

## **Qualification Criteria – National to International Pathway Youth Dressage - P/J/YR/Ch/U25**

The Horse Sport Ireland Youth Dressage High Performance Manager is responsible for authorizing participation of Youth Dressage 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.

### **Specific Pathway Criteria - Youth Dressage**

- To qualify to compete at CDIP/J/Y/COH 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 12 months from the date of application.
- U25 - three overall scores of minimum 66% in Inter 11, Short GP/GP at affiliated national competitions in Ireland or abroad in front of two different appropriately listed judges within 12 months from the date of application.
- Current form of 66% plus to be shown in the 3 months prior to international shows.
- The HPM will identify key national and international events at which combinations may compete to become eligible for team selection.
- The HPM reserves the right to apply discretion where merited in respect of requirements above.

### **Application Process**

Once the above criteria is achieved athletes should contact the High Performance Manager, Anne Marie Dunphy [adunphy@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:adunphy@horsesportireland.ie) and the HP Executive for Dressage, Susann Tschoerner [stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie) to express an interest in competing internationally and submit supporting evidence of results. Once approved, athletes must proceed to register as an athlete with the FEI Registrations Department in Horse Sport Ireland. All relevant information in regards to FEI registrations/FEI recognition cards can be found on the Horse Sport Ireland website: <http://www.horsesportireland.ie/team-ireland/fei-passports/>

FEI entries: FEI registrations need to be in order before any FEI entries can be done, please contact Brid Marron [feireg@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:feireg@horsesportireland.ie) for all FEI registrations/passports.

Once FEI registered please apply directly to the HP Dressage Executive Susann Tschoerner [stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie) together with the following information:

- Name of Horse & Athlete
- Name of event seeking approval for;
- Classes at the event;
- Confirmation of national results;

- The HPM reserves the right to decline a request for a certain event where it's considered the standard of event or \* rating is not appropriate for the first international appearance. The HPM may suggest a different event or \* for consideration by the applicant athlete.
- Subsequent licence applications: The Team Manager will continually review subsequent athlete FEI entry applications taking into account the factors as set out in section 4 below.

## **Loss of Form**

### **On initial grant of permission**

Athlete/horse combinations who proceed to compete at CDI level subsequent to receiving initial permission, will be reviewed by the HSI Youth Dressage HPM after a period of 12 months on receipt of initial permission. Combinations who have shown a consistent downward trend as set out in the specific pathway criteria (section 2) in their respective categories at international events, will be subject to evaluation by the HPM.

### **Ongoing grant of permission**

Following the initial 12 months, and any subsequent FEI licence renewals where an athlete combination has shown a consistent downward trend of scores will be subject to evaluation by the HSI Youth Dressage HPM.

The HPM 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 to approve the entry of an athlete to compete at subsequent international events. However, before doing so, the HSI Youth Dressage HP Team Manager will consider all mitigating factors and submissions from the athlete before arriving at their decision. The HPM may impose certain conditions as to the level of competition the athlete may compete in order to reconcile the standard of performance required or give a direction as to the competition (location) to be attended.

## **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 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 High Performance Committee by contacting the HP Dressage Executive Susann Tschoerner [stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie)

## **Variations**

This policy can be amended at any time by the HPM. The HPM 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 HPM is of the opinion, that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in national 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 HPM shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

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