Youth Dressage High Performance Assessment Days 31st October and 1st November 2019

High Performance Manager Anne Marie Dunphy will hold assessment days for the 2020 Youth Dressage squads at Spruce Lodge Equestrian Training Facility on Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November 2019.

For 2020, the HP Youth Dressage Programme will comprise of High Performance Squads and High Performance Development Squads for Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders and Children on Horses. Qualifying criteria for assessment for the Horse Sport Ireland HP Youth Dressage Programme is based on the current level that an athlete is training and competing in the current year.

The High-Performance Squads - combinations who have competed at CDIP/J/YR/COH or who have achieved qualification to compete at FEI level and are aiming to do so in 2020.

The High-Performance Development Squads - combinations achieving 68%+ at novice level and above, working towards their relevant FEI level who, based on assessment/results show potential to progress to International level. Former High Performance squad members with new horses/ponies which do not yet meet the criteria but who are training towards their relevant level may apply for assessment.

Athletes must be members of and ponies/horses registered with Dressage Ireland.

Anyone fitting the selection criteria and wanting to take part in the assessment days please fill out the **expression-of-interest-form** and send it back to Susann Killilea in Horse Sport Ireland via email: **skillilea@horsesportireland.ie** by Wednesday 23rd October 2019 (Applications close Wednesday 23rd October). Parents/guardians are requested to bring a current measuring cert for their ponies. There will be a charge for this assessment/training days. The charge will be decided once final number of athletes are known.

Stabling and hook up to be booked directly in advance with Spruce Lodge Equestrian Training Facility.