

# SENIOR, DEVELOPMENT & YOUNG RIDER SQUAD PROGRAM

## 2026 INTAKE NOW OPEN

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The Victorian Dressage Selectors have reviewed the criteria for inclusion into the Dressage Victoria Squad Program and invite all riders to apply for the 2026 intake.

As we re-establish our Squads, Dressage Victoria will provide two additional intakes for the 2026 year:

- January intake – riders join through to 30 June 2026.
- June intake – riders join for twelve months, through to June 2027.

The Victorian Dressage Squads are designed to foster excellence and progression in the sport of dressage. The program provides structured opportunities for riders to:

- Develop skills and achieve competitive benchmarks
- Represent Victoria with distinction
- Engage in a culture of teamwork, integrity and discipline.

### **Program Benefits:**

Squad members will receive:

- World-class coaching at subsidised rates
- Four weekend training opportunities annually
- A diverse program of off-horse activities, including.
  - Rider biomechanics
  - Health and wellbeing
  - Sports psychology
  - Social media & sponsorship
  - Team building & presentation skills

To support the program, riders are required to contribute volunteer assistance at least once annually. This may include helping with fundraising, lunch coordination, social media, coach transport, and other program-related tasks.

### **Proposed Squad Dates: TBC**

- **Weekends will be secured in April, May and June based around the competition calendar.**

- **Venue TBC**

**Important Notes:**

- Riders aged 18 and over can elect to apply for either the Senior/Development Squads or the Young Rider Squads.
- Riders already selected in first (2025) intake reapply *only if they wish to be considered for progression to higher squad levels.*

Applications for the 2025/26 intake close on February 19, 2026.

To view the full criteria for each squad, please go to our website [SENIOR, DEVELOPMENT & YOUNG RIDER SQUAD PROGRAMS | Equestrian Victoria](#)

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