

Dressage Judges Career Path

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Ground Jury Member - President of the Ground Jury - Foreign Judge

Requirements

- ✓ **Be proposed by the JSP as a prospective Level 4 Judge**
- ✓ English proficiency grade of C1 or higher
- ✓ FEI Level 3 Judge for a minimum of 3 years
- ✓ Be in good standing with the FEI
- Officiating experience within 10 years of application**
- ✓ 30 competitions at Grand Prix Level, CDIs 4* or above
- ✓ 6 CDIs 3* as President of the Ground Jury or Foreign Judge
- ✓ 2 Championships at different levels (World Cup Finals, Young Horse World Breeding Championships, U25 Continental CH, Youth Continental CHs)

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
 - ✓ CES In-Person Maintenance Course every 3 years **††**
 - ✓ 15 International Grand Prix level competitions within the last 3 years as a Level 4 Judge ¹
 - ✓ 8 CDIs 3* or above within the last 3 years as a Level 4 Judge ¹
- ¹The CES Officiating Review will not be applied, by decision of the FEI Board on 5 June 2024.

Education

For Transfer-up

- ✓ Pass the Level 4 Judges blended learning programme with examination(s)

Status

Level 4 Dressage Judge

- ✓ On passing the Level 4 final blended learning programme with examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 4 Judges in the FEI Database.

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Ground Jury Member - President of the Ground Jury - Foreign Judge

Requirements

- ✓ English proficiency grade of B2 or higher
- ✓ FEI Level 2 Judge for a minimum of 2 years
- ✓ 8 CDIs 2* or above with 12 GP Level Competitions as a Ground Jury Member within the last 3 years prior to application

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
 - ✓ CES In-Person Maintenance Course every 3 years **††**
 - ✓ 12 Inter A/B or higher within the last 3 years as a Level 3 Judge ¹
 - ✓ 8 intl. events within the last 3 years as a Level 3 Judge** ¹
- ** One intl. event can be replaced by a Virtual Judging Seminar
- ¹The CES Officiating Review will not be applied, by decision of the FEI Board on 5 June 2024.

Education

For Transfer-up

- ✓ Complete 3 positive Sit-Ins at Inter II, GP U25, GP, GPS with 3 different MJs - 2 different CDI events - min. 8 horses per Sit-In
- ✓ Complete 1 additional positive Sit-In at GPFS with 1 MJ - min. 8 horses
- ✓ Pass 2 positive Shadow Judging examinations at GP with 2 different MJs - min. 8 horses per Shadow Judging done in first class on respective level at the show
- ✓ Pass a Level 3 Judges in-person course

Status

Level 3 Dressage Judge

- ✓ On passing the Level 3 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 3 Judges in the FEI Database.

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Ground Jury Member

Requirements

For National Judges from NFs with Equivalency System

- ✓ English proficiency grade of B1 or higher
- ✓ Formally recommended by National Federation
- ✓ Completed online Dressage Foundation Course
- ✓ Passed Young Horse in-person course
- ✓ Proven experience as an athlete - min. PSG Level
- ✓ Be listed as a GP Level national Dressage Judge with 9 national Competitions on GP Level within the last 3 years

For Level 1 Judges

- ✓ English proficiency grade of B1 or higher
- ✓ 1 Year & 6 CDIs 1*/2* as a Level 1 Judge with 12 competitions on PSG/Inter 1 level

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ CES In-Person Maintenance Course every 3 years **††**
- ✓ 6 Inter A/B or higher within the last 3 years* as a Level 2 Judge ¹
- ✓ 6 intl. events** within the last 3 years as a Level 2 Judge ¹

* condition non applicable to Equivalency Officials for the initial 3 years of officiating

** One intl. event can be replaced by a Virtual Judging Seminar

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Education

For National Judges from NF with Equivalency System

- ✓ Complete 3 positive Sit-Ins at Inter A/B or higher with 3 different MJs - min. 8 horses per Sit-In
- ✓ Complete 1 additional positive Sit-In at GPFS with 1 MJ - min. 8 horses
- ✓ Pass 2 positive Shadow Judging examinations at GP with 2 different MJs - min. 8 horses per Shadow Judging done in first class on respective Level at the event
- ✓ Pass a Level 2 Judges in-person course

For Level 1 Judges

- ✓ Complete 7 positive Sit-Ins at Inter A/B or higher with 5 different MJs - min. 8 horses per Sit-In
- ✓ Complete 2 additional positive Sit-Ins at GPFS with 2 different MJs - min. 8 horses per Sit-In
- ✓ Pass 3 positive Shadow Judging examinations at GP with 2 different MJs - min. 8 horses per Shadow Judging done in first class on respective Level at the event
- ✓ Pass a Level 2 Judges in-person Course

Status

Level 2 Dressage Judge

- ✓ On passing the Level 2 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 2 Judges in the FEI Database.

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Ground Jury Member (Small Tour, Young Rider, Junior, Pony, Children and Young Horses)

Requirements

- ✓ English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Formally recommended by National Federation
- ✓ Completed online Dressage Foundation Course
- ✓ Proven experience as an athlete - min. PSG Level
- ✓ 9 National Competitions at PSG/Inter 1 within the last 3 years as a listed National PSG Judge

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
- ✓ CES In-Person Maintenance Course every 3 years **††**
- ✓ 6 PSG/Inter 1 within the last 3 years* as a Level 1 Judge ¹
- ✓ 3 intl. events** or FEI Challenges (PSG) within the last 3 years as a Level 1 Judge ¹

*condition non applicable for the initial 3 years of officiating at Level 1

** One intl. event can be replaced by a Virtual Judging Seminar

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Education

For National Judges from NFs with Equivalency System

- ✓ Pass a Young Horse in-person course
- ✓ Pass the Level 1 Judges in-person or online course

For National Judges

- ✓ Complete 3 positive Sit-Ins at PSG/Inter 1 with 2 different FEI Approved MJs - At least 2 different CDIs min. 8 horses per Sit-In
- ✓ Pass 2 Shadow Judging examinations at PSG/Inter 1 with 2 different FEI Approved MJs - min. 8 horses per Shadow Judging done in first class on respective Level at CDI
- ✓ Pass a Young Horse in-person course
- ✓ Pass the Level 1 Judges in-person course

Status

Level 1 Dressage Judge

- ✓ On passing the Level 1 examination(s) and fulfilling all requirements, participants are listed as Level 1 Judges in the FEI Database.

National Judges

National Judges from NF with Equivalency System

All roles according to the FEI Dressage Rules