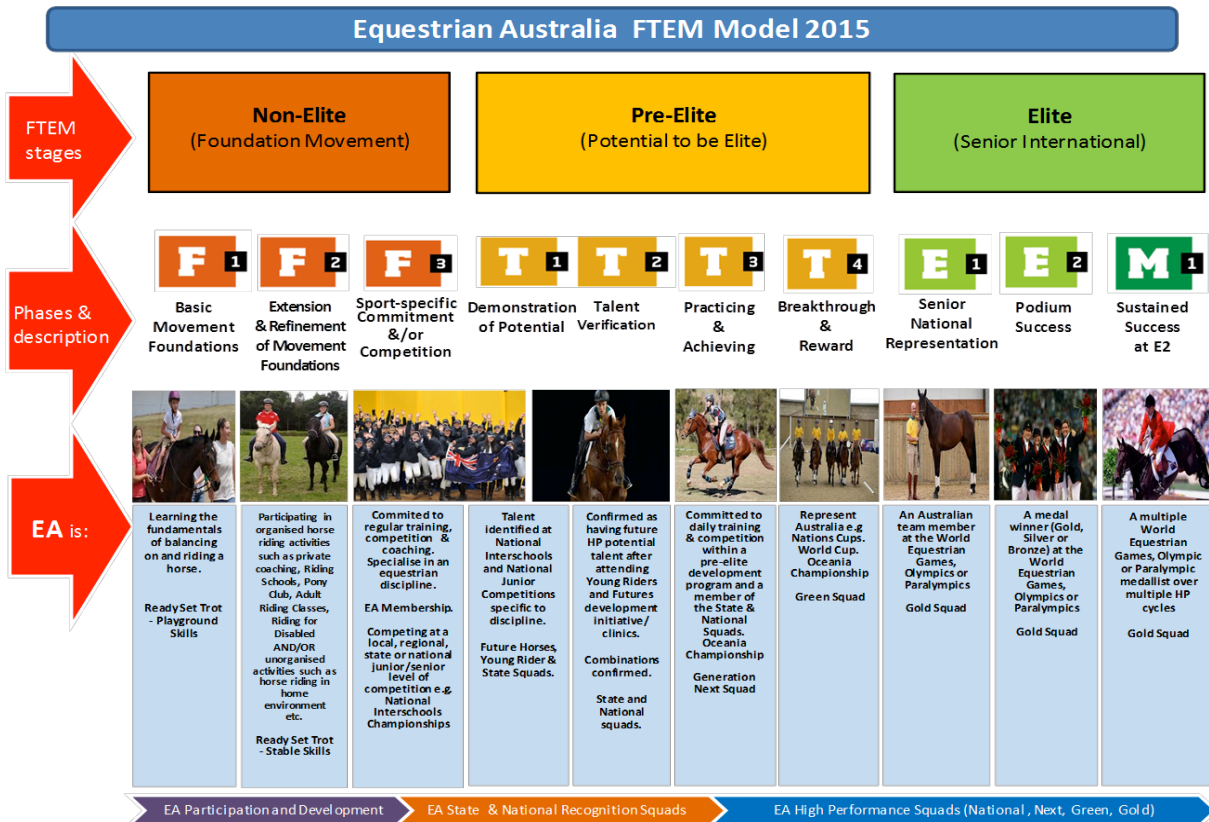
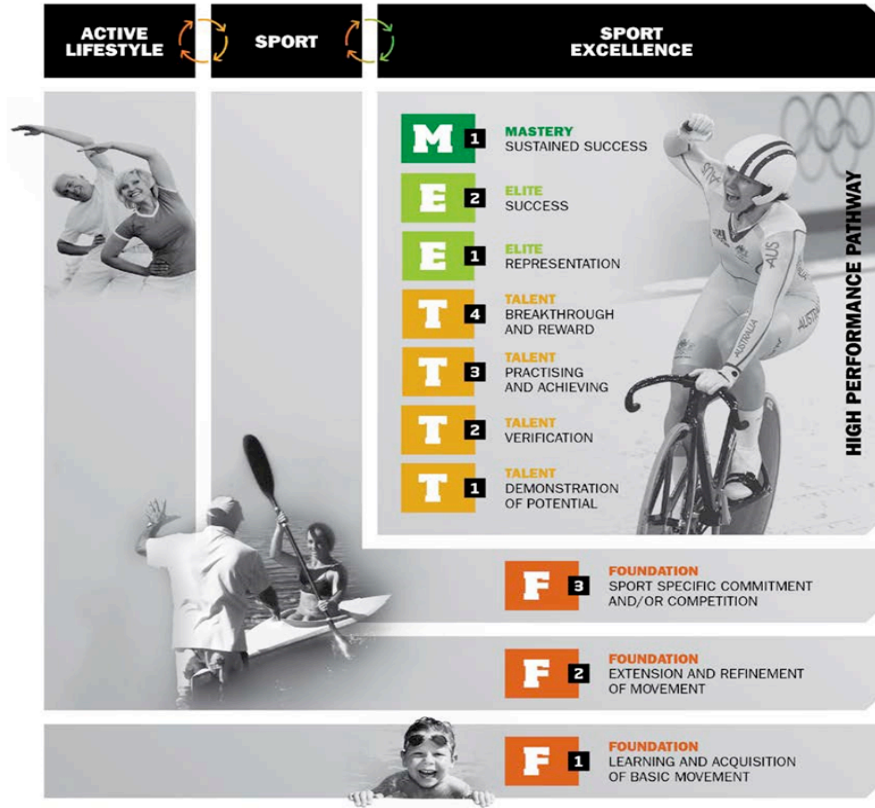
### **5. Developing**

An Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Potential in the next two years.

### **6. Emerging**

An Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Developing in the next two years.

## AIS National Athlete Pathway Framework



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION SQUADS - EVENTING

### National Recognition Squad

Combination based performances within the preceding 12 months recorded at CCI2\* 55 or below, CCI3\* 60 or below and CCI4\* MER.

#### Rider

Annabel Armstrong  
Andrew Barnett  
Olivia Barton  
Sammi Birch  
Lauren Browne  
Catherine Burrell  
Christopher Burton  
Andrew Cooper  
Will Enzinger  
Clayton Fredericks  
Sam Griffiths  
Jessica Grossman  
Andrew Hoy  
Megan Jones  
Yona Lloyd  
Shenae Lowings  
Rohan Luxmoore  
Emma Mason  
Kevin McNab  
Shane Rose  
Dominic Schramm  
Hazel Shannon  
Paul Tapner  
Gemma Tinney  
Stuart Tinney  
Katja Weimann

#### Horse

Quaprice  
BP Dante & BP Fonzie  
APH Bertie Bad  
Hunter Valley II  
Skys Da Limit  
Duke  
Nobilis 18, Santano II & TS Jamaimo  
Evergem Perfection, Hunter's Hill & Tasman Park Ovation  
Britannica MVNZ & Wenlock Aquifer  
Ophelia  
Beaurepaire Nemo, Paulank Brockagh & Paulank Kings River  
Equus Spencer  
Algebra  
Kirby Park Impress  
Seargent Crisp  
Venture Sky High  
Bells N Whistles  
Currabea  
Brookfield Innocent, Brookfield Quality & Willunga  
Virgil  
Bolttair B  
Clifford  
Bonza King of Rogues  
Annapurna  
Pluto Mio & War Hawk  
BP Escapade & BP Flamboyant

### National Youth Squad

Athletes between 16-25 years of age with combination based performances recorded within the preceding 12 months at MER at CCI2\*, completed CCI3\*, CCI4\* at any stage and currently competing.

#### Rider

Clare Anderson  
Tayah Andrew  
Samantha Bain  
Emily Gray  
Ema Klugman  
Richard Knight  
Shenae Lowings  
Isabel O'Loughlin  
Madeline Wilson

#### Horse

Soberup  
Silver Force  
Barrabadeen Woodstock  
Jocular Vision  
Bendigo  
APH Lionred  
Ballyhoo  
Lagoes Choice  
I'm Bruce