

FEI/WBFSH Guidelines for the World Breeding Championship for Young Dressage Horses (CH-M-D YH):

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I. GENERAL:

1. The World Breeding Championship for Young Dressage Horses will be organised under FEI Rules in cooperation with the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH). Entries can only be made by NFs but the selection procedure shall be agreed upon by the respective NF in close cooperation with the WBFSH member studbook in the respective country.
The selected 5 and 6 year old horses must have shown results of at least 75%; the 7 year old horses a total score of at least 70% in a selection procedure in appropriate Young Horse Classes at national level (also counting CDIs). The result has to be confirmed with the entry by the nominating NF. (NFs are responsible for ensuring that the level of the national test used for qualification scores is equivalent to the level of the FEI tests for 5, 6 and 7 year old). Horses are only allowed to take part in a selection procedure of one country and not more.
2. a) The general principle is that only those NFs with a WBFSH member studbook in their country may nominate horses.
b) An exception to the rule 2.a) can be made by the FEI for NFs if
 - the athlete represents the sports nationality of the nominating NF and
 - the horse belongs to a WBFSH member studbook and is owned by a person holding the same nationality as the nominating NF. The horse can only be selected if the horse has taken part in a selection procedure of the nominating NF, provided that the horse's studbook of origin gives its approval.
3. a) The general principle is that NFs will enter horses that have a pedigree of a national studbook which is a member of the WBFSH. The studbook must be recognized and based in that respective country.
b) An exception to the rule 3.a) may only be made in exceptional circumstances and upon application.
4. The number of horses which may be entered by an NF in each class (i.e. five, six and seven year old) is as follows:
 - Germany 7
 - The Netherlands 6
 - Denmark 4
 - Sweden 4All other NFs may enter up to two member horses in each class if there is a WBFSH member studbook within the country of the nominating NF. The rest of the world, with no member studbook, may enter max. one horse. The age of Horses is counted from 1st January of the year of birth (1st August for Southern Hemisphere).

5. As an exception to the FEI General Regulations, NFs may enter athletes of a different nationality provided the athlete's NF will give its approval. The combination of this exception with exception number 3 b) is not allowed.
6. Wildcards:
 - NFs may apply for wildcards only for horses that are registered in member studbooks of the territory of the nominating NF and are trained abroad. These horses must have shown results of at least 75% in a selection procedure in accordance with I "General". Wildcard applications must be made in close cooperation between the NF and the WBFSH member studbook in the nominating country.
 - Exceptions to this rule will only be considered for horses with a pedigree (showing at least three full generations) of a studbook which has not been a member of the WBFSH and whose activity does not extend over a country in which a WBFSH member already exists. The exception will be made only once.
 - The number of wildcards depends on the total number of horses entered - a maximum number of 40 horses per age group is desirable. In case there are more than 40 entries no wildcards will be allocated.
 - Wildcards will be decided by the FEI in close cooperation with the WBFSH, the OC's NF and the OC.
 - Wildcards will be assigned in the following proportions: GER max 3, NED max 2, and all other NFs max 1.
 - Only wildcard requests from NFs will be considered; requests received from individuals will immediately be refused.
 - Wildcards will apply to specific horses only and will not be subject to substitution by NFs.
 - Only the OC in close cooperation with the OC's NF, the FEI and the WBFSH may allow substitutions.
 - Wildcards cannot be assigned to horses that have taken part in national selection trials unless the nominating NF is in agreement.
 - The final decision regarding entries, wildcards and substitutions will be taken by the FEI in cooperation with the WBFSH.
7. In the Final competition of each class, no NF may have more horses than the number of places originally allocated excluding wildcards (i.e. GER 7, NED 6, DEN 4, SWE 4, other NFs 2).
8. Each athlete may start a maximum of two horses in each class including the Final competition in each age group.

II. INVITATION SYSTEM:

1. National Federations (NFs) where a WBFSH member studbook is within the country of that respective NF (Article 2 a))

[ARG, AUS, AUT, BEL, BRA, BUL, CAN, CRO, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, HUN, IRL, ITA, LAT, LUX, MEX, NED, NOR, POL, POR, RSA, SLO, SUI, SWE, USA]

The number of horses which may be entered by NFs in each age class is as follows: GER 7, NED 6, DEN 4, SWE 4. All other NFs may enter up to two member horses in each class if there is a WBFSH member studbook within the country of the nominating NF. The rest of the world, with no member studbook, may enter max. one horse.

