



FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses

Verden, GER

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Dressage Selection Criteria

Below is an outline of the criteria for the selection of the Australian Representatives to attend the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses.

1. General Criteria

Riders must first comply with the current rules laid down in the EA National Dressage Rulebook with regard to the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses. Item 95.6 as follows **including any amendments as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:**

9.6 Selection of Young Horses to Represent Australia Overseas (2020)

The EA National Dressage Selectors will select the Australian representatives for the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses based on merit and with reference to any EA Selection Policy and in addition, to the rules of the FEI World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (**Updated 02/06/2020 (valid for 2020 only, due to the Covid-19 pandemic)**). In particular, horses must be registered with a stud book recognised by the WBFSH.

For five and six-year-old young horses to be considered for endorsement to the FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses they must have a minimum of ~~2 performances~~ **1 performance** of at least 80% in an official young horse competition with at least 7.5 for each pace.

For seven-year-old young horses to be considered for endorsement they must have a minimum of ~~2 performances~~ **1 performance** of at least 70%, **this performance must be in an official young horse competition. A minimum of one performance is required in an official young horse competition, and one performance may be from an official competitive Prix St Georges.**

a) For Australian based horses, ~~at least one of these scores must~~ **may** be achieved in the second round of the Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships **currently scheduled to be held 8-10 October 2020 for horses that were entered and accepted for the original date of March 2020. Scores from other major events held in 2020 before March will be considered.**

b) For young horses not domiciled in Australia, performances must be **obtained from a CDI-YH or at an appropriate Young Horse competition at a CDN** ~~from official Young Horse qualifiers~~ with preference given to shows using the FEI tests for 5, 6 & 7-year-old horses. If submitting performances using national tests the onus is on the applicant to provide proof that the level of the national test used for qualifying scores is equivalent to the level of the FEI tests for 5, 6 & 7-year-old horses. **Please note: if using performances from a Young Horse competition at a CDN or any other national competition, there must be two appropriately qualified Young Horse judges officiating.**

Competition results, including a link to the results section of the event website and the judging sheets (complete with date, venue and names & signatures of judges) must be forwarded to the Stef Maraun at EA National Office as proof of performances.

If selected to represent Australia, horses and riders are required to be FEI registered and horses must hold a valid FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card.

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 World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses. This offer is also conditional on the horses achieving at least one (1) more qualifying performance as per 9.6.

2. Determination of Places

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

Therefore, the six (6) 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 six (6) 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 20 September 2020 – **If planning to submit results from the AYDHC, a statement to this effect must be made with the EOI and will be subject to any conditions outlined in 9.6 and subsequent amendments. Please note: the AYDHC will be open only to horses qualified for and entered in the event originally scheduled for March 2020 and subsequently not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Combinations Not Domiciled in Australia

Expressions of Interest must include relevant competition results and test sheets, and a video link to ~~of at least one of~~ the qualifying performances. This must be sent to the EA National office no later than 30 September 2020.

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

A decision regarding the six places will be made by the EA National Dressage Selectors no later than 17 October 2020 and all combinations who have applied will be notified of their participation/non-participation by the EA National Office by 18 October.

SECOND ROUND

If the places on offer are not filled in the first round, second round applications will be considered. Applications need to be received by the EA Office on or before 30 October 2020**. 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 ~~to of at least one of~~ the qualifying performances.

*****For Australian bred horses (Southern Hemisphere, official birthdate from 1 August) please note that qualifying scores are to be obtained in appropriate age groups pre 1 August 2020.**

* The Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships are currently held annually at Dressage and Jumping with the Stars. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions this event will be held 8-10 October 2020**

**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.