

DIRECTIVES FOR THE FEI DRESSAGE REGIONAL GROUP 7 PRELIMINARY CHALLENGE

G7 PRELIMINARY CHALLENGE SEASON 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

In order to promote dressage and to give more countries an opportunity to participate the FEI Solidarity Department gave permission to the G7 Region to use the following additional test with a lower degree of difficulty in the 2025 WDCH-D Season: **the FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE – PRELIMINARY TEST 2011.**

The results from this test will only count towards Group 7 regional ranking and will not count for the FEI World Challenge ranking. These directives for the FEI WDCA Preliminary test are to be read in conjunction with the 2024 FEI WCHA–D Rules. In those points where the current Directives do not correspond to the FEI 2024 FEI WCHA–D Rules these Directives take precedence over the Rules.

2. AGES

- 2.1 Minimum age of horses - 5 y.o.;
Minimum age of athletes - 12 y.o.;
- 2.2 For the regional **Team Classification** there will be no separate classification for different age groups. Athletes of all ages go into the same results ranking list.
- 2.3 For the regional **Individual Classification** there will be 2 separate categories:
Juniors – from 12 to 16 years old;
Seniors – 16 and above years old;

From the 1st January of the year, in which athletes reach their 16th birthday they will be classified as Seniors category.

3. ENTRIES

- ✓ A 5 y.o. horse is allowed to start only once.
- ✓ Starting from 6 y.o. a horse is allowed to start twice under different riders. If a horse is starting twice in the Preliminary Test, the same horse cannot start in any other WCHA tests.
- ✓ An athlete is allowed to start twice in Preliminary class but with two different horses;
- ✓ If a horse is being ridden by two athletes in different tests, the easier level should be scheduled first. Therefore the G7 Preliminary Challenge test should be scheduled before the WCHA-D tests.

4. ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- ✓ Arena dimensions 20x60;
- ✓ Calling the test is not allowed;
- ✓ Must be performed in sitting trot;
- ✓ Whip is not allowed;

5. HEADGEAR, DRESS, SADDLERY

- ✓ Snaffle bridle only;
- ✓ Permitted saddles: dressage / jumping / eventing / universal;
- ✓ All the other guidelines must be in accordance with the 2025 FEI WCHA-D Rules;

6. HORSE INSPECTION

Participating horses must pass the horse inspection carried out by an FEI Veterinary Delegate.

7. CLASSIFICATION

There will be 2 regional classifications: **Individual Classification** and **Team Classification**. The OC within each country is free to add other national classification and is responsible for the distribution of prizes.

8. THE REGIONAL INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 8.1 All results from all participating countries will be combined into two regional Individual Ranking Lists in accordance with the age of the participants. First list for Juniors Rankings Lists – from 12 to 16 years old. Second list for Seniors – 16 and above years old (refer to Art. 2.3).
- 8.2 In both Individual Rankings Lists the winner is the athlete having the highest total points (converted into percentage), the second is the one with the next highest total and so on. In case of the equality of points for the first, second and/or third places, the highest marks attributed by the President of the Ground Jury will be decisive for the placing. If a further tie exists, the highest collective mark will be decisive. In case of equality of points for places other than the first three, the athletes concerned are given the same rank. If an athlete in competing on 2 horses → only his highest result will count towards the Regional Individual Classification.
- 8.3 It is up to the organizers to decide whether they want to have a separate classification for juniors in the framework of their competitions on the national level.

9. THE REGIONAL TEAM CLASSIFICATION IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

- 9.1 The average of the 3 best results from the Preliminary Test 2011 (all age groups) in every country will form the 'team result' and will count towards the regional **Team Classification**.

9.2 In case of equality of points for the first, second and/or third places, the Team whose third placed Athlete achieved the highest percentage will be placed first.

If an athlete in competing on 2 horses → only his highest result will count towards the Team result.

10. PRIZEGIVING

The one (1) winning Team, the 3 best individual junior riders and the 3 best individual senior riders will be awarded during the FEI Regional Group 7 General Assembly in 2026.

AFTER THE COMPETITION!

In order to establish a regional classification between all participating countries, results (signed by the official Judges) must be sent to the following e-mail:

imcnamee32@gmail.com

Please specify the riders who go into the junior category, so they can make a separate individual classification for them.

The regional classification will be provided to all participating Federations.