

# FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses National Equestrian Centre, Ermelo, NED 03-06 August 2017

## 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 studbook 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:

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

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

[Providing they fulfil the scoring criteria, the winners of the Five Year Old Championship and Six Year Old Championship at the AYDHC will be automatically offered a place in the FEI WBDCYH. This offer is also conditional on the horses achieving at least one (1) more qualifying performance as per 5.6 a)]

### 2. Determination of Places

Equestrian Australia in a typical year is allocated two (2) places in each of the five and six year old classes at the World Young Horse Championships.

Therefore the four (4) places will be issued to those combinations that the Dressage selectors deem to be the most competitive and the most likely to advance Australian Dressage. If all four (4) 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 **19 April, 2017**.

##### ***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 **7<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**.

Expression of Interest forms will be available on the EA website immediately after the Australian Young Horse Championships final in Melbourne, March 2017.

A decision regarding the four places will be made by the EA National Dressage Selectors no later than **12 June, 2017** and all combinations who have applied will be notified of their participation/non-participation by the EA National Office by **13 June, 2017**.

#### **SECOND ROUND**

Applications will need to be received by the National Office on or before **27 June, 2017\*\*** A decision regarding the second round offers will be made approximately 10 days prior to close of entries.

Expressions of Interest **MUST** include relevant competition results and test sheets, and a video link of at least one of the qualifying performances.

\* The Australian Young Horse Championships are currently held annually at Dressage and Jumping 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 10 days out from that date.