



**HORSE SPORT
IRELAND**



Qualification Criteria National to International Pathway for Dressage & Para-Dressage

1. Introduction

The Horse Sport Ireland Dressage & Para-Dressage High Performance Committee is responsible for authorising participation of Dressage & Para-Dressage (Youth & Senior) athletes at international competitions. The objective of this criteria is to provide a fair and transparent benchmark as to the performances required and to ensure athletes have the ability to compete competently at international level.

2. Specific Pathway Criteria

All Dressage & Para-Dressage athletes wishing to compete internationally **must** have achieved the following results:

- **Pony/ Junior/ Young Rider/ U25/ Children on Horses Pathway –**

To qualify to compete at CDIP/J/Y/Ch level combinations must achieve THREE overall scores of minimum 68%, ONE in the FEI Team test, ONE in the FEI Individual test and ONE in either test at the relevant level at affiliated national competitions in Ireland or abroad in front of two different appropriately listed judges within twelve months from the date of application. Consistent current form i.e. scores of 66%+ to be shown nationally in the three months prior to FEI competition.

To qualify to compete at CDIU25 level combinations must achieve THREE overall scores of 66%, one in the FEI Intermediare II and two in either the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test or the FEI Grand Prix (Senior) at affiliated national competitions in Ireland or abroad in front of two different appropriately listed judges within twelve months from the date of application. Consistent current form i.e. scores of 66%+ to be shown nationally in the three months prior to FEI competition.

- **Senior**

Small Tour: Prix St George/Intermediare 1

Big Tour Grand Prix (2 tests)

Achieved a minimum of 66% at national level (including other jurisdictions) in the two classes the athlete (rider/horse combination) is intending to compete in at the international event relevant to the application. The two tests must be judged by two different judges and the results achieved in the six months prior.

- **Para-Dressage (Youth & Senior)**

Team Test and Individual Test at the athletes relevant grade, (athlete/horse combination) must achieve a minimum of 68% at



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national level in the two classes, the athlete Judge must be a Para-Judge or List 3 or higher or recognised national affiliate tests of equivalent standard at affiliated national competitions in Ireland or abroad in front of two different appropriately listed judges within 6 months from the date of application.

- **Non IRL athletes**

The HSI Dressage & Para-Dressage High Performance Committee reserves the right to consider athletes who do not fall within the defined categories above, such as athletes who are eligible to compete for Ireland following a sport nationality change or through naturalisation. The Committee shall decide on the portability of national results and/or international results achieved in another jurisdiction on a case by case basis.

3. Application Process

FEI registrations/FEI recognition cards: Athletes must send FEI forms signed and filled out together with national passport of the horse/pony to the HP Administrator Susann Killilea in Horse Sport Ireland via post. Athletes need to be a member of Dressage Ireland to be able to receive their FEI licence.

FEI entries: FEI registrations need to be in order before any FEI entries can be done. Once FEI registered please apply directly to HSI Dressage & Para-Dressage High Performance Committee for permission to apply to compete at an FEI show. All applications must be sent to the HP Administrator Susann Tschoerner stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie together with the following information:

- i. Name of Horse & Athlete
- ii. Name of event seeking approval for;
- iii. Classes at the event;
- iv. Confirmation of national results;

Subsequent licence applications: The Dressage & Para-Dressage High Performance Committee will continually review subsequent athlete FEI entry applications taking into account the factors as set out in section 4 below.

4. Loss of Form

Athlete/horse combinations who proceed to compete at CDI level subsequent to receiving initial permission, will be reviewed by the High-Performance Director or Pony Dressage Youth Manager (for youth programmes only) after a period of 6 months on receipt of initial permission. Combinations who have not met the qualifying mark as set out in the specific pathway criteria (section 2) in their respective categories at international events, will be subject to evaluation by the HSI Dressage High Performance Director or Pony Dressage Youth Manager. The HPD/ Team Manager may consider such performance as under performance, and pursuant to Art 6.2 of the Horse Sport Ireland General Rules reserve the right to enter or refuse



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to approve the entry of an athlete to compete at subsequent international events. However, before doing so, the HSI Dressage Director / Team Manager will consider all mitigating factors and submissions from the athlete before arriving at their decision. The HSI Dressage High Performance may impose certain conditions as to the level of competition the athlete may compete in order to reconcile the standard of performance required.

5. FEI Registration

Both athlete and horse must be registered with FEI in accordance with FEI Article 113 (General Regulations). Horses will need a FEI approved National passport within a FEI Recognition Card, as required for competing in the relevant CDI & CPEDI for which the application is being made and in accordance with FEI Article 137 (General Regulations). All applications for FEI registration must be made through the [FEI Registrations Unit in Horse Sport Ireland](#). Athletes must ensure both athletes (athlete and horse) are free from prohibited substances in accordance with FEI regulations.

All information with regard to Clean Sport can be consulted [HERE](#). Any questions with regard to the above pathway should be directed to the Dressage & Para-Dressage High Performance Committee by contacting the HP Administrator Susann Killilea skillilea@horsesportireland.ie

6. Variations

This policy can be amended at any time by the HSI Dressage & Para-Dressage High Performance Committee. The Committee reserves the right to amend or change the Policy where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objective of the Policy, which is to ensure that Team Ireland is represented on appropriately on the international dressage stage.

In the event, that Committee is of the opinion, that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in nationals or international rules, regulations and agreements, and to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland and the HSI Dressage & Para-Dressage High Performance Committee shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

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