[The list of the WBFSH member studbooks is available under www.wbfs.org]

horse \ athlete	nationality of the athlete from the country of the nominating NF	nationality of the athlete from another country than the nominating NF, if the respective NF of that athlete agrees
horse of a WBFSH studbook from the country of the nominating NF	YES (Art. I.3 a))	YES (Art. I.5. first sentence)
horse of a WBFSH studbook from another country than the nominating NF	YES (Art. I.3 b))	NO (Art. I.5. second sentence)
Horse of a studbook which is <u>not</u> a WBFSH member studbook (Art. I.6. second point)	NO	NO

2. National Federations (NFs) without a WBFSH member studbook (Article I. 2 b).

Number of horses which may be entered by NFs in each age class is max. 1 horse in each class.

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horse \ athlete	nationality of the athlete <u>and</u> nationality of the owner from the country of the nominating NF	nationality of the athlete from the country of the nominating NF <u>but</u> nationality of the owner from another country than the nominating NF	nationality of the athlete from another country than the nominating NF <u>but</u> nationality of the owner from the country of the nominating NF
Horse of a WBFSH studbook	YES	NO	NO
horse of a studbook which is <u>not</u> a WBFSH member studbook (Art. I.6. second point)	WILDCARD (only once for horses of that studbook)	WILDCARD (only once for horses of that studbook)	NO

3. National Federations (NFs) listed under 1) are allowed to request wildcard(s) only for horses that are trained abroad (Article 6. first point) and belonging to a WBFSH member studbook in the country of the nominating NF.

horse \ athlete	nationality of the athlete from the country of the requesting NF	nationality of the athlete from another country than the requesting NF
horse of a WBFSH member studbook within the country of the requesting NF	NO	YES
horse of a WBFSH member studbook from another country than the requesting NF	NO	NO

III. JUDGES:

Rotation of Judges & administrative review

The OC shall, in close cooperation with the WBFSH, establish a judges rotation system for the various competitions. The administrative review shall take place on the evening before the 1st competition, attended by all Ground Jury members and with the full set-up of judging equipment (headsets etc).

Competition 1: Qualifier 5 year old horses:

President + 3 Members .

(two judges sitting at C, two sitting at E). No commentary on the qualifying test.

Competition 4: Qualifier 6 year old horses:

President + 3 Members .

(two judges sitting at C, two sitting at E). No commentary on the qualifying test.

Competition 7: Qualifier 7 year old horses:

President + 4 Members .

President and second Judge are sitting at C and a third Ground Jury Member at E judging only the quality of the horse by using a joint scoring method connected by headsets. The other two Ground Jury Members are individually judging only the technical execution of the test, one sitting at M and the other at B, but neither connected among each other nor connected to the judges at C and E. The quality of the horse and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50% towards the end result. No commentary on the qualifying test. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

Competition 2: Small Final 5 year old horses:

President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

(two judges sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 5: Small Final 6 year old horses:

President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

(two judges sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 8: Small Final 7 year old horses:

President + 4 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

President and Commentating Judge are sitting at C and a third Ground Jury Member at E judging only the quality of the horse by using a joint scoring method connected by headsets. The other two Ground Jury Members are individually judging only the technical execution of the test, one sitting at M and the other at B, but neither connected among each other nor connected to the judges at C and E. The quality of the horse and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50% towards the end result. A comment about the quality of the horse will be given by the Commentating Judge for all horses after the test. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

Competition 3: Final 5 year old horses:

President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

(two judges sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 6: Final 6 year old horses:

President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

(two sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 9: Final 7 year old horses:

President + 4 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

President and Commentating Judge are sitting at C and a third Ground Jury Member at E judging only the quality of the horse by using a joint scoring method connected by headsets. The other two Ground Jury Members are individually judging only the technical execution of the test, one sitting at M and the other at B, but neither connected among each other nor connected to the judges at C and E. The quality of the horse and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50% towards the end result. A comment about the quality of the horse will be given by the Commentating Judge for all horses after the test. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

IV. COMPETITIONS:

COMPETITION No 1

First Qualifying Competition - 5 year old horses

- Test: Preliminary Test for 5-year old horses.
- Number of horses per athlete: max 2
- Open to: All 5 year old horses with accepted entry (NF quota plus wildcards).
- The 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores directly qualify for the Final (competition 3). The others (max 28) can qualify for the Small Final (competition 2) acc. to their scores. If a combination is not able to participate, the next combination with the next best score from the ranking will move up accordingly, but not later than one hour before the start of the Small Final.
- Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

COMPETITION No 2

Small Final - 5 year old horses

- Test: Preliminary Test for 5-year old horses.
- Number of horses per athlete: max. 2
- Open to: and compulsory for those not qualified for the Final (max. 28 starters). However, the athlete/horse combinations must have completed competition 1 without having retired, withdrawn or being eliminated.
- The three best athletes acc. to scores from this competition will qualify for the Final (competition 3).
- Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

COMPETITION No 3

CH-M-D YH Final - 5 year old horses

- Test: Test for 5-year-old horses - Final.
- Number of horses per athlete: max 2
- Open to: and compulsory for the 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 1 (Qualifier), including those tied for the 12th place as well as the three best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 2 (Small Final), including those tied for the 3rd place.
- Starting order: draw in groups of five;
- Group 1 (athlete/horse combinations who have qualified through the Small Final and athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 11th and 12th in the qualifying competition,
- Group 2 (athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 6th to 10th in the qualifying competition,
- Group 3 (athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 1st to 5th in the qualifying competition.
- Group 1 has to start first, group 3 has to start last.

