

## VNSW Championships Awards for Squads - 2026



### Executive Summary

The Vaulting Committee of Equestrian NSW (the Committee) has introduced annual awards to recognise the best Squad as determined by the average score from a minimum of three official events held in Australia. The top 3 highest scores must be from the same competition (i.e., 3 scores from Intermediate/Advanced Squad).

The following outlines the criteria and procedures in calculating the Squad award for 2026 developed by the Committee.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for a VNSW Squad award the following criteria must be met:

- a) **Squad:** at least 4 of the 6 vaulters must remain consistent in the squad throughout the year.
- b) In the event of split squad competitions at any official event, squads must complete both compulsory and freestyle components on the same horse, while meeting eligibility criteria a).
- c) A split squad would also be included where the squad competes Open compulsories (when offered) with an Advanced freestyle, while meeting eligibility criteria a) and b).
- d) Be a member of EA (NSW) for the full year.
- e) Have achieved a score in the Intermediate/Advanced in any three official events in Australia between 1st November 2025 and 31st October 2026.
- f) Only final scores from Squad horse competition will be used.
- g) There will be no gender distinction between these awards.
- h) It is the responsibility of all Organising Committees to forward a final scoring spreadsheet to VNSW secretary at [secretary.vnsw@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.vnsw@gmail.com) within one month of the event for compilation and verification of all NSW scores.
- i) It is the responsibility of the Squad to advise of any results from any interstate official events or CVI events **held in Australia** by email to VNSW secretary at [secretary.vnsw@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.vnsw@gmail.com) with full details prior to 31st October 2026. Notifications received after this date will not be considered.

### Procedure

The three highest scores from the highest level Squad (Intermediate/Advanced) in accordance with the criteria above will be averaged and the highest average score will be declared the VNSW Squad Champion for 2026.

VNSW welcomes feedback and any matters raised will be taken into consideration in formulating the criteria and procedures for the following year.

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