



EEF Evolution League
Dressage

**EEF Dressage Evolution League Rules.
Team Competition.**

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1. EEF Dressage Evolution League

EEF Dressage Evolution League (EEFDEL) consists of Regional Qualification Events (RQ) and a Final.

EEFDEL season: All EEFDEL RQ are held during the period May to September and are outdoor shows.

The Final may be held as an indoor or outdoor event.

The number of EEFDEL RQs in 2023 is six (6). The venues and dates of the EEFDEL RQs will be communicated before the start of the season but in any case before end of January 2023.

EEFDEL shows are organised as CDIP, CDICH, CDIJ, CDIY, CDI1*.

Countries eligible to host EEFDEL shows are: AUT, BUL, CRO, CZE, EST, GRE, HUN, LAT, LUT, POL, ROU, SLO, SVK, TUR.

All NFs, which are members of FEI are invited to take part at each CDI and can compete as a Team for the EEF Dressage Evolution League.

The shows shall be hosted in three regions (Baltic, Central and Balkan) and each Region may host a maximum of two (2) RQs.

The Teams are mixed teams with Athletes from different age categories, from Children/Pony Riders to Seniors.

In 2023, the shows will be run as single events, not as a league and they will be named EEF Dressage Evolution Team Competition. This name will be added to the approved schedule.

2. Team competition

2.1. Composition of the teams

Each team consists of a minimum three (3) and maximum four (4) Athletes, from the Pony Riders, Children, Junior, Young Riders or Senior categories, with one representative maximum per category. All Athletes and Horses must be FEI registered and duly entered by their National Federation.

Each OC decides which of the five (5) categories to include at each show and this must be stated in the approved schedule.

The Athletes can be from the same nation, but this is not obligatory. Athletes from different nations can compose a team.

The starting order of the teams is determined by an ordinary draw.

An Athlete who is not part of any team or member of a team but is competing with a second Horse, will start following all team Athletes following their own age group competition.

The starting order of the Athletes is: first start all Pony Riders, then all Children, then all Juniors, then all Young Riders and finally all Seniors.

Athletes will ride the following tests:

- Pony Riders: Team test,
- Children: Team test,
- Juniors: Team test,
- Young Riders: Team test,
- Seniors: Prix St Georges test.

2.2. Ranking:

Team Classification.

In each category, Team Athletes will receive points as follows:

The best ranked Athlete in his category will receive points equal to the number of teams which take part in the competition. The second best placed Athlete receives points equal to the number of teams minus one and so on.

The winning team is the one having the highest total points of their three (3) best Athletes. The second best team is the one with the next highest total points and so on.

If there is a tie for any place, the deciding factor will be the accumulated final score in % of the three (3) best Athletes from the team. If there is still a tie, the teams will be placed equal.

2.3. Team manager

Every team has to declare a Team manager. The Team manager has to be an adult. The Team manager could also be an Athlete member of the team. The Team Manager is the spokesperson and designated representative of a team.

2.4. Declaration of the teams

The Team Manager will declare the name of his team and its members at the technical meeting, but not later than thirty (30) minutes following the horse inspection.

Substitution of Athletes and/or Horses is allowed not later one (1) hour before the start of the team competition. This substitution request has to be presented to the Ground Jury President for approval.

If an Athlete is entered with two (2) different Horses in different categories, the Athlete can decide in which EEF Team competition they will take part. Such Athlete can only take part in one (1) EEF Team competition, but the Athlete is eligible for individual ranking with both Horses in both categories.

3. EEF Dressage Evolution League Final

3.1. Participation

The top two (2) ranked teams from each qualifying event qualify for the EEFDEL Final.

If a team which is already qualified cannot take part at the Final, it will be replaced by the next best ranked team in the RQ, not already qualified for the Final, where the team achieved qualification.

If this team has achieved qualification at more than one (1) RQ, it will be replaced by the next team at the first RQ where the qualification was achieved. If this next team cannot take part, then the qualification for the Final will go to the next team at the second RQ where qualification was achieved and so on.

Teams will have the same Names as they had at the RQs.

In order to be eligible to participate in the final, each Team must include at least two (2) Athletes who participated for the Team in at least one (1) RQ.

Subject to the foregoing, substitution of Athletes and/or Horses are allowed not later than one (1) hour before the start of the team competition. The request for substitution has to be presented to the Ground Jury President for approval.

3.2. Format and Ranking

The format and ranking at the EEFDEL Final is according to Art. 2.2. of these rules.

4. Branding

4.1. Name of the Team competition

Name of the Team competition is: (name of the venue) EEF Dressage Evolution League.

4.2. Logo and Branding

The logo of the EEF and the logo of the League have to appear on all promotional material for the event including but not only: press releases, starting and results list, course plans.

Banners: the OC has to allocate 6 banners (approx. size 0.90 x 2.00 m) with design provided by EEF at the main arena and two banners at warming up arena.

4.3. Live streaming

The OC has to ensure that live streaming of the all three team competitions is provided.

5. Education

An educative event for national Dressage and Para Dressage Officials will be organized in connection with every EEFDEL show.