

PARA-EQUESTRIAN HIGH-PERFORMANCE SQUAD CRITERIA 2019

Equestrian Australia's High-Performance Squads include athletes that are identified in conjunction with the AIS and their High-Performance Investment Strategy, designed toward achieving Paralympic Medal outcomes.

GOLD (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY – PODIUM AND PODIUM READY)

Athletes that have achieved Top 8 performances at the most recent World Equestrian Games and are considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming Paralympic Games.

GREEN (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY – PODIUM READY AND PODIUM POTENTIAL)

Athlete and Horse Combinations that have achieved results of 68% or more in the last 12 months in International Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events and are demonstrating a capability of medal performances at the upcoming Paralympic Games.

GENERATION NEXT (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY - DEVELOPING AND EMERGING)

*** Applications for the Next Squad must be received for review ***

Athlete and Horse Combinations that have not recently represented Australia at World Equestrian Games and/or Paralympic Games, including individuals that are proven emerging talent with performances and results of 65% or more in the last 6 months in National or International Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events. These athletes must be indicating potential and capability of medal performances at future World Equestrian Games and/or Paralympic Games level.

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

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 demonstrate a willingness to work within the High-Performance Program structure, including: facilitating effective communication between the athlete's support staff (coach, vet, farrier etc.) and the program/team support staff, submitting training and competition plans to the relevant High-Performance staff as requested, responding to communication from HP staff in a timely manner and attending training camps and other HP program activities as required.
- 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 EA High Performance.
- 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.
- The Next squad is primarily a Talent ID and Development program, therefore an athlete whose horse becomes unavailable through injury or other circumstances may, at the discretion of the selectors, remain on the squad for a period of time during which they are actively taking steps to address their lack of horsepower and continue to demonstrate commitment to the HP program. If at the end of this period, after consultation with the rider, coaches and HP management it is deemed the athlete is still lacking suitable horsepower, they will be removed from the squad. Athletes that have been in the program for a prolonged period and not made the progression to the next level (Green) may also be removed with due warning.

HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD TABLE OF SERVICE PROVISIONS

HP Squad	AIS Category	Description	Services Provided
GOLD	Podium	Athletes that have achieved Top 8 Performances at the most recent World Equestrian Games and are considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming Paralympic Games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Performance Plans • Personal Excellence Programs • SSSM Programs • Specialised Phase Specific Training • Daily Training Environment Support • Competition Support • Team training and clinic programs • Horse Management and Veterinary Support
GREEN	Podium Ready & Podium Potential	Athlete & Horse Combinations that have achieved results of 68% or more in the last 12 months in International Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events and are demonstrating a capability of medal performances at the upcoming Paralympic Games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Performance Plans • Personal Excellence Programs • SSSM Programs • Specialised Phase Specific Training • Daily Training Environment Support • Competition Support • Team training and clinic programs • Horse Management and Veterinary Support
GENERATION NEXT	Developing & Emerging	Athlete & Horse Combinations that have not recently represented Australia at World Equestrian Games and/or Paralympic Games, including individuals that are proven emerging talent with performances and results of 65% or more in the last 6 months in National or International Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Performance Plans • Personal Excellence Programs • SSSM Programs • Competition Support • Horse management and Veterinary Advice • Off Horse Development

AIS HIGH PERFORMANCE STRATEGY
Athlete Categories

1. PODIUM

An 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

An 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

