



DRESSAGE VICTORIA SENIOR STATE SQUAD CRITERIA

SQUAD SELECTION

The Pryde's EasiFeed Victorian Senior State Dressage Squad is designed to be the goal of dressage riders throughout our State, and combinations selected onto this squad are the best performing combinations of the year.

The Aims of the Victorian State Dressage Squad are to:

- *Provide a platform for the best Victorian horse and rider combinations to regularly access world class dressage 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 team*
- *Provide a pathway to National Squads*

QUALIFYING PERIOD:

Eligible scores 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 attained qualifying scores.
- 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 eligible to represent Victoria if requested. Riders must be permanent residents of Victoria.
- Riders must be current financial members of Equestrian Victoria.
- No freestyle scores are eligible
- No HC scores are eligible
- Horses and ponies are eligible for selection
- Young horses – only 5 and 6 year old horses are eligible for selection
- Riders must agree to fully participate in funded squad activities as per the signed Squad agreement
- 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:

- 3 best percentages equal to or above the minimum qualification % (see below)
- Scores must be achieved from a minimum of 3 qualifying competitions

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:

- Scores from all Official Dressage Competitions run under EA regulations will be accepted

QUALIFYING PERCENTAGES:

- EA – Elementary to Medium 70% or greater
- EA - Advanced 68% or greater
- Prix St George and Inter 1 - 65% or greater
- Inter A and B - 65% or greater
- INTER 11 & Grand Prix - 63% or greater
- Young Horse (5, 6 and 7 yr olds) 7.5 or greater at Young Horse classes

Combinations with 2 qualifying scores may be considered for the Reserve Squad.