

## EA PARA-DRESSAGE RECOGNITION SQUAD CRITERIA 2023

The Equestrian Australia High-Performance Program recognises existing and new Para-Equestrian Combinations who have achieved performances within the previous twelve (12) month period, as well as riders and/or combinations who are showing potential to be included on a National High-Performance Squad in the Medium to Long Term.

The Para-Dressage Recognition Squads are currently divided into two programs:

**Program 1:** Recognition Squad A (results from FEI Grand Prix A and/or B Tests)

**Program 2:** Recognition Squad B (results from FEI Grand Prix A and/or B Tests, FEI Novice or Intermediate Tests or EA Para-Dressage Tests)

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#### RECOGNITION SQUAD A - (FEI GRAND PRIX A AND/OR B TESTS)

- Athletes are required to have achieved three (3) scores with a minimum of 62% in the FEI Grand Prix A and/or Grand Prix B Tests within the last twelve (12) months. Tests must be judged by qualified EA or FEI Para-Dressage judges.
- Athletes are also expected to display attributes that suggest consistent commitment to the sport and the aptitude to progress to a High Performance Squad in the future.

#### RECOGNITION SQUAD B - (FEI GRAND PRIX A AND/OR B TESTS, FEI NOVICE OR INTERMEDIATE TESTS OR EA PARA-DRESSAGE TESTS)

- Athletes are required to have achieved three (3) scores between 60.00% and 61.90% in the FEI Grand Prix A and/or Grand Prix B Tests.

OR

- Athletes are required to have achieved three (3) scores over 62% in the FEI Novice or Intermediate Tests or EA Para-Dressage tests within the previous twelve (12) month period. Tests must be judged by qualified EA or FEI Para-Dressage judges.

### EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering the General Criteria and the performances of Athletes, the Selectors may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances.

Extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete and/or attend competition, or satisfy any other requirements under the Selection Criteria arising from: (A) injury or illness; (B) horse unavailability; (C) travel delays; (D) bereavement; and/or (E) any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances. In consideration of extenuating circumstances, a decision in each case will be made by the Selectors (or their delegate) in their sole discretion on an individual basis.

## HOW TO APPLY

An email containing a copy of relevant test papers must be submitted to Michelle Battams – [michelle.battams@equestrian.org.au](mailto:michelle.battams@equestrian.org.au) when applying for appointment to the Recognition Squad.

An appointment letter and Certificate of Recognition will be sent once Athletes have achieved the specified criteria as listed above and provided evidence to Equestrian Australia.