

## 2016 FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE

### NEW FORMAT!

2016 sees the FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE entering its 36th edition!

For this new edition, the format of the series has been revised with the aim to bring National Federations participating in the FEI World Dressage Challenge a step closer to the International Level.

This new format is meant as a “bridge” between the National level and the first FEI level of competitions.

Over the years it has been observed that in many countries the FEI World Dressage Challenge had come to a stop in terms of progression with regards to the number of participants as well as the performance level and objectives. Whereas some countries, showed a clear will to link this series to the highest level of competition and using it as an opportunity to improve and in some cases even qualify for Regional or Continental Games such as the CAC, PANAM, etc.

These initiatives were a clear indication when the new format was discussed, that the focus should be to develop the discipline in terms of sport performance and provide real opportunities for progression to athletes wishing to bridge the gap between the National and International level.

Taking this into consideration as well as organizational and logistical drawbacks from the previous existing format, the FEI Solidarity in agreement with the FEI Dressage Department and FEI Dressage Committee has come up with the new proposed and approved format.

In comparison with the previous format, here is a brief summary of the **MAJOR CHANGES**:

- Each NF organizes its FEI WCHA-D event **at a date of its choice** (Jan 1 – Dec 31)
- **no more Regional Zones**
- Ground Jury: 1 FEI Foreign Judge + 1 National Certified Judge
- Each **NF appoints an FEI Foreign Judge** from FEI list of Dressage Judges
- **Clinic** after the competitions **is removed**
- 5 Technical Levels (from FEI Children tests to Inter I)
- **Team World Rankings**
- **Individual World Ranking** per level
- Possibility to organize the Challenge **in the framework of an ESEE** (Equestrian Sport Educative Event)

#### **EQUESTRIAN SPORTS EDUCATIVE EVENTS (ESEE)**

For those NFs which are developing their national Dressage sports structures through an Equestrian Sport Educative Event (ESEE) funded by FEI Solidarity, we allow them to use the day 4 of the ESEE to organise the FEI World Dressage Challenge. The FEI Judge involved in the ESEE will then act as the Challenge FEI Foreign Judge.

More information about ESEE can be found in the FEI Solidarity Guidelines, available online under: [http://www.fei.org/system/files/FEI\\_Solidarity\\_Programme\\_General\\_Guidelines\\_2015.pdf](http://www.fei.org/system/files/FEI_Solidarity_Programme_General_Guidelines_2015.pdf).