

Directives for the FEI Dressage Regional Group 7 additional WCHA-D Challenge Test

WCHA-D SEASON 2024

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 2024 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.

PRINCIPLES

This test can be used for both the youth category and seniors. There is no separate classification for different age groups.

AGES

Minimum age of horses - 5 y.o.;

Minimum age of athletes - 12 y.o.;

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, one of which has been selected for the Team, the Team athlete must ride before the other one.

HEADGEAR, DRESS, SADDLERY

In accordance with the 2024 FEI WCHA-D Rules with the following exception:

Saddles - dressage / jumping / eventing / universal saddles can be used.

HORSE INSPECTION

Any horse participating must have passed a horse inspection carried out by an FEI Veterinary Delegate.

CLASSIFICATION

There will be 2 regional classifications: **INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION** and **TEAM CLASSIFICATION**.

The OC within each country is free to add a national individual classification and is responsible for the distribution of prizes.

The regional **INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION** is as follows:

The winner is the athlete having the highest total points converted into percentage, the second the one with the next highest total and so on. In case of 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.

The regional **TEAM CLASSIFICATION** is calculated as follows:

Following the Veterinary Inspection an NF designates a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 Team athletes from the participants of the FEI WCHA-D Preliminary Level test.

An athlete and/or a horse can only be nominated once for the Team Classification. Once nominated, the names of the Team members cannot be changed. Declaration of starters of the Team members (athletes and horses) must be announced to the President of the Ground Jury using the official 'Team Declaration' form no later than one hour after the Horse Inspections

The Team members' ultimate results, expressed in percentages, will be added. The results achieved by the three best Team athletes will count for the Team Classification.

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.

Immediately 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 FEI Solidarity Department with a copy to the following e-mail: imcnamee32@gmail.com

The regional classification will be provided to all participating Federations.

PRIZEGIVING

The one winning Team and the 3 best individual riders will be awarded during the FEI Regional Group 7 General Assembly.