

PARA-EQUESTRIAN HIGH-PERFORMANCE SQUAD CRITERIA 2022

The purpose of Equestrian Australia's High-Performance Squads is to provide Identified Athletes with the best preparation with the allocated resources to represent Australia at World Championship and/or Paralympic Games Level.

As a member of Equestrian Australia's High-Performance Squad, the Athlete will receive guidance regarding their specified Individual Performance Plan (IPP), coordinated by the Para-Equestrian Manager and Para-Equestrian Pathways Coordinator.

The High Performance Squads aim to improve the performance of the Athlete and Horse (on and off horse), with the ultimate goal of securing podium finishes under the Sport Australia High Performance Investment Strategy

GOLD (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY – PODIUM AND PODIUM READY)

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

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

- A) Athletes that have represented Australia at the most recent Paralympic Games and/or are considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming World Championships
- B) Athlete and Horse Combinations that have achieved results of 70% or more in the last 12 months in International Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events (CPEDI3* or Above) and are demonstrating a capability of medal performances at the upcoming World Championships.

GENERATION NEXT (AIS ATHLETE CATEGORY - DEVELOPING AND EMERGING)

Athlete and Horse Combinations that are proven emerging talent with performances and results of 65% or more in the last 12 months in State or National Championships or International CPEDI Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events. These athletes must be indicating potential and capability of medal performances at future World Championships 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.
- Athletes must have demonstrated that they are ready for training programs 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 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 Paralympic Games and/or are considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming World Championships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Performance Plans • SSSM Programs • Daily Training Environment Support • Competition Support • Team training and clinic programs • Horse Management and Veterinary Support
GREEN	Podium Ready & Podium Potential	<p>A) Athletes that have represented Australia at the most recent Paralympic Games and/or are considered capable of a medal performance at the upcoming World Championships</p> <p>B) Athlete and Horse Combinations that have achieved results of 70% or more in the last 12 months in International Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events (CPEDI3* or Above) and are demonstrating a capability of medal performances at the upcoming World Championships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Performance Plans • SSSM Programs • Daily Training Environment Support • Competition Support • Team training and clinic programs • Horse Management and Veterinary Support

<p>GENERATION NEXT</p>	<p>Developing & Emerging</p>	<p>Athlete and Horse Combinations that are proven emerging talent with performances and results of 65% or more in the last 12 months in State or National Championships or International CPEDI Para-Equestrian Team and/or Individual Events. These athletes must be indicating potential and capability of medal performances at future World Championships and/or Paralympic Games level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition Support • Horse management and Veterinary Advice • Off Horse Development
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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 Paralympic Games (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