



FEI
PARA DRESSAGE
WORLD
CHALLENGE

GUIDELINES – PHASE ONE

“Classification evaluation & Training Competition day”

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The format was thought to offer three different levels of Competition, from beginner to advanced. The Level of the Para Dressage tests are below the first International level at *Beginner* and *Foundation* levels, and the lower Para Dressage test used for the CPEDI1* is used for the *Advanced* Level. All Para Dressage tests are available on the [FEI Website](#).

As per the rules, a FEI Para Dressage World Challenge Event (FEI WCHA-PED) consists of two mandatory phases:

Phase 1: Classification evaluation and Training Competition in order to establish the Grade and Level in which the athlete may officially take part in.

Phase 2: the FEI Para Dressage World Challenge Competition. Athletes will compete in the Grade and Category in accordance with the results of the evaluation and training of phase 1.

There must be a minimum of one (1) month between both phases.

This Guidelines are build to give guidance/ideas and tools how to make phase one and specifically “Training Competition day” successful for all actors.

PROGRAMME OF PHASE ONE

Day 1 – focus on Classification and pre-training discussion:

- Classifiers’ and Judges’ arrival
- Classification evaluations
- Pre-training discussion

The aim of this day:

- An opportunity for the Athletes to be classified by an FEI Classifier if not done nationally, to which grade they are allocated and which tests they will perform in the FEI Para Dressage World Challenge Event.
- This day will give the opportunities for the Athletes to discuss the test protocols with the Judges while athletes are being classified. This could also conclude by riding some of the movements. This needs to be defined in advance between the Judges and the Organiser depending on the number of participants.
- Depending on the number of participants, possibility to organise a workshop on classification or different topics conducted by the Classifiers and/or the Judges during day one or day two.

Classification evaluation:

- As per the rules, new athletes undergoing athlete evaluation at the event for the purpose of classification will have their eligibility to be classified determined by the nominated classification panel for the event. **This must be done at least four (4) weeks prior to Phase one of the event.** The NF of the athlete must ensure the request for classification and medical documentation is provide to the nominated FEI Classifier. All necessary documents and information are available on the [FEI Website](#).

A room must be made available to the Classification Panel for the sole purpose of Athlete evaluation and should fulfil the following requirements:

- Private and clean
- Wheelchair accessible, that is, ramped with no steps;
- Large enough to accommodate the two Classifiers, the Athlete (who may be in a wheelchair) and the Athlete’s representative;
- Equipped with a height adjustable examination table with a pillow; four sturdy chairs (without arms or wheels) and a table or desk;
- Clean handwashing facilities;
- Signage indicating the location of the Classification room;
- At least forty-five minutes should be designated for each evaluation. The Chief Classifier should inform the OC if they think a longer session may be required for an Athlete.

Day 2 - Training Competition

Phase one provides Athletes, National Officials, FEI Officials alongside with Coaches, the opportunity to share knowledge and ensure technical coherence.

The Training Competition (Day 2) is the “assessment” to train their tests in a competition-like situation. The role of the Events’ Organiser(s) is to organise everything for the Training Competition to take place in the best conditions. We would like to propose two formats as follow:

Format 1:

- All Athletes should train their tests in the warm-up arena and come up to the main arena at a specific time* to perform the test they would like to show in phase 2 of the Challenge in front of the Officials.
- At the end of this session each Coach or each Athlete if times allowed could discuss/debrief with the Judges and/or with the Classifiers if they have any questions with regards to the use of compensating aids and equipments and/or if they have any technical questions with regards to training of their Athletes.

*The Organiser together with the President of the Ground Jury is responsible to prepare a realistic timetable to be distributed to the Athletes and Coaches.

Format 2:

- All Athletes can practice (not performing test) in the main arena for a specific time * in front of the Officials in the morning and in the afternoon the focus would be more orientated as an open discussion per nation or per Athlete if times allowed.
- An alternative would be that all athletes could be allocated 30 minutes or a specific time that suits the daily plan and they could ride their test, have it marked by the judge and then have the judge and the athlete with the help of their coach, work on how to maximise their performance. This may mean riding the test again or riding sections of the test which they found most difficult.

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Day 3 - Classifiers’ and Judges’ departure