

FEI World Dressage Challenge 2015

ZONE 8

Singapore Qualification Procedures

SIN Competition:	Saturday, 24 th October 2015
SIN Clinic Session:	Sunday, 25 th October 2015
FEI Ground Jury:	Mr Carlos Lopes (POR) Mr Freddy Leyman (BEL)
Venue:	National Equestrian Centre (NEC)

Background

The FEI World Dressage Challenge (the “Challenge”) is one of the highlights of our annual Equestrian Calendar and the results are published internationally. Entry is at the sole discretion of the EFS. The EFS expects all potential Challenge participants to achieve a suitable minimum standard in order to be nominated to enter the Challenge classes.

In order to demonstrate their abilities to best advantage, rider and horse combinations should be well established and currently practice at the level they wish to compete in at the Challenge.

For team classification, a minimum of three and a maximum of four rider/horse combinations will be submitted by EFS to the President of the Ground Jury following the horse inspections.

In the event that potential entries exceed the maximum permitted for the 2015 Challenge (40 riders), then the EFS will ballot qualified potential entries according to the criteria described under “Ballot Process” below. A waiting list of balloted entries will be maintained.

Qualifying Criteria

Potential rider/horse combinations must fulfill the FEI eligibility requirements for their proposed Challenge class(es) as described in the 2015 FEI World Dressage Challenge Rules. Please visit FEI at <http://www.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/dressage/downloads> for the links to the 2015 Rules and Tests.

The Challenge is only open to EFS registered riders.

Prospective Challenge entries must achieve at least **two qualifying scores of 60% or higher** in an appropriate qualifying class held at EFS sanctioned competitions between **1st January 2015 and 17th October 2015**:

- Riders and horses must qualify as a combination. A single combination may qualify for more than one Challenge level and are will be eligible to enter two consecutive FEI Challenge classes;

- There is no limit on the number of qualification attempts nor on the number of combinations to qualify from a given qualifying class;
- Combinations may enter any number of qualifying classes at a given show, but subject to any class limits imposed by the show's Organizing Committee as per the examples shown below:
 - Limits on the number of dressage classes which a rider or horse may enter per day;
 - Limits on the level of classes which may be entered, for example only two consecutive levels: Novice-Elementary, Elementary-Medium, Medium-Advanced, etc;
- Combinations qualified for one level are automatically qualified for the level below, i.e.,
 - Combinations completing qualification to enter the FEI PSG Test do not need to separately qualify for the FEI WDC Advanced Test;
 - Combinations completing qualification to enter the FEI WDC Advanced Test do not need to separately qualify for the FEI WDC Medium Test, and so on;
 - In the event that total qualified potential Challenge entries exceed 40, all combinations will be subject to further ranking as described below under "Ballot process";

Scores obtained by combinations competing on a 'Hors Concours' (H/C) basis will not count towards Challenge qualification.

Selection for Team Classification

For the team classification, EFS will have to submit a minimum of three and a maximum of four rider/horse combinations, regardless of the level, to the President of the Ground Jury following the horse inspections.

In order to be under consideration, you will first have to indicate on your entry form for the FEI World Dressage Challenge 2015 if you would like to be considered for the Team Classification for Singapore.

Final selection by the EFS Competition Sub-Committee will be made based on the following:

- Results of rider/horse combinations attained in the qualifying competition between 1st January 2015 to 17th October 2015;
- Consistency of performances

Decision by the Committee is final.

The team members' ultimate results, expressed in percentages, will be added. The results achieved by the three best team riders will count for the Team Classification. In the case of equality of points for the first, second and/or third places in a Zone, the team whose third placed rider achieved the higher percentage will be placed first.

It is important to note that the horse/rider combination selected for the Team, the test in which they have been selected, must be their first performance.

Qualifying Classes

The following Test levels will be used towards qualification for the 2015 Dressage Challenge:

Qualifying Dressage Tests	WDC Prelim	WDC Elem	WDC Med	WDC Adv	FEI PSG
FEI (2009) PSG & above	*	*	*	Yes	Yes
EFA (2015) Advanced 5.3					
FEI WDC (2011) Advanced	*	*	Yes	Yes	
FEI (2009) Junior Individual					
EFA (2015) Medium 4.3 to Advanced 5.2					
FEI WDC (2011) Medium	*	Yes	Yes		
EFA (2015) Elementary 3.3 to Medium 4.2					
FEI WDC (2011) Elementary	Yes	Yes			
EFA (2015) Novice 2.3 to Elementary 3.2					
FEI WDC (2011) Preliminary	Yes				
EFA (2015) Preliminary 1.3 to Novice 2.2					

**Qualification recognized at EFS discretion. Otherwise eligible combinations are recommended to additionally enter qualifying classes relevant to the FEI Challenge class(es) they wish to qualify for.*

EFS will accept results towards qualification from all relevant classes at EFS sanctioned competitions between **1st January 2015 and 17th October 2015**.

