



DRESSAGE VICTORIA AMATEUR OWNER/RIDER SQUAD SELECTION CRITERIA

The Mitavite DV AOR Squad is designed to offer structured training opportunities to AOR dressage riders throughout our State and to integrate with the Senior and Development Squad activities

The Aims of the AOR Squad are to:

- *Provide a platform for riders to access top quality instruction*
- *Provide a holistic approach to the athlete's competition preparation by delivery complimentary education in all facets of the sport including horse management, ASADA, media and psychology*
- *Develop a sense of camaraderie and professionalism in the Victorian dressage community*

QUALIFYING PERIOD:

Eligible events will be taken from the preceding 12 months. ie – for the July 2018 intake, scores eligible scores will be from July 1st, 2017 to June 30th, 2018 and for the December 2018 intake- from December 15th 2017(after the DF) to December 14th 2018.

GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Selection is per horse and rider combination who have participated in official events as an AOR competitor.
- Horses and riders must be sound and fit to satisfy competition standards. If this situation changes during the year, the Committee must be advised of these changes as soon as possible. If the horse or rider becomes unfit to compete due to injury or illness or other causes, the rider must contact the Squad Selectors with an anticipated recovery time and regularly communicate progress.
- Riders must be Australian citizens or permanent residents and must be permanent residents of Victoria.
- Riders must be current financial members of Equestrian Victoria.
- Riders must fulfil the requirements of the AOR status as published from time to time at equestrian.org.au
- Both horses and ponies are eligible for selection

- Riders must sign the Squad Contract and enclose this with their application
- In the case where a rider or owner of the horse qualified does not comply with the Equestrian Australia rules, regulations and guidelines, including Athlete anti-doping and Equine Anti doping and Controlled Medication policies, during the selection period, this combination will not be eligible for Squad selection for a period of 12 months after the date of the sanction against them.

SELECTION PROCESS:

To be eligible, riders must meet the following criteria:

- Have competed at a minimum of six (6) official EV Dressage events as an AOR identified combination in the previous 12 month period
- Submit three (3) scores within the selection period which satisfy the following minimum scores:
 - For Preliminary level – minimum 62%
 - For Novice level – minimum 62%
 - For Elementary to Grand Prix level – minimum 60%

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:

- Participation at all Official Dressage Competitions run under EA regulations will be accepted