

FEI™ RANKINGS UPDATE

FEI Rankings Monthly Update – July 2023



Rihards Snikus (LAT) on King of the Dance during the Orifarm Healthcare FEI Para Dressage World Championship 2022 in Herning (DEN). FEI / Liz Gregg

The FEI oversees around 70 Rankings and Standings across all its 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.

Each month, we will bring you a snapshot of the main movers and shakers across these rankings.

This month, we have a special spotlight on the FEI Endurance Young Riders World Ranking, and a rising star from China for the special “Ranking Spotlight”.

Longines Rankings: Henrik Von Eckermann, one year as best Jumping athlete in the world



Henrik Von Eckermann (SWE) has maintained his position as Number 1 in the Longines Rankings for the last 12 months, with a total of 3655 points. Following closely behind is Frenchman Julien Epailard, with 3170 points, as he continues his pursuit of the coveted Longines Number 1 armband. The difference between Von Eckermann and Epailard has narrowed to 485 points from the 560-point gap observed just a month ago.

Harrie Smolders (NED) has climbed five positions to third place in the Rankings, with 2885 points, bumping McLain Ward down to fourth place (2838 points). Rounding off the top five is Maikel van der Vleuten (NED) who accumulates 2789 points.

FEI Dressage World Ranking - Athletes: Jessica von Bredow-Werndl maintains the lead

Jessica von Bredow-Werndl (GER), reigning individual Olympic and FEI Dressage World Cup™ Champion, is leading the pack with 2200 points. Chasing closely behind is Charlotte Fry (GBR), who has accumulated 2141 points. Over the past month, the gap between von Bredow-Werndl and Fry has decreased from 113 points to 59 points. Nanna Skodborg Merrald (DEN) has surpassed Dressage legend Isabel Werth (GER) and is now in third place with 2044 points, closely followed by Werth on 2027 points.

FEI Dressage World Ranking - Horses: TSF Dalera BB claims top spot

In line with the athlete rankings, von Bredow-Werndl's mare, TSF Dalera BB, is asserting her dominance with a score of 2200 points. Charlotte Fry's stallion, Glamourdale, maintains the second position with 2047 points. Nanna Skodborg Merrald's gelding Blue Hors Zepter is now third, on 1983 points, surpassing DSP Quantaz, in fourth, with 1951 points.

FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings: Tim Price leads the pack

In the FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings, Tim Price (NZL) continues to exhibit his prowess, remaining at the top with 539 points. Tom McEwen (GBR) has surpassed Rosalind Canter (GBR), securing the second position with 503 points, while Canter now holds the third position with 500 points. Oliver Townend (GBR) is now fourth with 478 and Tamra Smith (USA) rounds off the top five on 449 points.

FEI Driving World Ranking - Four-in-Hand / Pairs / Singles: Exell, Hölle, and Gandolfo showcase their skills

Boyd Exell (AUS) continues to demonstrate his dominance, maintaining his position at the top with a score of 217 points and an advantage of 46 points over Bram Chardon (NED). In the Pairs, Martin Hölle (HUN) leads over Max Berlage (GER) on 95 points while in the Singles, Switzerland's Mario Gandolfo is still at the top with 106 points, followed by Jessica Wächter (GER) and Marie Schiltz (LUX).

FEI Endurance Open Riders / Open Horse World Ranking: Montagne and Deese La Majorie lead the way

Julia Montagne (FRA) establishes herself as the solid leader, amassing a total of 584 points, ahead of Melody Theolissat (FRA), who trails closely with 576 points. In the Open Horse Ranking, two Bahraini horses dominate the leaderboard. The mare Deese La Majorie comfortably holds the leading position with 282 points. Bolt de Venelles secures the

second spot with 245 points, while French gelding Yalla de Jalima is third, climbing from the 119th position, with 228 points.

FEI Para Dressage World Individual & Team Ranking: Rihards Snikus settles into the top spot

Latvian rider Rihards Snikus keeps the top position earned a month ago, with 2321 points. Meanwhile, Sara Morganti (ITA) maintains her second position and with Kate Shoemaker (USA) slotting into third place. In the Team Ranking, the Netherlands (1340 points) leads with a slight advantage of 8 points over USA, solidifying their position at the forefront. Germany is in third place with a total of 1323 points.



Ranking Spotlight

Sui Jiahe, an Endurance athlete from China, has achieved an impressive feat securing 7th place in the FEI Endurance Young Riders World Ranking with a total of 197 points. At just 14 years of age, Jiahe has showcased her extraordinary talent by participating in various competitions across Europe during the spring season. Notably, she achieved remarkable results in Spain, Portugal, and Slovakia –where she finished 6th in the Senior category– successfully completing rides spanning 100 to 120 kilometers. Jiahe's exceptional performance marks her as a promising Chinese prospect, poised to challenge and compete with the world's best endurance athletes in the years ahead.

Photo Caption: Sui Jiahe and Map Xarifa 90.63 riding in Carmona (ESP)

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The FEI is the world governing body for horse sport recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and was founded in 1921. Equestrian sport has been part of the Olympic movement since the 1912 Games in Stockholm.

The FEI is the sole controlling authority for all international events in the Olympic sports of Jumping, Dressage and Eventing, as well as Driving, Endurance and Vaulting.

The FEI became one of the first international sports governing bodies to govern and regulate global para sport alongside its able-bodied disciplines when Para Dressage joined its ranks in 2006. The FEI now governs all international competitions for Para Dressage and Para Driving.

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