

FEI™ RANKINGS UPDATE

FEI Rankings Monthly Update – February 2024



Boyd Martin at the Tokyo2020 Olympic Games - © copyright FEI/ Christophe Tanière

The FEI oversees around 70 Rankings and Standings across all the disciplines, from World Rankings calculated on a monthly basis for Athletes, Horses and/or combinations, to league, team and regional based standings for Series such as the FEI World Cup™ and FEI Nations Cup™, as well as a variety of youth categories, among others.

You will find below a snapshot of the main movers and shakers for the month of February 2024 in the senior World Rankings, as well as a special spotlight on the FEI Dressage World Youth Ranking - U25 for this month's special "Ranking Spotlight".

Longines Rankings - Head-to-head between Von Eckermann and Maher



The battle for the Longines number one armband is more open than ever. Henrik Von Eckermann (SWE) remains at the top with 3375 points, but Ben Maher (GBR) accumulates 3310 points and is closer than ever to snatching the lead from him. Steve Guerdat (SUI) returns to the top three with 3057 points, exchanging positions with Kent Farrington (USA), who is now fourth with 3025 points. The top five is completed by Julien Epailard (FRA), with 2983 points.

Switzerland's Martin Fuchs (2900 points) and France's Simon Delestre (2867 points) remain steady in sixth and seventh place respectively, while just behind, McLain Ward (USA) and Max Kühner (AUT) swap eighth and ninth positions with 2780 and 2760 points. Harrie Smolders (NED) enters the top 10 this month and completes the line-up on 2658 points, with a small but very valuable one-point lead on Richard Vögel (GER) who is relegated into 11th place.

FEI Dressage World Ranking - Nobody challenges the reign of von Bredow-Werndl

Once again, Jessica von Bredow-Werndl (GER) stands as the undisputed number one in the world ranking. With 2258 points to her name, the current European Champion has maintained her stronghold on the world Dressage scene for an impressive 10 consecutive months.

The remaining athletes in the top five are separated by a mere 17 points, showcasing the exceptional level of competition in international Dressage. Charlotte Fry (GBR) climbs to second place with 2105 points, overtaking Charlotte Dujardin (GBR), who now sits in third with 2100 points. Isabell Werth (GER) rises to fourth place with 2096 points, while Nanna Skodborg Merrald (DEN) holds steady in fifth place with 2088 points.

FEI Dressage World Ranking - Horses: TSF Dalera BB still on top

While Jessica von Bredow-Werndl leads the Athlete Ranking, her mare TSF Dalera BB still dominates the Horses' Ranking, accumulating 2258 points. Imhotep, Charlotte's Dujardin's Gelding, is steady in second place with 2100 points, followed by Blue Hors Zepter (2068 points) in third, with Everdale (1957 points) and Emilio 107 (1955 points) completing the top five.

FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings: Oliver Townend & Great Britain continue to dominate

For the fifth consecutive month, British rider Oliver Townend remains at the top of the Eventing Ranking, with the same 569 points he had a couple of months ago. As has been customary in recent months, the British contingent boasts seven athletes within the top ten. Alongside Townend, Rosalind Canter closely follows in second place with 546 points, Tom McEwen in fourth, Harry Meade in fifth, Piggy March in sixth, Wills Oakden in seventh, and Laura Collett in 10th.

Breaking the British domination at the top, we have America's Boyd Martin in third place, France's Maxime Livio, in eighth and Tim Price from New Zealand in ninth.

FEI Driving World Ranking - Four-in-Hand / Pairs / Singles: Exell, Hölle and Houtappels-Bruder remain at the top

All three Driving Rankings have the same leaders as last month: Kelly Houtappels-Bruder (CAN) remains at the top of the Singles discipline on 72 points, two months after unseating Mario Gandolfo (SUI). Meanwhile, Boyd Exell (AUS) and Martin Hölle (HUN) continue to maintain their strong leadership of the Four-in-Hand and Pairs Rankings respectively.

FEI Endurance: brand-new rankings available! Vive la France!

With the purpose of making the Endurance Rankings more dynamic and more exciting to follow, we have introduced new Rankings Categories, such as the Endurance Trainer World Ranking and the Endurance Elite Athlete Ranking. The new parameters for calculating the ranking points now take into account the level of the Competition, Team results (if any), Final position in the Competition (as Individual or in Team) and Number of finishers/Athletes who ranked.

Based on these new ranking calculations, Melody Theolissat (FRA) is in the first position with 984 points followed by her compatriots – Virginie Atger with 946 points and Clementine Chaud with 883 points - in second and third places respectively. In the new Endurance World Trainer Ranking, Melody Theolissat is also in first place, followed by Jordi Charles North Puntí from Spain and Angel Lazes from France.

FEI Para Dressage World Individual & Team Ranking: Rihards Snikus and The Netherlands, solid leaders

Rihards Snikus (LAT) continues to lead the Para Dressage Rankings, a position he earned a few months ago, with 1678 points. Meanwhile, Sara Morganti (ITA) successfully holds on to second position on 1630 points, while Kate Shoemaker (USA) remains in third. In the Team Ranking, it's the Netherlands who still dominate the leaderboard with a total of 1333 points. Germany is now second (1329 points), while the USA follows closely on 1317 points.

Ranking Spotlight



Sophia Ludvigsen has made a huge leap in the FEI Dressage World Youth Ranking - U25, climbing from 23rd to fourth place. In January, the promising young Danish rider claimed two victories at the CDI U25 in Amsterdam (NED), where she also achieved career-best scores in the Grand Prix 16-25 (71.846) and Grand Prix Freestyle (79.31). At just 21 years of age, Ludvigsen is already one of the most promising athletes in European Dressage.

Image: Sophia Ludvigsen at the FEI Dressage European Championships for Young Riders 2023 – Copyright © FEI/Lukasz Kowalski

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