COMPETITION No 4

First Qualifying Competition - 6 year old horses

- Test: Preliminary Test for 6-year old horses.
- Number of horses per athlete: max 2
- Open to: All 6 year old horses with accepted entry (NF quota plus wildcards).
- The 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores directly qualify for the Final (competition 6). The others (max 28) can qualify for the Small Final (competition 5) acc. to their scores (however max. 28). If a combination is not able to participate, the next combination with the next best score from the ranking will move up accordingly, but not later than one hour before the start of the Small Final.
- Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

COMPETITION No 5

Small Final - 6 year old horses

- Test: Preliminary Test for 6-year old horses.
- Number of horses per athlete: max 2
- Open to: and compulsory for those not qualified for the Final (max. 28 starters). However, the athlete/horse combinations must have completed competition 4 without having retired, withdrawn or being eliminated.
The three best athletes acc. to scores from this competition will qualify for the Final (competition 6).
- Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

COMPETITION No 6

CH-M-D YH Final - 6 year old horses

- Test: Test for 6-year-old horses – Final.
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- Number of horses per athlete: max 2
- Open to: and compulsory for the 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 4 (Qualifier), including those tied for the 12th place as well as the three best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from the competition 5 (Small Final), including those tied for the 3rd place.
- Starting order: draw in groups of five;
Group 1 (athlete/horse combinations who have qualified through the Small Final and athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 11th and 12th in the qualifying competition,
Group 2 (athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 6th to 10th in the qualifying competition,
Group 3 (athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 1st to 5th in the qualifying competition,
Group 1 has to start first, group 3 has to start

last.

COMPETITION No 7

First Qualifying Competition - 7 year old horses

Test: Preliminary Test for 7-year old horses
Number of horses per athlete: max 2
Open to: All 7 year old horses with accepted entry (NF quota plus wildcards).
The 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores directly qualify for the Final (competition 9). The others (max 28) can qualify for the Small Final (competition 8) acc. to their scores. If a combination is not able to participate, the next combination with the next best score from the ranking will move up accordingly, but not later than one hour before the start of the Small Final. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.
Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

COMPETITION No 8

Small Final - 7 year old horses

Test: Preliminary Test for 7-year old horses
Number of horses per athlete: max 2
Open to: and compulsory for those not qualified for the Final (max. 28 starters). However, the athlete/horse combinations must have completed competition 7 without having retired, withdrawn or being eliminated. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.
The three best athletes acc. to scores from this competition will qualify for the Final (competition 6).
Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

COMPETITION No 9

CH-M-D YH Final - 7 year old horses

Test: Test for 7-year-old horses - Final

Number of horses per athlete: max 2

Open to: and compulsory for the 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 7 (Qualifier), including those tied for the 12th place as well as the three best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 8 (Small Final), including those tied for the 3rd place. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

Starting order: draw in groups of five;

Group 1 (athlete/horse combinations, who have qualified through the Small Final and athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 11th and 12th in the qualifying competition,

Group 2 (athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 6th to 10th in the qualifying competition,

Group 3 (athlete/horse combinations who have been placed 1st to 5th in the qualifying competition,

Group 1 has to start first, group 3 has to start last.

V. PRICE GIVING CEREMONIES:

The National Anthem of the winning horse's original studbook's NF must be played and this NF's flag flown. Medals given to the athletes must be handed over to the owners of the winning horses after the event.

VI. ENTRIES:

All entry deadlines will be clearly stated in the approved schedule (In principle, Nominated, Definite and Last date for Substitution).

All entries must be submitted and processed via the FEI Entry System.

Wildcard applications must be made directly to the FEI Dressage Department before the date closure of nominated entries. Wildcards shall be allocated before the date closure of definite entries.

It is recommended that the OC defines the definite entry deadline by taking into consideration the national selection trials of WBFSH member studbooks.

VII. DISPLAY OF HORSE & ATHLETE DATA:

The pedigree, studbook of origin, breeder and owner must be published on the starting/result lists and on the scoreboards. The athlete's information shall be kept to a minimum (ie name and nationality).