All potential participants are strongly encouraged to enter at least one qualifying class using the appropriate FEI Challenge Test as a practice for the level(s) they plan to enter in the Challenge.

Combinations qualifying by end June 2015 are strongly advised to enter at least one competition between August and October 2015 for competition practice.

Qualification Status

The EFS will publish the cumulative status of the qualified combinations by **18th October 2015** on the EFS website and will circulate this information to all EFS Member Club Representatives.

Any requests to amend or correct qualification status must be made in writing to the EFS Office by **18th October 2015**.

Discretionary Qualification

In the case of exceptional circumstances (illness of horse/rider, horse/rider absence from Singapore, extended travel, new horses, new residents, visiting riders, etc) the EFS at their sole discretion may permit eligible but unqualified combinations to enter the FEI Challenge. This will be subject to evidence of current fitness and suitable prior track records. Recent overseas competition results may be submitted for this purpose. Request for discretionary qualification should be made to the EFS Office in writing no later than **19th October 2015**. Requests for discretionary entry may be submitted together with your entry form.

Combinations that just fail to qualify for a specific Challenge class by **17th October 2015** may also ask to be considered for discretionary qualification. Such requests may be accepted for combinations which have shown clear progression over the series of Qualifying Shows and that the EFS considers to have a reasonable chance of performing at the required standard (60% or higher) in the Challenge itself.

Riders and horses must qualify as a combination. Substitution of either horse or rider for the Challenge entries after **19th October 2015** due to genuine unavailability is at the discretion of the EFS. In general, only riders or horses that are considered clearly capable of performing at the required Challenge standards will be considered as substitutes. Such substitution will be considered discretionary qualification.

In principle, ordinary qualified combinations will take precedent over discretionary qualified combinations in the event of a ballot operating to determine final Challenge entries.

However, the EFS reserves the right to nominate Challenge entries from discretionary qualified combinations that have reasonable expectation of producing high scores (65+%) regardless of ballot ranking.

All EFS decisions with respect to discretionary qualification are final and are not subject to further appeal.

Ballot Process

The maximum permitted entries for the FEI WDC 2015 is (40). These may be allocated to a single Challenge Class or split across any combination of the five Challenge Classes at the determination of the EFS. A minimum of 10 entries is required for the Challenge to be run.

In the event that the total number of potential Challenge entries exceeds 40 at the close of

nominated entries (**both ordinary and discretionary qualified combinations to be counted**), the EFS will accept final Challenge entries as follows:

- All PSG ordinary qualified combinations to be accepted;
- All Advanced ordinary qualified combinations to be accepted;
- All Medium ordinary qualified combinations to be accepted;
- **EFS selected** discretionary qualified combinations at PSG, Advanced and Medium – in principle these will be combinations capable of achieving higher (63+%) scores;
- Remaining places to be split proportionally between Elementary and Preliminary according to the overall ordinary combinations qualified to enter these Classes:
 - Elementary entries to be accepted from ordinary qualified combinations ranked by average qualifying scores;
 - Preliminary entries to be accepted from ordinary qualified combinations ranked by average qualifying scores;
- All remaining combinations (both ordinary and discretionary qualifications) to be waitlisted. In principle, waitlisted ordinary qualifications should be accepted ahead of waitlisted discretionary qualifications irrespective of FEI Class to be entered.

Amendments

In the event that it proves necessary to amend any of the criteria or procedures relating to qualification for the 2015 FEI World Dressage Challenge, the EFS will publish any amendments (including effective date of change) on the EFS website and will circulate these to the EFS Member Clubs Representatives.

Contact for Queries

Requests for clarification of the above, appeals on qualification status, application for discretionary qualification and any other queries should be made **via the appropriate EFS Club Representative** and addressed to Ms Monique Heah, Chairperson of EFS Competition Sub-Committee.

It is the responsibility of all EFS Member Clubs to ensure that their Members, Instructors, Riding Committees and Show Committees including all impacted officials, volunteers and staff are properly informed of the conditions for participation in the 2015 FEI World Dressage Challenge and the Rules and procedures governing qualification for participation in the 2015 Challenge as specified above.

The EFS accepts no responsibility for misunderstandings, expenses or losses incurred or inconvenience resulting from any failure of its Member Clubs to properly communicate or to adhere to the procedures specified herein.