



# **FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses Verden, Germany 24-29 August 2021**

## **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 9.6 as follows:

#### **9.6 Selection of Young Horses to Represent Australia Overseas (2021)**

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. 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 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 of at least 70%, 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 be achieved in the second round of the Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships 2021
- b) For young horses not domiciled in Australia, performances must be 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

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 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 June 2021**.

#### ***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 **10 July 2021**.

Expression of Interest forms will be available on the EA website.

A decision regarding the six places will be made by the EA National Dressage Selectors no later than **15 July 2021** and all combinations who have applied will be notified of their participation/non-participation by the EA National Office by **16 July 2021**.

### **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 **24 July, 2021\*\***. 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 Dressage 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.