



# YOUNG RIDER SQUADS

## SELECTION CRITERIA

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The Young Rider Squad aims to fulfill the following functions:

- A pathway to competing at official events for those competing at Interschool and restricted events, C&D squads
- Acknowledgement of Performance Achievements for those competing in higher levels and at Official and FEI levels in the children's, pony, Junior and Young rider divisions, A&B squads.
- The opportunity for riders and parents to meet, socialise and encourage each other regardless of the squad the rider is selected for or level they are training in.

To be selected into either of the Young Squads a combination must submit:

- 3 scores over the % required for that level.
- A Squad at least 1 score must be achieved in Official (unrestricted) classes, the others can be from Interschool events, and the rider is to be over 16.
- B Squad scores can be achieved in Official and/or Interschool events and the rider is to be over 12.
- C Squad scores can be achieved in Official and/or Interschool events, except for Novice where at least 1 score must be achieved in Official (unrestricted classes).
- D Squad scores can be achieved in Official and/or Interschool events. Open to riders aged over 8 years.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Scores over two consecutive levels can be provided (encouraging riders to progress through the levels and not stay down to achieve scores).
- Freestyles not included.
- Riders aged between 18 and 25 can select which squad they apply for (Senior or Young Rider).
- U25s are eligible to the end of the year in which they turn 26.

## SCORE PERIODS PER INTAKE

- Jan 2026 intake scores are from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to close of application date.
- July 2026 intake scores are from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to close of application date.

## SQUAD CAPACITY LIMITS

- If capacity does not allow all applicants who have achieved the scores, then priority will be given to official scores over interschool scores and further priority based on the level of the event where the scores achieved, eg DF, DJWTS, National Championships and CDIs.

## MINIMUM SCORES REQUIRED FOR SELECTION

YOUNG RIDER SQUADS MINIMUM SCORES				
	YR A **	YR B	YR C	YR D
Prelim	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%
Novice – FEI Children	N/A	68% (5yo)	63%*	60%
Novice Children – FEI Ch	N/A	68%	63%	60%
Elementary – FEI Pony	N/A	66%	63%	60%
Medium – FEI Junior	68%	66%	63%	60%
Advanced	68%	66%	63%	60%
Small Tour – FEI Young Rider	65%	64%	63%	60%
Medium Tour	65%	63%	60%	N/A
Big Tour – U25 GP	62%	61%	60%	N/A
Para (3 * GP)	68%	65%	62%	60%
Rider Age Eligibility	16 to 25	12 to 25	12 to 25	***8 to 25

\* 1 score must be from an official (unrestricted class) at Novice level to be eligible for C squad

\*\*1 score must be from an official (unrestricted class) to be eligible for A squad

\*\*\*From 8 years on ponies, from 10 years on horses

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