



**JEDS**

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**INFORMATION PACK**

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# Maitland Park Junior Equestrian Development Squad



## **PURPOSE**

The Maitland Park Junior Equestrian Development Squad (JEDS) has been created to assist the young riders (under the age of 18) of Western Australia to perform at the top level for their age group and make their way through the competition grades or levels and open the pathway to the Equestrian WA high-performance squads.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

All horse/rider combinations will need to complete an online application found here: [https://form.jotform.com/EWA\\_Marketing/maitland-park-jeds-application-form](https://form.jotform.com/EWA_Marketing/maitland-park-jeds-application-form) with their qualifications between 1/1/24 and 1/1/25. Riders must be 17 years of age, or under, as of 1 January 2025. There is no minimum age of riders. Riders may apply to the squad with 2 horses. Each horse must have a separate application and meet the criteria. Submission of entries will be from 9:00am, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 11:59pm, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

If riders meet the criteria, they will be short-listed and expected to attend the Assessment Day (date in schedule, pg2). New competitive combinations, all new riders to the squad, any combinations who only have Pony Club results and/or past members who do not meet the qualifications must ride at the Assessment day but the selectors may request any combination.

All riders will need to send through a written essay (approximately 500 words) or a two-to-three-minute video answering the below questions:

1. What is yours and your horse's name, and how long have you been together?
2. What is your greatest achievement in your riding career and greatest achievement with your current horse?
3. What are your goals for the next 12 months and five years? How are you going to achieve these goals?
4. How do you handle and learn from criticism or constructive feedback?
5. What will you bring to the squad in 2025?

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Each rider may choose one or more discipline to use as qualifications. These scores must have been collected no earlier than 1/1/2024. Combination result must come from official EA or Pony Club competitions.

New combinations can seek an exemption if required by emailing the squad coordinator at [development@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:development@equestrianwa.org.au), these combinations will be expected to ride at the assessment day. Riders who only have results from pony club competitions are welcome to apply, but will be expected to ride at the assessment day. All riders must hold a EWA Junior Competitive Membership, and their horse must have a full registration before the first clinic of the year (refer to pg2)

## ***Dressage:***

- Combinations must achieve three (3) tests which have been judged by an EA Accredited Judge at Novice obtaining 63% or higher. If tests have two judges, you must use the average score of both judges.

OR

- Combinations must achieve three (3) tests which have been judge by an EA Accredited Judge at Elementary or above obtaining 60% or higher. If tests have two judges, you must use the average score of both judges.

**Show Horse:**

Athletes who have placed top three (3) in their rider class at one or more of the events below:

- EWA HOTY
- EWA Autumn Pageant
- EWA Winter Gala
- Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, and Hobart Royal Shows
- The EA National Championships
- The Perth Royal Show
- EWA Newcomers
- EWA Intermediate

**Show Jumping:**

- Three (3) rounds at 80cm and above with 0 jumping penalties.
  - Rounds and penalties are to be taken from the first round only. This excludes jump-offs.

OR

- Two (2) rounds at 80cm and above with 0 penalties and one (1) round with 4 jumping penalties.
  - Rounds and penalties are to be taken from the first round only. This excludes jump-offs.

**Eventing:**

Three (3) MERs at EvA80cm or above

- MER: Dressage; 45 penalties or below, Show Jumping; 16 penalties or below, Cross Country Phases; 0 obstacle penalties and 30 or less time penalties.

**POTENTIAL IMPORTANT 2025 DATES: THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BUT WILL BE GIVEN NOTICE**

DATE	ACTIVITY
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Assessment Day
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Welcome Camp
April	Online Virtual Unmounted Session
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekend Camp
June	Online Virtual Unmounted Session
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Midweek School Holiday Camp
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Mid-Season Review
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Weekend Camp
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Weekend Camp
October	Online Virtual Unmounted Session
TBC November	End of Year Windup

## ASSESSMENT DAY

Invited rider will ride a dressage test for our two judges. Showjumpers and Eventers may choose to ride a prelim test but are encouraged to ride higher if they can. Dressage riders and Show Horse riders must ride novice or above. No Prep tests will be allowed.

All tests ridden will be the second test of the level i.e., Prelim 1.2, Novice 2.2, Elementary 3.2 etc.

