

High Performance including Eventing Squad Planning

PERSONNEL

Who is responsible for the operation and delivery of the State Eventing Squad program?

Janet Houghton – Equestrian Victoria, Board Member & Eventing Chair

Is there someone on the state branch staff that is involved in the squad program?

Vanessa Mattiazzo – Equestrian Victoria Eventing Squad Administrator

SQUAD STRUCTURE

What are the various squads and number of riders in each squad?

- Senior Squad – 67 – Fully funded (8) / Half funded (4)
- Young Rider Squad – 69 – Fully funded (1) / Half funded (3)
- Development Squad – 130

Rider lists can be found here- <http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/eventing/eventingsquads>

Selection Criteria for each squad?

Senior Squad – 1 mer at 2*(previously 1*), in June 2019 this will be increased to 3 mers at 2*(previously 1*).

State Squad - 39 or better at a CCI3* (previously 2*), or 2 mers at CIC4*(previously 3*)

Young Rider Squad – Currently 1 mer at 1*(previously EVA105), in June 2019 this will be increased to 3 mers at 1*, (previously EVA105).

State Squad - Currently 39 or better at a CCI2*, (previously CCI1*), or 1 mer at CIC3*,(previously CCI2*), in June 2019 this will be increased to 2 mers at CIC3*,(previously CCI2*).

Development Squad – riders must be competing EVA80 or above

Selection Process?

↳ Complete electronic application – open 01/06/2019 / close 26/06/2019/ pro-rata open 1/12/2019 close 15/12/2019

↳ Application criteria verified

↳ Accept / Decline (Eventing Panel)

National State and Squads riders remain funded for the 12 months and each 6 months, riders can be added to the list if they achieve the score at an event.

What funding model is employed?

Funding model is a combination of user pays and Equestrian Victoria sourced sponsorships with exception of National riders who receive free tuition and pay only for facility fees. State riders pay 50% and facility fees.

How are National squad riders accommodated in the program?

National squad riders receive free lessons with only the cost of facility fees covered by the rider. We also offer High Performance Squads outside the Senior, Young Rider and Development Squads with instructors. These are run at least 6 times per year midweek and aim to support riders in the lead up to the major events. Coaching support in warm up is also available at the major CCIL events.

PROGRAM DELIVERY

What training and support do squad members receive?

Off- Horse Training

A comprehensive off-horse squad training schedule has been developed through to July 2019, which provides specific coaching across the 3 Eventing disciplines, with key note speakers addressing off-horse areas as follows:

- > Safety
- > Nutrition
- > Sports psychology – delivered by Lisa Stevens
- > Eventing specific and coaching support at local and interstate competitions.

On-Horse Training

4 dressage coaches, 2 showjumping and 2 cross country coaches (depending on numbers - 1* above have private dressage) are available at squad training with no more than 2 riders in any dressage lesson –lessons 45minutes. Showjumping has no more than 4 in a group-lessons 60 minutes and cross country no more than 5 in a group-lessons 90 minutes.

Protocol sessions are included at least twice per year.

Support is also given to National and State riders in the form of additional midweek squads. There is focused support in the second half of the year targeting riders going to Adelaide and Wallaby Hill.

Prue Barrett, Nina Clarke and Jamie Coman will attend Adelaide to warm up riders and there is a doctor and horse masseuse also supporting the team.

Squad Clinics

Date	Coach	Location	Dressage	Show Jumping	Cross Country
HP 4 & 5 September 2018	Prue Barrett Jamie Coman	Werribee	X	X	
HP - 22 & 23 September 2018	Rod Brown	Coldstream		X	
HP - 16 & 17 October 2018	Jamie Coman	Werribee		X	
HP - 23 & 24 October 2018	Prue Barrett	Werribee	X		
HP - 8 & 9 November 2018	Prue Barrett	Werribee	X		
DEV - 19 & 20 January 2019	TBC	Werribee	X	X	X
SEN & YR - 2 & 3 February 2019	TBC	Werribee			
SEN & YR - 2 & 3 March 2019	TBC	Werribee	X	X	X
SEN & YR - 4 & 5 May	TBC	Werribee	X	X	X
DEV - 13 & 14 July	TBC	Werribee	X	X	X
Sen & YR - 27 & 28 July	TBC	Werribee	X	X	X

Further 2019 High Performance and Development Squad training (cross country days) to be confirmed soon.

What training delivery model is used? <Describe training sessions, group/individual, disciplines covered, is video review used, are dressage protocol sessions utilized>

The main focus is the three disciplines which some group and some private as set out above. Protocol days are offered at least twice a year and key note speakers and regular informal chats are also included.

Does the program include an off-horse component?

Refer above.

COACHING

Squad Coaches:

Discipline	Coach	Qualification
Cross Country	Prue Barrett	Level 2 Eventing
	Emily Anker	Level 2 Eventing
	Will Enzinger	Level 3 Eventing
	Nina Clarke	Level 2 Eventing
Dressage	Will Enzinger	Level 3 Eventing
	Nina Clarke	Level 2 Eventing
	Rachelle Wilson	Level 1 General
	Charlotte Pederson	Level 2 Dressage
	Catherine Davies	Level 3 General / Level 3 Eventing
	Viv Axton	Level 1 General
Jumping	Scarlett Blakeley	Level 1 General
	Paul Brent	Level 2 Jumping
	Adam Wootten	Level 2 Jumping
	Jamie Coman	Level 3 Jumping
	Rod Brown	Level 3 Jumping

Squad Coach Selection- <who recruits, on what basis & how are riders allocated to coaches?>

This is co-ordinated by Eventing Victoria in consultation with senior riders.

Continuity of Coaches – <is there engagement on an ongoing basis?>

Coaches are engaged by the Chair of Eventing on an on-going basis and booked 6 – 12 months in advance. The coaching list has been in place for the last 6 years with the addition of Rachelle Wilson in the last 2 years based on the good work she has doing with some of the young riders.

What level of involvement do coaches have in the program?

The program is reviewed on a 6 monthly basis in consultation with the Eventing Chair, Will Enzinger, Emily Anker and Nina Clarke.

ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Is there a compliance or attendance requirement for Squad riders?

Whilst squad clinics are always programmed around key event dates, due to busy competition schedules it is acknowledged that riders are not always able to attend clinics. As such, there is neither limitation nor policy in place regarding attendance.

How are the vacancies managed?

Dedicated Squad Administration position in place to manage bookings and scheduling including filling vacancies with appropriate level riders as required.

Are squad riders required to sign an Athlete agreement and/or code of conduct?

This is to be workshopped along with the Social Media Policy at the January Squad.

High Performance – IS THERE AN ATHLETE AGREEMENT

We will workshop the Agreement at the February Squad

Do you employ any formal feedback or evaluation process to assess rider satisfaction or other outcome measures?

Yes – currently by group & individual feedback.

Is your SIS/AIS current engaged in your High Performance program? <If so, in what capacity?>

Not formally, however, there is engagement in the form of guest speakers and group chats on an ongoing basis