

Pony Club WA State Eventing Squad

The Pony Club WA State Eventing Squad is to provide an opportunity for Eventing combinations to be supported by mentoring and to assist with increasing skills, knowledge and experiences with the aim to increase participation in the Eventing discipline and to encourage participation at the Pony Club Nationals 2021.

AIMS

1. Increase awareness and participation in the Eventing discipline at the PCA Nationals 2021
2. Support a squad of riders who have the capacity to compete at the highest pony club levels
3. Provide an Eventing Squad Chief Coach to oversee, instruct and mentor squad riders and their equine partner(s)
4. Hold 3 – 6 clinics in 2021 with invitational high calibre coaches and with continued instruction and guidance
5. Encourage squad riders to participate in Officials Training to increase knowledge and practical experience in the eventing arena
6. Equip squad riders with skills and knowledge and practical experience including, but not limited to:
 - a. Competing at required heights
 - b. Goal setting
 - c. Understand the prevention of injury and Injury management (of both horse and rider)
 - d. Long distance travel and horses
 - e. Completing a performance diary.

ELEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Must have achieved the minimum performance requirements at a minimum of 3 PC/EWA competitions in the previous 18months as follows:

- Dressage - no more than 50 penalties
- Showjumping - no more than 16 jumping penalties
- XC - 0 jump penalties and no more than 28 time penalties

Age, certificate and minimum eventing height requirements for performances are as follows:

AGE GROUP	Certificate Level	AGE as of 1 st Jan 2021	MINIMUM HEIGHT
Sub Junior	D*	10-12yrs	80cm
Junior	D*	13-16yrs	80cm
Senior	C	17yrs and over	95cm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Squad numbers are capped at 30.
2. Provisional split is 10 squad members per age group however final split will depend on nominations received.
3. The Eventing Squad sub-committee and if applicable, Squad Chief Coach will rank applications according to strength of applications against the selection criteria with recommendations being endorsed by the State Eventing Committee.
4. The Pony Club WA Office will advise all applicants in writing on the outcome of their application.
5. Any appeals against squad selection must be conducted in accordance with the Pony Club WA Handbook, Book 4.
6. Payment of a non-refundable one-off fee of \$150 is required by successful applicants to secure their position on the squad.
7. Non-payment of the squad fee by the invoiced due date may result in that applicant's position being offered to a reserve rider
8. All squad members will receive Squad shirt, saddle blanket and a competition competency diary.
9. Clinics will have fees to cover ground fees, coach's fees, lunch and any other expenses. Cost of clinic will be advertised when clinic details opened. These are estimated to be approximately \$70-\$100 per clinic for squad members.
10. Reserve squad: if there is an over subscription of accepted applications, nominations can be placed on a waiting list to make a reserve squad. If there are places available at any clinic, reserve squad members can be invited to participate.
11. Any squad clinics that are undersubscribed by squad members, reserve squad members will be invited to participate, on a first come basis. If the clinic is still not full, the clinic can be opened up to pony club members. Non-Squad riders, including reserve squad members must be jumping at appropriate level and signed off as competent by their Club Chief Coach (non-squad member charges may apply).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates:

- Must complete the required application form.
- Must be a current member of Pony Club WA and qualified on their horse, as per 2018 Pony Club WA rally qualification
- Be aged between 10 and 23 years as of the 1st Jan 2021.
- Hold the Proficiency Certificate applicable to their age group.
- Provide necessary evidence of the Minimum Performance Requirements.
- Provide with their application, a letter of recommendation from their Club Chief Coach that addresses the applicant's competency, enthusiasm to receive guidance and potential talent for future selection at Pony Club Nationals.

SQUAD REQUIREMENTS

- Squad members must commit and attend a minimum of two squad dates per annum. All squad members must reapply each year.

- Squad members must continue to provide their results from competitions. Exemptions may be granted by the Squad Sub Committee, in the case of illness or injury to the horse or rider, it is the rider's responsibility to inform the Eventing Chief Coach. When there is a major injury, illness or the qualified mount is no longer available, squad members are invited to attend unmounted, their riding position may be offered to a reserve rider, depending on the circumstances.
- Squad members must continue to demonstrate to the Chief Squad Coach that they have met the necessary standards during the training period to justify their selection as a Squad Member. This includes discipline, behaviour, presentation ambassadorial skills, team spirit and general conduct.
- Riders are expected to keep informed on Squad related information by checking their emails and the dedicated Squad Facebook page.