



Performance Squad Criteria

Objective

To provide those riders selected opportunities of support, guidance and resources with the aim to successfully compete at 3* level.

Criteria

- Rider and Horse combination to have completed two 2* competitions in the previous two seasons. The committee will consider other combinations if they have previously completed a 160 km ride outside the 24 month period.
- The combination should have completed at least one of these rides at 14 km/hr or more.
- Minimum age for eligible horses will be 7 years
- Riders may apply for the squad at any time once they become eligible for selection; meeting the criteria above does not automatically result in selection, the Performance Squad Committee makes the final decision on suitability of squad members.
- Riders, horses and combinations can be added and/or removed from the Performance Squad at any time.
- Current High Performance and Elite Riders are ineligible to join the Performance Squad.
- Riders who have previously been members of the High Performance Squad will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Squad members are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct for the Squad; failure to do so will result in removal from the squad.
- The Performance Committee will set individual targets for Squad Members in consultation with the rider.
- Squad members who do not submit a season plan to the Performance Committee within a reasonable time frame of request may be removed from the Squad.
- Squad members must commit to competing in a minimum of five ESNZ endurance rides of 80 km and over per season with their squad horse; one of these must be an ESNZ Endurance Championship event. This can be renegotiated if the horse is unable to compete due to injury.
- Squad members riding distances of 80 km and over with their squad horse at any unaffiliated event will be removed from the Performance Squad.
- The Performance Squad Committee will review the squad twice annually.
- Any Performance Squad Committee member who has a direct conflict of interest in relation to a rider or horse must declare that interest to the Committee and Endurance Board and may be removed from any relevant decision process. Any immediate family connection will be a conflict of interest.

Performance Committee

The current Performance Committee comprises: Sue Reid, Andrea Smith & Alison Higgins.