



# 2026 FEI WBFSH WORLD BREEDING DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## YOUNG HORSE SELECTION PROCEDURES

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. These Selection Procedures are subject to change at any time to remain compliant with the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) / World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses (WBFSH) Rules
- 1.2. This Selection Process has been established with the view of identifying and selecting the best athlete/horse combinations possible to represent Canada at the **2026 FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses scheduled for August 4-9, 2026 in Verden, GER.**
- 1.3. Horses must have valid registration papers with a WBFSH member studbook, as per FEI / WBFSH Rules. The list of the WBFSH member studbooks 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 and approval requirements as per the FEI / WBFSH Rules.
- 1.5. Canada may enter up to one (1) horse in each age category (5-, 6- and 7-year-old).
- 1.6. Quota places (see 1.5 above) for each age category allotted to Canada by the FEI and WBFSH are prioritized to home-bred horses qualified by the selection process herein.
- 1.7. As an exception to the FEI General Regulations, **home-bred horses (horses registered with a Canadian WBFSH member studbook (i.e. Canadian Sport Horse Association (CSHA) and / or Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association (CWHBA))** may qualify for the 2026 FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses with a Canadian athlete, or a foreign athlete provided the foreign athlete's national federation approves the entry.
- 1.8. If there are no home-bred horses qualified under the selection process, then Canada may be permitted to enter a foreign bred horse on the condition that the foreign studbook of origin gives its approval. For such nomination to be accepted, official confirmation that no home-bred horses achieved the required minimum eligibility requirements (MER) must be submitted to the FEI with the nominated entry. Foreign bred horses must be ridden by Canadian athletes.



- 1.9. Athletes must meet all the FEI rule requirements as per the FEI General Regulations and the FEI rules for Dressage.

## **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 29, 2026**. The declaration form must include the following attachments, to be accepted:
- It is the responsibility of the athlete 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 WBFSH member studbook,. The registration papers must be in the owner's name, per FEI / WBFSH Rules.
    - Declarations for foreign-bred horses must include 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. To declare Canadian athlete must be current Platinum Sport License Holders with Equestrian Canada (EC).
- 2.3. A declaration fee of \$200 per horse/athlete combination is to be remitted at the time of declaration.
- 2.4. Horses must have a current FEI document (FEI passport or recognition card).
- 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>, 2026 – June 14, 2026**, unless otherwise determined and based on the nominated entry deadline as listed in the FEI Definite Schedule for the Championships.
- 3.2 Horses must have achieved the MER as per the FEI / WBFSH 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%
- The MER score must be achieved at least once at a CDIYH, or within National selection procedure in the calendar year of the Championship, until the date of nominated entries.
- 3.3 In addition to the FEI / WBFSH Rules, athletes must submit the following for selection consideration:
- Minimum of two scores from the FEI Final Competition test at the appropriate age category (i.e. 5-year-old, 6-year-old, 7-year old test).



- Scores must be from a panel of at least two (2) judges. Copies of the entire qualifying score sheet(s) must be submitted with each score.
- At minimum one score must be from a CDIYH (FEI sanctioned competition)
- The second score may be from either a CDIYH or a CDN (foreign national/ EC Gold) competition
- Score Threshold Requirements:
  - For 5 and 6-year-old horses = two scores of 8.0 or higher
  - For 7-year-old horses = two scores of 7.0 or higher
- Scores must be submitted using [the online score report form](#) (along with official class results). Scores must be submitted on or before **9 a.m. ET on Monday, June 15, 2026.** Score Report Forms **received after 9 a.m. ET on Monday, June 15, 2026,** will **not** be considered.

## **4.0 SELECTION**

- 4.1 On or before **June 19, 2026,** the Qualifying Scores will be reviewed and averaged to determine the rank order of each declared athlete/horse combination at each age category. Priority for selection will be given to home-bred horses as per section 1.6 above. For selection purposes qualifying scores must be reported using the [online score report form](#) and athletes must attach a copy of their test sheets from each judge. **Note: A 1% bonus will be added by EC to each CDIYH (FEI sanctioned) competition qualifying score before scores are averaged for ranking.**
- 4.2 The High-Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) is the selection panel for the 2026 FEI WBFSH 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 2026 FEI WBFSH 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 2026 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 \$1,000.00 (CAD).



7.2 Athletes hereby adopt the EC 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 Integrity Canada (SIC) appeal process as a time-efficient alternative process. **In such instance, the administration fee will be applied to the fee required for appeal to SIC.**