

# 2025 DNSW Amateur Owner Rider Squad Nomination Guidelines



The DNSW Amateur Owner Rider High Performance Squad program is designed to support and guide dedicated, high-achieving amateur owner riders by cultivating a culture of teamwork and encouragement, offering a clear development pathway, and creating opportunities to connect with the Amateur owner rider equestrian community.

Initial squad selection will be self-nominated based on performances in the 2024 and 2025 competition seasons. Riders who achieve the qualifying scores within the time frame are invited to self-nominate for the squad. Selection is based on specific rider/horse combinations that have attained the required scores. Riders must be Australian citizens, current financial members of Equestrian Australia and Dressage NSW, and meet the eligibility criteria for amateur owner riders as defined by Equestrian Australia. They must reside in NSW. The squad will comprise the most consistent, high-performing combinations at events held in NSW and ACT.

Squad members will have the opportunity to be selected for named teams representing DNSW at major events if they have met the qualifying score for the event further enhancing their competitive experience and development. Members will be named on the DNSW website.

## Amateur Owner Rider High Performance Squad inclusion criteria:

Only combinations competing at elementary level and above will be considered for the High Performance Squad. Only Official competitive scores obtained at events from 2024/2025 will be considered for inclusion on the 2025 squad. Only one score with one judge can be included in the three nominated scores. Performance scores from State and National championships can be included regardless of the State they are held in.

## Score requirements:

**Elementary** – 3 scores of **over 68%** obtained at any official event.

**Medium**– 3 scores of **over 65%** obtained at any official event.

**Advanced** – 3 scores of **over 65%** obtained at any official event.

**FEI Small Tour** – 3 scores of **over 65%** obtained at any official event.

**Medium & Big Tour** – 3 scores over **65%** obtained at any official event.

## Important Information for Riders:

1. Riders selected for the squad must meet the requirements of the National Amateur Owner Rider specifications.
2. Riders must complete a self-nomination form from the DNSW website to indicate interest and obtainment of minimum scores required for inclusion on the squad. Results will not be monitored by DNSW but they will be checked after the submission of documentation. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure results appear on the event online platform/s.
3. The combinations (horse and rider) must remain the same throughout the year to retain their position on the squad.
4. Combinations can be added at the discretion of DNSW at any time, subject to meeting the published criteria.

5. If at any time a horse and/or rider become unavailable to continue as a member of a squad for any reason, DNSW must be advised in writing. These combinations may be placed on 'hold', rather than removed from the squad, if the unavailability is due to injury of horse or rider. This will depend on the circumstances and is at the discretion of DNSW.
6. Squad riders are role models for the sport and must abide by Equestrian Australia's Codes of Conduct and Social Media Policy, as well as the FEI Code of Conduct and the principles for the Welfare of the Horse. Compliance with these standards is essential for all squad members.

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