



EA NATIONAL SELECTION PROCEDURE

FEI Dressage World Breeding Championships

(WBFSH) for Young Horses 2026

1. Policy

The Selection criteria has been approved by the Equestrian Australia (EA), the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) and the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) and will take effect from 1 January 2026.

2. Objective

To select Combinations that in the absolute discretion of EA operating through the National Dressage Selection Panel (the 'NDSP') will be most likely to achieve the highest Competition results and advance Australian Dressage at the Championship in the five, six and seven-year-old classes.

3. Process of Selection

In 2026, the NDSP shall, on or before Nominated Entries Date, select the three combinations, comprising of one (1) home-bred horse (or foreign bred horse if no home-bred horse(s) have qualified) per age group, that is:

- 3.1 one five-year-old horse,
- 3.2 one six-year-old horse, and
- 3.3 one seven-year-old horse

to compete to represent Australia at the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses in 2026.

4. Eligibility Criteria

For eligibility for selection to the WBFSH Nominated Entries, all Athletes and Horses must be selected as part of a Combination.

- 4.1 Horses can only participate in the selection procedure for one (1) NF.
- 4.2 EA will not select a horse for the WBFSH unless EA is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the horse:
 - a) holds a current FEI passport or FEI Recognition Card;
 - b) is registered into WBFSH member studbook at birth and holds a Unique Equine Life Number (UELN). Horses can only be nominated for this Championship under the following definitions:



- i. **Home Bred Horse** is defined as a horse that has been registered since/at birth with a studbook originating in AUS NF and has a UELN that corresponds to the studbook origin; or
- ii. **Foreign Bred Horse** is defined as a horse that been registered since/at birth with a studbook of any NF other than AUS and has a UELN that corresponds to the studbook origin;

c) NF's with no eligible home bred horse(s) may nominate a foreign bred horse(s) providing that no home bred horses have achieved the scores outlined in Clause as per the WBFSH Rules.

4.3 Athletes will be entered under FEI General Regulation **Article 119 – Sport Nationality Status of Athletes** which can be accessed [here](#). As an exception for the WBFSH competition, NF's may enter foreign athletes provided the athlete's own NF approves. Athletes will be nominated by EA if EA is satisfied the Athlete:

- a) has not have committed any offence under the anti-doping policies of Sport Integrity Australia (SIA), the World Anti-doping Authority (WADA) or EA for which a sanction imposed has not been discharged;
- b) has not committed any offence under any other policies of SIA, WADA, or EA for which a sanction imposed has not been discharged;
- c) together with the horse to be selected as a Combination has achieved the Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) as set out in the Selection criteria for Australia at clause 5;
- d) agrees to complete any education models requested by the FEI or EA;
- e) be able and willing to provide NDSP with competition video and test papers as and when requested by the HP Dressage Manager;
- f) will sign an EA Athlete Agreement when required by EA;
- g) will consent to an EA Integrity Check (refer to Clause 5, Integrity);
- h) accepts that EA requires all those members involved in international equestrian competition sport to accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount. All Athletes must adhere at all times to the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse; and

4.4 All combinations must register their intent to compete by 21 April 2026. Please register your interest by emailing di.saunders@equestrian.org.au on the EA EOI form.



5. Integrity

As a condition of Selection and part of EA's commitment to upholding the highest standards of Integrity, EA will request Athlete consent for disclosure of any open integrity complaints or substantiated findings made against the Athlete in the past three (3) years.

6. Selection Criteria

Subject to the terms of the policy, and any additional FEI qualification and entry requirements, the NDSP will consider competition criteria below. The NDSP are entitled within the scope of this Policy to exercise their discretion to achieve the Objective for this Championship.

6.1 Domiciled Horses

The National Selection procedure event is the Australian Young Dressage Horse Championships. In 2026, this will be hosted by Dressage and Jumping with the Stars, Werribee Equestrian Centre, Victoria in March 2026. The Ground Jury will consist of three FEI Young Horse judges, at least one of which will be a Foreign Young Horse Judge.

Providing they fulfil the scoring criteria, the winners of the Five-Year-Old Championship, Six-Year-Old Championship and Seven-Year-Old Championship at the AYDHC will be automatically offered a place in the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses.

MER to be achieved as a Combination in the Final test is:

- Five (5) and Six (6) Year Old Horses – a total score minimum 80%
- Seven (7) Year Old Horses - a total score minimum 70%

The FEI tests for 5, 6 and 7-year-old horses will be used.

6.2 Overseas Based Horses

MER to be achieved as a Combination in the Preliminary or Final test at a CDI-YH is:

- Five (5) and Six (6) Year Old Horses – a total score minimum of 75%
- Seven (7) Year Old Horses - a total score minimum of 70%

7. Qualification Period

MER score must be achieved at least once at a CDIYH, or the National Selection Procedure event in the calendar year of the Championship, until the date of Nominated entries, that is:

1 January 2026 until FEI Nominated entries (tba).



Qualified domiciled combinations must advise their intent to compete by 21 April 2026, to enable foreign bred horses time to plan their campaign should positions be available.

A decision regarding the Nominated Entries will be made by the EA National Dressage Selectors on or before the tba and all combinations who have applied will be notified.

Selected combinations compete at their own expense, no EA assistance for example entry fees, stabling, accommodation etc will be available. AET uniform will be supplied.

This policy must be read in conjunction with the FEI WBFSH Rules.

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