



World Young Horse Championships, 5th- 9th August, 2015 Verden on Aller, Germany Dressage Selection Criteria

Below outlines the criteria for the selection of the representatives to attend the World Young Horse Championships for Dressage

1. General Criteria

Riders must first comply with the current rule laid down in the EA National Dressage Rulebook with regard to the World Young Horse Championships, Item 5.6 as follows:

5.6 Selection of Young Horses to Represent Australia Overseas

The EA National Dressage Selectors will select the Australian representatives for the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses based on merit and with reference to; any EA Selection Policy that may be in place, the below performance requirements, and the rules of the FEI/World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. In particular, horses must be registered with a stud book recognized by the WBFSH.

For Young Horses to be considered for endorsement to the World Young Horse Championships they must have a minimum of 2 performances of at least 7.5 with at least 7 for each pace.

- For Australian based horses, at least one of these scores must be achieved in the second round of the Australian Young Horse Championships.*
- For Young Horses not domiciled in Australia, at least one performance must be from an official Young Horse qualifier second round or recognised final.

Competition results including the judging sheets must be forwarded to the EA National Office as proof of performances.

2. Determination of Places

Equestrian Australia in a typical year, is allocated two places in each of the five and six year old classes at the World Young Horse Championships.

Therefore the four places will be issued to those combinations that the selectors deem to be the most competitive on an International level. If all four places are not filled after the closing date of EOIs, the remaining places may be offered to horses based in Europe who have fulfilled the participation requirements but not by the initial closing date.

3. Timing

Those combinations interested in applying for a position at this competition must adhere to the following timeline:

FIRST ROUND

Australian based combinations

Expressions of interest along with relevant competition results and copies of the test sheets must be sent to the EA national office, no later than **13th May, 2015**.

Combinations not domiciled in Australia

Expressions of interest must include relevant competition results and test sheets, and a video link of at least one of the qualifying performances. This must be sent to the EA National office no later than **3rd June, 2015**.

Expression of Interest forms will be available on the EA website immediately after the Australian Young Horse Championships final in Melbourne, March 2015.

A decision regarding the four places will be made by the EA National Dressage Selectors no later than **10th June, 2015** and all combinations who have applied will be notified of their participation/non-participation by the EA National Office by **15th June, 2015**

SECOND ROUND

Applications from combinations not domiciled in Australia who have fulfilled the participation requirements, but not by the initial closing date, will need to be received by the National Office on or before **June 30th, 2015****

A decision regarding the second round offers will be made approximately 14 days prior to close of entries.

* The Australian Young Horse Championships are currently held annually at Dressage with the Stars.

**This will be dependent on the date announced by the OC for the close of entries and will not be closer than 14 days out from that date.