



HORSE SPORT
IRELAND

Qualification Criteria

National to International Pathway for Senior Dressage 2024

1. Introduction

The Horse Sport Ireland High Performance Dressage Director in conjunction with the High Performance Dressage Advisory Group is responsible for authorizing participation of 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. Athletes must be members of and horses registered with Dressage Ireland.

2. Specific Pathway Criteria

All Senior Dressage athletes wishing to compete internationally must have achieved the following results:

To qualify to compete at CDI Small Tour combinations must achieve two overall scores of minimum 66%, one in the FEI Prix St George test and one in the FEI Intermediare 1 test at affiliated national competitions (including other jurisdictions) in front of two different appropriately listed judges within 6 months from the date of application.

To qualify to compete at CDI Big Tour combinations must achieve two overall scores of minimum 66% in the FEI Grand Prix, or one in the Grand Prix and one in the Grand Prix Special at affiliated national competitions (including other jurisdictions) in front of two different appropriately listed judges within 6 months from the date of application.

Where a panel of judges officiate there should be one different judge in the two tests.

To qualify to compete at CDI Young Horse:

5 and 6yr olds - combinations must achieve two overall scores of minimum 75%, in either the FEI Preliminary or Final tests in the relevant age category at affiliated national competitions (including other jurisdictions) in front of two different Young Horse (specific) judges in the current calendar year.

7yr olds - combinations must achieve two overall scores of minimum 70%, in either the FEI Preliminary or Final tests at affiliated national competitions (including other jurisdictions) in front of two different Young Horse (specific) judges in the current calendar year.

Current form should be shown in the three months prior to international competition.

Non IRL athletes

The High Performance Dressage Director 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 naturalization and as such 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 (section 5): Athletes must send FEI forms signed and filled out together with the national passport of the horse to Horse Sport Ireland via post or apply online on the Horse Sport Ireland website. Athletes must be members 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 the High Performance Executive: 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 High Performance Dressage 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

A. 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 High Performance Dressage Director 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 High Performance Dressage Director.

B. 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 High Performance Dressage Director.

The High Performance Dressage Director 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 High Performance Dressage Director will consider all mitigating factors and submissions from the athlete before arriving at their decision. The High Performance Dressage Director 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.

5. FEI Registration

Both athlete and horse must be registered with the 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 and horse are free from prohibited substances in accordance with FEI regulations. All FEI registration/recognition card related information can be found on our website [FEI Passports & Registrations - Horse Sport Ireland](#).

All information with regard to Clean Sport can be consulted on the FEI website: [Main FEI Clean Sport | FEI](#)

Any questions with regard to the above pathway should be directed to the High Performance Dressage Director by contacting the High Performance Executive Susann Tschoerner stschoerner@horsesportireland.ie

6. Variations

This policy can be amended at any time by the High Performance Dressage Director in consultation with the HP Advisory Group in order to fulfil the objective of the Policy, which is to ensure that Team Ireland is represented appropriately on the international dressage stage.

In the event that the HPDD and High Performance Advisory Group 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, the High Performance Dressage Director and the High Performance Dressage Advisory Group shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

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