

FEI™ PARA DRESSAGE

Para Dressage Judges Career Path

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

Requirements

- ✓ English proficiency grade of B2 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**
- ✓ 15 CPEDIs 3* or above
 - ✓ 5 CPEDIs 3* or above as President of the Ground Jury or Foreign Judge

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
 - ✓ CES Maintenance Course every 3 years
 - ✓ 4 CPEDIs 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)
 - Online Level 4 Judges examination
 - Online interview
 - In-person course of 3 days

Status

Level 4 Para 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 B1 or higher
- ✓ FEI Level 2 Judge for a minimum of 2 years
- ✓ 4 CPEDIs as a Ground Jury Member within the last 3 years

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
 - ✓ CES Maintenance Course every 3 years
 - ✓ 3 intl. events* within the last 3 years as a Level 3 Judge ¹
- * 1 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

- ✓ Pass a Level 3 Judges in-person transfer-up course with examination
- ✓ Pass 1 positive Shadow Judging at CPEDI3* - all Grades with minimum 1 competition per Grade in Para Grand Prix A and/or Para Grand Prix B, with minimum 3 Athletes in each Grade, within the last three years

Status

Level 3 Para 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 Para Dressage Judges from NFs with Equivalency

- ✓ English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Formally recommended by National Federation
- ✓ Completed online Para Dressage Foundation Course
- ✓ Passed online Level 1 Judges Equivalency Examination

For National Dressage Judges (PSG level) & FEI Dressage Judges (all levels)

- ✓ English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Formally recommended by National Federation
- ✓ Completed online Para Dressage Foundation Course
- ✓ Passed online Level 1 Judges Equivalency Examination

For Level 1 Para Dressage Judges

- ✓ English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
 - ✓ 2 years & 4 intl. events* as a Level 1 Judge
- * 2 international events can be replaced by 2 FEI Challenges

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
 - ✓ CES Maintenance Course every 3 years
 - ✓ 3 intl. events** within the last 3 years* as a Level 2 Judge ¹
- * condition non applicable to Equivalency Officials and National Dressage Judges for the initial 3 years of officiating
- ** 1 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 National Para Dressage Judges from NFs with Equivalency

- ✓ Complete 1 sit-in covering all five grades with minimum 1 competition per Grade in Para Grand Prix A and/or Para Grand Prix B, and minimum 1 Para Grand Prix Freestyle in all Grades

For National Dressage Judges (PSG level) & FEI Dressage Judges (all levels)

- ✓ Complete 1 sit-in covering Grades I, II and III with minimum 1 competition per Grade in Para Grand Prix A and/or Para Grand Prix B, and minimum 1 Para Grand Prix Freestyle per Grade (I, II and III)

For Level 1 Para Dressage Judges

- ✓ Complete 1 sit-in covering all five grades with minimum 1 competition per Grade in Para Grand Prix A and/or Para Grand Prix B, and minimum 1 Para Grand Prix Freestyle in all Grades

Additionally for all applicants

- ✓ Pass a Level 2 Judges in-person transfer-up course with examination
- ✓ Pass 1 positive shadow judging at CPEDI3* - all Grades with minimum 1 competition per Grade in Para Grand Prix A and/or Para Grand Prix B, with minimum 3 Athletes per Grade, within the last 3 years

Status

Level 2 Para 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

Requirements

- ✓ English proficiency grade of A2 or higher
- ✓ Formally recommended by National Federation
- ✓ Completed online Para Dressage Foundation Course
- ✓ Be a listed as National Judge (FEI Junior test)

Maintenance

- ✓ CES Online Assessment every year
 - ✓ CES Maintenance Course every 3 years
 - ✓ 6 PSG/Inter I within the last 3 years* as a Level 1 Judge ¹
 - ✓ 3 intl. events** or FEI Challenges within the last 3 years* as a Level 1 Judge ¹
- * condition non applicable for the initial 3 years of officiating at Level 1
- ** 1 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 National Para Dressage Judges

- ✓ Complete 1 sit-in covering all five grades with 2 positive recommendations by FEI approved Mentor Judges - to be completed before application deadline of transfer-up course
- ✓ Pass a Level 1 Judges transfer-up course with examination to be completed before shadow judging evaluations
- ✓ Pass 2 shadow judgings with positive evaluations from 2 different FEI approved Mentor Judges in all Grades with a min. of 3 Horses - maximum 5 attempts

Status

Level 1 Para 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 NFs with Equivalency

All roles according to the FEI Para Dressage Rules Art. 8438

This document is only an overview of the “FEI Para Dressage Education System” for Officials. For a complete information, please refer to the “FEI Para Dressage Education System” document published on inside.fei.org.