



# 2025 FEI WBFSH WORLD BREEDING DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## YOUNG HORSES SELECTION PROCEDURES

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Selection Process has been established with the view of identifying and selecting the best athlete/horse combinations possible to represent Canada at the **2025 FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses** scheduled for **August 5-10, 2025 in Verden, GER.**
- 1.2 The FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses will be organized under FEI Rules in cooperation with the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH).
- 1.3 Horses must be Canadian owned, have valid registration papers with a member of a national studbook that is recognized by the WBFSH, as per FEI rules. The list of the WBFSH member studbook and their country is available on the WBFSH website [www.wbfsch.com/studbook-members](http://www.wbfsch.com/studbook-members)
- 1.4 Horses must meet all the age, registration, ownership and approval requirements as per the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses Rules: [https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI WBFSH Rules Effective 1 January 2025 Clean Version.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI_WBFSH_Rules_Effective_1_January_2025_Clean_Version.pdf)
- 1.5 Athletes and owners must meet all the EC and FEI rule requirements as per the EC and FEI General Regulations and the EC and FEI rules for Dressage:
  - EC General Regulations / Rules for Dressage - [equestrian.ca/compete/athlete-resources/rulebooks](http://equestrian.ca/compete/athlete-resources/rulebooks)
  - FEI General Regulations - <https://inside.fei.org/content/general-regs-statutes>
  - FEI Rules for Dressage - <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/dressage/rules>



## **2.0 DECLARATION & DECLARATION FEE**

- 2.1. An **online Declaration Form** found at [must be submitted](#), by the end of day **(12 midnight ET), Friday, May 23, 2025**. The declaration form must include the following attachments, in order to be accepted:
  - It is the responsibility of the athlete and owner to verify the horse's eligibility for the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses through the studbook from which the horse was issued breed registry papers.

A copy of the horse's valid registration papers from a member of the national studbook, which is recognized by the WBFSH. An official letter from the horse's breeding association in the country of the horse registration (member of the WBFSH), that states the horse can represent Canada at the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses
- 2.2. In order to declare athletes and owners must be current Platinum Sport License Holders with Equestrian Canada (EC).
- 2.3. A declaration fee of \$100 per horse/rider combination is to be remitted at the time of declaration. Please make arrangements with the Dressage Program Coordinator
- 2.4. Horses must have a current FEI document (formerly FEI passport) and have an active Equestrian Canada Horse Recording.
- 2.5. Withdrawing a declaration must be done in writing. An email should be sent to [cpeters@equestrian.ca](mailto:cpeters@equestrian.ca)

## **3.0 QUALIFICATION**

- 3.1 The Qualifying Period is **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – June 15, 2025**
- 3.2 Horses must have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) as per the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses Rules  
MER to be achieved as a combination athlete/horse (preliminary **or** final test):  
  
5 and 6 year old horses: a total score of 75%  
7 year old horses: a total score of 70%  
3.3 The MER score must be achieved at least once at a CDIYH, or within National selection criteria in the calendar year of the Championship, until the date of nominated entries.
- 3.4 In addition to the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses Rules, athletes must submit the following for selection consideration:
  - A clear video of the athlete/horse combination showing in the FEI Final Competition test at the appropriate level (i.e. 5 year old final test, 6 year old final test, 7 year old final test)
  - Minimum of two scores from the FEI Final Competition test at the appropriate level (i.e. 5-year-old, 6 year old, 7 year old test) scores may be from a CDIYH or a CDN (national) show:
    - For 5 and 6-year-old horses = two scores of 8.0 or higher are required
    - For 7-year-old horses = two scores of 7.0 or higher are required



The online score/video report form (along with official class results) must be submitted on or before **9 a.m. ET on Monday, June 16, 2025** Score Report Forms) **received after 9 a.m. ET on Monday, June 16, 2025**, will ***not*** be considered.

## **4.0 SELECTION**

- 4.1 On or before June 20, 2025~~2025~~, the Qualifying Scores will be reviewed and averaged to determine the rank order of each declared athlete/horse combination at each level. For selection purposes qualifying scores must be reported using the online score report form athletes must attach a copy of their test sheets from each judge. **Note: A 1% bonus will be added by Equestrian Canada to each CDIYH qualifying score before scores are averaged for ranking.**
- 4.2 The High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) is the selection panel for the 2025 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses. The HPAG members can be found at <https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage>

## **5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 5.1 EC will announce the 2025 FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses athlete/horse combinations upon completion of the selection process.

## **6.0 NO ALTERATIONS**

- 6.1 No alteration of athlete/horse combinations will be permitted after declaration.

## **7.0 APPEALS**

- 7.1 Athletes participating in the selection process for the 2025 FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses, have the right to appeal against a selection decision but only on the grounds that the HPAG has failed to comply with the correct procedures outlined in this selection document or have made a decision that no rational body of selectors could reasonably reach. An appeal must be made in writing to the EC Discipline Manager within 72 hours of the relevant athlete being informed of the decision. Appeals must be accompanied by an administration fee of \$1000.00 (CAD).
- 7.2 Athletes hereby adopt the Equestrian Canada Discipline, Complaints and Appeal Policy as the mechanism to resolve disputes between all declared athletes and EC. Nevertheless, in recognition of the short timelines required for the decision process, both parties may agree to forgo the above EC policy process and as an option adopt the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process as a time-efficient alternative process. **In such instance, the administration fee will be applied to the fee required for appeal to SDRCC.**