



DRESSAGE VICTORIA DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Dressage Victoria Development Squad is designed to be a pathway into the Pryde's Senior Dressage Squad and to offer training and education opportunities for combinations who have achieved specific performance goals throughout the previous 12month period, but who are not yet eligible for Senior Squad selection.

The Aims of the DV Development Squad are to:

- Provide a platform for horse and rider combinations to regularly access top 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 the State Dressage Squads*

QUALIFYING PERIOD:

Eligible scores will be taken from the preceding 12 months. ie – for the July 2019 intake, scores eligible scores will be from July 1st, 2018 to June 30th 2019 and for the December 2019 intake- from December 15th 2018(after the DF) to December 14th 2019.

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
- Riders must agree to fully participate in 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.
- Combinations who are accepted onto the Development Squad must not be a member of any other Victorian Squad.
- Riders must agree to notify the Dressage Development Squad Committee if they choose to apply and accept a position as a combination on another Victorian Squad.

SELECTION PROCESS:

To be eligible, riders must meet the following criteria:

- 3 best percentages equal to or above the minimum qualification % (see below). 3 scores from the same level OR qualifying scores from the graded level and the level above will be accepted. For example: 2 Medium scores of 67%+ and 1 Advanced score 65%+ OR 1 Medium score of 67%+ and 2 Advanced scores of 65%+
- Scores must be achieved from a minimum of 3 different qualifying competitions

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:

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

QUALIFYING PERCENTAGES:

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| • EA – Elementary to Medium | 67% or greater |
| • EA - Advanced | 65% or greater |
| • Prix St Georges and Inter 1 - | 63% or greater |
| • Inter A and B - | 61% or greater |
| • Inter II & Grand Prix - | 61% or greater |
| • Young Horse (5, 6 and 7yr olds) | 7.0 or greater at Young Horse classes |