

## EA HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD CRITERIA

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 Olympic/Paralympic medal outcomes.

### **GOLD (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY - PODIUM)**

Athletes that have achieved medal performances at the most recent World Equestrian Games and/or Olympic/Paralympic Games and are also considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming World Equestrian Games, or Olympic/Paralympic Games.

### **GREEN (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY - PODIUM READY AND PODIUM POTENTIAL)**

Athletes that have achieved current results in the last 6 months (ie. CCI4\*-S or L, CSI4\*, CPEDI 3\* and CDI4\* and above) demonstrating a capability of medal performances at the upcoming World Equestrian Games and/or Olympic/Paralympic Games.

### **GENERATION NEXT (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY - DEVELOPING AND EMERGING)**

Athletes that have not recently represented Australia at World Equestrian Games and/or Olympic Games, including individuals that are proven emerging talent with proven performances and results (ie. CCI3\*-S or L, CSI3\*, CPEDI3\* and CDI3\* and above). These athletes must be indicating potential and capability of medal performances at the World Equestrian Games and/or Olympic/Paralympic Games level.

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 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.
- The Generation 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 notice.

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.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD TABLE OF SERVICE PROVISIONS

HP Squad	AIS Category	Description	Services Provided
<b>GOLD</b>	Podium	Athletes that have achieved medal performances at the most recent World Equestrian Games and/or Olympic/Paralympic Games and are also considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming World Equestrian Games, or Olympic/Paralympic Games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Performance Plans</li> <li>• AW&amp;E Programs</li> <li>• SSSM Programs</li> <li>• Specialised Phase Specific Training</li> <li>• Daily Training Environment Support</li> <li>• Competition Support</li> <li>• Team training and clinic programs</li> <li>• Horse Management and Veterinary Support</li> <li>• Significant Other Support</li> </ul>
<b>GREEN</b>	Podium Ready & Podium Potential	Athletes that have achieved current results in the last 6 months (ie. CCI4*-S or L, CSI4*, CPEDI3* and CDI4* and above) demonstrating a capability of medal performances at the upcoming World Equestrian Games and/or Olympic/Paralympic Games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Performance Plans</li> <li>• AW&amp;E Programs</li> <li>• SSSM Programs</li> <li>• Specialised Phase Specific Training</li> <li>• Daily Training Environment Support</li> <li>• Competition Support</li> <li>• Team training and clinic programs</li> <li>• Horse Management and Veterinary Support</li> <li>• Significant Other Support</li> </ul>
<b>GENERATION NEXT</b>	Developing & Emerging	An Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Potential in the next two years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Performance Plans</li> <li>• AW&amp;E Programs</li> <li>• SSSM Programs</li> <li>• Competition Support</li> <li>• Horse management and Veterinary Advice</li> <li>• Off Horse Development</li> </ul>

## AIS Athlete Categories

### **1. PODIUM**

An Athlete who had a medal performance at an Olympic/Paralympic Games or World Championship (or equivalent) event in the previous 24 months and is considered capable of a medal at the next Olympic/Paralympic Games or World Championship (or equivalent) Event.

### **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.

### **4. DEVELOPING**

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

### **5. EMERGING**

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