

## 2017 FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE

2017 sees the FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE entering its 37th edition!

Following the introduction of the new format of the series in 2016 which aimed to bring National Federations participating in the FEI World Dressage Challenge a step closer to the International Level, a review was made to take into account National Federations' feedback after year one.

In comparison with the previous format, here is a brief summary of the **MAJOR CHANGES** brought in 2016:

- Each NF organizes its FEI WCHA-D event **at a date of its choice** (Jan 1 – Dec 31)
- Ground Jury: 1 FEI Foreign Judge + 1 National Certified Judge. Each **NF is responsible for the appointment of the Officials**
- **Clinic** after the competitions **is removed**
- 5 FEI Technical Levels (from FEI Children tests to Inter I)
- **Team World Rankings**
- **Individual World Rankings** per level
- Possibility to organize the Challenge **in the framework of an ESEE** (Equestrian Sport Educative Event)

The review led to some minor changes brought to the rules, namely:

- Reintroduction of the **Regional Rankings** per FEI WDC Regional Zone
- Classes renamed to best show a progression between the various levels and age categories (Youth, Senior I, Senior II, PSG and Intermediate I)
- Team score coefficients revised to reduce the gap between higher and lower level classes

All documents and information related to this competition are available on the FEI website: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/dressage/downloads>.

The new format does not only consider Athletes' skill development by creating a "bridge" between the National level and the first FEI level of competitions, but aims to develop the discipline as a whole in a country by creating more opportunities for Officials to gain experience while working in close collaboration with FEI Judges.

More experienced National Officials will result in NFs being able to host more National competitions and consequently more opportunities for Athletes to compete and improve.

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

As a reminder, NFs which are developing their national Dressage sports structures through an Equestrian Sport Educative Event (ESEE) funded by FEI Solidarity, may 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 (PGJ).

More information about ESEE can be found in the FEI Solidarity Guidelines, available online under: [http://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI\\_Solidarity\\_Programme-General\\_Guidelines\\_Ed.2017.pdf](http://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI_Solidarity_Programme-General_Guidelines_Ed.2017.pdf).