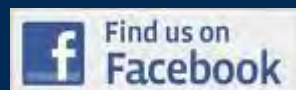




Welcome to the

DRESSAGE VICTORIA YOUNG RIDER SQUADS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2020-2021

(Due to COVID January—June 2021)



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2020-2021 Program

Due to all the disruption from COVID, the committee has decided to roll over the 2019-2020 Squad for the remaining months of the 2020-2021 period. This application is for new members to Squad.

We will ensure that all Squad & Development Program members will have access to high quality coaching both for riding and supporting programs.

By attending Squad training weekends you will get the opportunity to develop both as a rider and an athlete and will have the chance to attend a range of educational workshops designed to build your knowledge of the sport, rules and welfare issues.

We will continue to offer an attractive Development Program which will be a pathway from Interschool level Participation level dressage to Competitive EA dressage and ultimately FEI level.

We will offer a range of well designed and made Squad merchandise thanks to Adele Plumridge from Raspberry Lemonade.

Photo credits: thank you to everyone who supplied pics, with special thanks to Kaitlyn McGill & Geoff McLean, Gone Riding Media & to Madison Layfield for her fantastic YR Squad Promotional video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbL7t8ATrB8&feature=emb_title

DRESSAGE VICTORIA YOUNG RIDER SQUADS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRAINING WEEKENDS 2021

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Closing date For applications</i>
20 February 2021	Werribee Park NEC	1 day training clinic	14 February
27-28 March 2021	Boneo Park EC	2 day training clinic	19 March
5-6 June 2021	Werribee Park NEC	2 day training clinic	29 May



Dressage Victoria Young Rider Squads & Development Program

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Equestrian Australia Website:

www.equestrian.org.au

FEI Website:

www.fei.org



Our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Victorian-Dressage-Young-Rider-Squads-and-Development-Program-1635341310044420/> has seen amazing traffic and proved a great way to get information out and share ideas. Don't forget to "Like & Follow".

We also have a page on the Equestrian Victoria website

www.vic.equestrian.org.au/dressage/young-rider

Please support our supporters! If you are shopping or looking for information please consider supporting the businesses that have supported us:

- Charlies Cookies
- Horse in the Box
- Dr Stuart Brown
- Statene Park
- Riddells Creek Dressage



Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squads and Development Program

2019-2020 Review

There is no doubt that COVID has had a significant influence on all parts of our lives. Our 2019-2020 program was curtailed abruptly just before our March 2020 training weekend and we also lost out May 2020 weekend. Quality coaches, including Mary Hanna, Julia Battams, Sue Leslie, Bianca Veneziano, Karen Blythe, and Jan Smith. Our regular fitness coach Natalia Evertsz, has worked hard with our riders to improve their flexibility and balance every training weekend.

Adele Plumridge (Raspberry Lemonade) designed a beautiful range of uniforms and merchandise which really stand out at events providing great publicity and are also very practical. .

Squad members competed at major events, including CDIs in Victoria and in other states, with great distinction. In our shortened year, we still managed some great “off horse” opportunities

- Motivational sessions with Gitte Donvig reflecting on her accident and recovery.
- Equine Dentistry and Bitting with Mark Burnell
- Regular open Forums and Information sessions
- During COVID: Virtual Protocol Tests judged by FEI 4* Jane Ventura and National A level Jan Smith
- Former Young Rider Squad member Hannah Basetti unveiled her exciting new App, the Riders Pod
- YR Squad Mini Competition including Protocol tests in January .
- Protocol tests with International 4* Judge Jane Ventura
- Established a “members only” Facebook page during COVID encouraging interaction with riders

Our 2020 Merchandise range (smaller due to COVID)



How the Squads will work:

- ♦ Riders can apply from the commencement of the calendar year in which they turn eight years old on ponies and ten years of age on horses, (as per the EA Rules) and can remain in the squads until the end of the year in which they turn twenty five.
- ♦ Riders must be financial members of Equestrian Victoria
- ♦ Horses in the Development Program do not need to be EV registered.
- ♦ Pro Rata to June 2021 there will be two training weekends and one training day.
- ♦ Points for our planned Annual Awards will be gained at training weekends throughout the year.

Victorian Youth A Squad:

Will consist of a maximum of 12 best performed combinations—Novice / Elementary x 3 + Medium / Advanced x 3 + FEI x 4 + 2 wildcards.

Victorian Youth B Squad:

Will consist of a maximum of 16 best performed combinations (excluding the Victorian Youth A Squad) —Novice / Elementary x 8 + Medium / Advances x 4 + FEI x 4.

Victorian Youth C Squad:

Will consist of a maximum of 10 best performed combinations (excluding the Victorian Youth A & B Squads) Novice & Elementary.

Development Program:

This will be for riders that may, for whatever reason, not fill the above criteria.

Junior: 8 to 14 years

Senior: 15 to 25 years.

This is to give every rider the chance to work with other riders of similar levels and ages . Ponies will also be catered for within levels / groups.

Training Weekend Format:

- ♦ Typically A Squad members will receive 1 private riding lesson each day.
- ♦ Typically B Squad members will receive at least 1 private riding lesson each weekend.
- ♦ Typically C Squad & Development Program groups will receive 1 shared (group of 2) lesson each day with potentially a private lesson depending on availability.
- ♦ All Squads and groups will also work with a qualified personal fitness trainer to maximise their potential as an athlete. A range of other workshops / seminars will be offered. Attendance at these workshops / seminars is compulsory unless prior permission is obtained.
- ♦ Innovative entertainment on the Saturday night (ideas welcome) & Social Activities
- ♦ A quality range of Squad merchandise will be available.
- ♦ All riders and parents are expected to enjoy meals together. Lunch provided both days. Saturday night meal may incur a small charge.





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