

Dressage Tasmania

State Squad Selection

2017-2018



Purpose:

The Purpose of the Dressage Tasmania (DT) Squad is to develop combinations that show the greatest potential for high-level competition in Tasmania. Ideally these combinations will have the potential to be successful competitors at interstate and national competitions.

Selection to the DT squad may lead to support from the State Dressage Authority (SDA) to assist with further development of potential and, where eligible, support for travel to interstate events.

Squad Structure & Selection:

The aim is to identify the best and most consistently well performing horse/rider combinations to be members of the DT Squads, with selection based on evaluation of 6 official performances.

The squad will be selected into an 'A' and 'B' squad, with the A squad receiving first option to attend squad clinics and other squad opportunities, the B squad will be offered a place in order of ranking if the clinics are unable to be filled with 'A squad' riders.

Squad Clinics will be held throughout the squad year with State Squad coach Peter Fischer. This will include private lessons and other theory/practical activities.

Selection Criteria:

Combinations should submit 6 (six) official performances at any level within the qualifying period 10th March 2016 to 10th March 2017

- Riders of any age are encouraged to apply.
- The rider must be a Dressage Tasmania and Equestrian Australia (EA) member.
- The horse must be EA registered.
- **For all levels, any Horse & rider who do not meet the exact selection criteria but can demonstrate they will value from a position on the squad, are strongly encouraged to apply. Wildcard places may be available.**

State Squad Performance Criteria:

Level:	6 official performances with an average of:	Horse's age:
Preliminary	68% & above	5yrs & under
Novice	68% & above	6yrs and under
Elementary	65% & above	8yrs & under
Medium	65% & above	10yrs & under
Advanced	60% & above	12yrs & under
F.E.I.	60% & above	no age restriction

General Squad Information – Your commitment;

Background: At the recent SDA Planning meeting vigorous discussions were had and included all options including scrapping the squad. However, SDA feel it is important to support and retain a High Performance squad for the purposes of providing pathways for athletes and attracting potential sponsors to the sport and retaining Sport and Rec funding.

Riders nominate for the squad to improve their performances, for the kudos of being on the squad and many other reasons. The concept of Mutual responsibility was discussed – it was felt that Riders must commit to being active participants in the Squad. Riders will be expected to attend two of the squad clinics as a minimum. (Dates TBA) Clinics will be shared equally between the north and south of the state, as you complete your squad membership application you should give thought to both the time and logistical commitment this will require, time off work/other commitments, fuel expenses etc.

As a demonstration of your commitment to holding a place on the squad a Clinic Bond of 50% of the lesson fee's (approximate cost \$145 per lesson) to secure a place at two squad clinics, i.e. \$290 should be Deposited into the squad account with this application, which will be taken as a deposit in advance for attendance at a minimum of two clinics.

Athletes are reminded that they will be required to act as demonstration riders at Judges Education seminars, and should conduct themselves as ambassador of the sport and Dressage Tasmania at all times.

If these criteria are full-filled then it was considered possible that SDA pay for Coach to warm up at State and or National Championships.

All Squads are ratified by the Dressage Tasmania SDA committee.

Bank Details are;

Dressage Assoc of Tas Inc Development Account B&E

BSB: 632001 Account Number: 100140243

State Squad Application 2017-2018

I wish to apply/re-apply for a place on the Dressage Tasmania State Squad.

Rider Name: _____

Rider EA Number: _____

Please fill out a separate form for each horse if applying with more than one.

Name of Horse: _____

Horse's D.O.B.: _____

Horse EA Number: _____

Name of Horse's Owner (if different to above): _____

Horse Owner's EA Number: _____

Competition Results from March 2016 (post State Championships)

(Best 6 scores (at each level if multiple levels))

Competition	Test	Score	Place

Have you or your horse had any interruptions to your planned training in the past 12 months? **Yes/No** (circle your answer)

If Yes, please provide a brief outline and duration of the interruptions below:

Any additional information regarding your future plans, performances and training below (outline any specific goals or areas you would like to improve upon e.g. nutrition, sports psychology, fitness, assistance with goal setting):

Date: _____

Signature: _____

****Applications close 31st May 2017****

Send Applications to:

Dressage Tasmania
State Squad Applications
c/o Bert Gibson
email: wec@hotmail.com