Riders who are applying as a Show Jumper or an Eventer, must ride one round at 80cm or above. Riders who do not feel comfortable at this height do not need to ride a round but those who can are encouraged.

Out of all the applications the top 15 will be selected and automatically placed on the squad. We will then invite 15-30 riders (depending on how many apply) to ride at the Assessment Day.

- Video Applications:  
Regional riders are able to apply to submit a video application of their test and/or jumping round. Regional riders are combinations who are based 200km or further away from the State Equestrian Centre. Applicants must contact the Sports Development Manager at [development@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:development@equestrianwa.org.au) prior to the assessment date. Riders who have an injured horse or are unwell on the assessment date may also supply a video application. A current vet certificate or doctor's certificate must be submitted to the Sports Development Manager at the above email.

## PROPOSED MOUNTED SCHEDULE:

TIME	RED	YELLOW	BLUE	GREEN	PINK	NAVY
8:30-9:00	Registration					
9:25-10:25	Flatwork 2	Flatwork 1	Show Jumping	Cross Country	Horse Management	
10:45-11:45	Rider Fitness /Mental Health		Horse Management		Cross Country	Show Jumping
11:45-12:30	Lunch					
12:30-1:30	Cross Country	Show Jumping	Rider Fitness /Mental Health	Flatwork 2	Flatwork 1	
1:50-2:50	Horse Management		Flatwork 2	Flatwork 1	Rider Fitness /Mental Health	
3:30-4:30	Unmounted Lecture 1					
6:00	Dinner and Games					

All lessons are 1 hour long with a 20 minute break between.

Riders are expected to attend and attempt every lesson in their schedule. Schedules are proposed drafts, these are fluid and will be updated depending on riders. The groups will be of 4 riders with similar abilities and ages. Groups are also fluid and will change depending on who is attending the clinic or their competition season. Lessons will also move around depending on temperature and upcoming events. All riders will have a flatwork lesson every clinic.

## FEES

Fees will include access to all 10 ridden days, 3 virtual unmounted sessions and a Maitland Park JEDS uniform (one short sleeve shirt and one hat). Riders will have the opportunity to purchase second shirt, hat and/or a long-sleeved shirt after being selected onto the squad at an additional fee. All fee's will be paid through nominate before the first clinic.

Riders have the opportunity to apply with up to two horses for the 2025 squad. Each horse must have a SEPARATE application forms and essay/video filled out and submitted before the closing date. There are three different options for fees.

	Price	Description
1	\$550	One Horse and One Rider
2	\$770	Two Horses and One rider in one group. Both horses must be selected to join the squad and must be at the same/similar competition level. Rider will be able to swap between horses throughout the camps but will stay in the same group of riders

Both horse application must be submitted at the start of the year. Riders are not permitted to add a second horse once they have been selected onto the squad. This could lead to being removed from the Squad.

## COMMITMENT

Riders are expected to attend 90% of all ridden clinics, with all unmounted virtual lessons compulsory for the year. Exceptions can be made, riders and/or guardians need to contact the Sports Development Manager, [development@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:development@equestrianwa.org.au) prior to the clinic date. Riders may be asked to leave the squad if they are unable to meet these requirements and no refunds will be offered.

## RESERVE SQUAD

Combinations deemed not yet ready for the squad, at the discretion of the selection panel, may be invited to join the Reserve Squad. Riders in the Reserve Squad will have the opportunity to attend clinics throughout the year for a specified fee. Following the Mid-Season Review, Reserve Squad riders may be invited to officially join the squad for a reduced fee, subject to the timing within the year.

## MID YEAR REVIEW

All combinations who are part of the Squad or the Reserve Squad are subject to a Mid-Season review. The Sports Development Manager and selection panel will meet around the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. If riders have missed more than one clinic within reason, if the combination has not completed an official competition, they may be removed from the squad. If riders or parents are found to have broken the signed Code of Conduct or Athlete Agreement they will be given an official warning. If the behaviour continues the rider will be removed from the squad. Any combinations who are removed from the squad, will not receive a refund of squad fees. They may keep their uniforms.

## QUERIES

For any questions or queries, please feel free to contact the Sports Development Manager via [development@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:development@equestrianwa.org.au) or on (08) 9296 1200