



## FEI WORLD CUP™ DRESSAGE FOR YOUNG RIDERS - RULES 2009

The FEI World Cup™ Dressage for Young Rider is a competition at FEI Young Rider level comprising of qualifying Young Rider events and a Final. The FEI Dressage Rules apply, except where stated differently in these rules. Moreover these rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI valid Statutes, General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations.

### 1. Regions/Leagues:

The FEI World Cup™ Dressage for Young Rider will be divided into the following 5 Regions/Leagues \*:

Western Europe, Central Europe, North America, South America and Asia/Africa/Pacific. From each Region/League the following number of athlete/horse combinations may qualify for the Final:

1. Western Europe	5	Maximum 1 athlete / NF
2. Central Europe	1	Maximum 1 athlete / NF
3. North America	2	Maximum 1 athlete / NF
4. South America	1	Maximum 1 athlete / NF
5. Asia / Africa / Pacific	2	Maximum 1 athlete / NF
+ Defending Champion (if still YR)	1	(excluded from above)

Total: **12** athletes

The FEI may allocate 1-2 possible Wild Cards in addition to the number of athletes above.

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Western Europe.	As for FEI World Cup Dressage Seniors
Central Europe:	As for FEI World Cup Dressage Seniors
North America:	FEI Group IV
South/Central America:	FEI Group V and VI
Asia / Africa / Pacific:	FEI Groups VII, VIII, IX

**2. Athletes and Horses:** An athlete can only gain qualification as an athlete/horse combination and cannot use the total result with different horses. For the Final an athlete may not replace the horse he/she has qualified with. For ownership of horses please refer to the General Regulations.

**Defending Champion:** The defending Champion, if still YR\*, is automatically invited to the Final to defend her/his title with a horse of his/her own choice, but must also have obtain the minimum qualification criteria as per below . The defending Champion is an additional athlete and is not included in the 1 athlete per NF limitation.

\*Unused place will be used as FEI Wild card.

### 3. Qualifying events:

All CDIY, CDIOY, U25 and CDI3\*/CDIY (CDI3\* with YR classes) Young Rider Individual Test (Ed. 2009) and YR Freestyle test (Ed. 2009) for the period of

**1 January 2009 - 25 October 2009**

Athlete/Horse combinations belonging to the above Regions/Leagues may gain qualification points (counted in %) at any FEI CDIY - CDIOY - CDI3\*/CDIY event in the FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test (Ed.2009). Qualification points may also be gained outside an athletes' home region.

### 4. Qualification:

NFs shall submit the **2 best** results from the best athletes in their country participating at CDIY/CDIOY/ CDI3\*-CDIY combined, during the period of 1 January 2009 - 25 October 2009. The submitted results shall count towards the final qualification percentage.

There can only be 1 athlete per NF participating in the Final, excluding the title defender.

Example:

Athlete: Jenny X-ample Horse: King NF: AUS

<b>Athlete /Horse</b>	<b>CDIY/CDIOY Event</b>	<b>Total Freestyle result %</b>
1.Jenny X-ample /King	CDI3*/ CDIY- Aachen (GER) 11-12 May 2009	68.000 %
2.Jenny X-ample /King	CDIY- Falsterbo (SWE) 15-16 July 2009	69.000 %

Total average %: **68.500%**

As per the Dressage Rules, in case of equality of total average percentage, the athlete with best artistic marks in the qualifying Freestyle results will be ranked higher.

Qualification form to be used can be downloaded from the FEI website under Dressage/Rules/qualifications and shall be accompanied with results.

**5. Replacements:** Should the highest qualified athlete/horse combination from each Region/League not be able to participate in the Final, the next highest scored athlete will qualify and so on, under condition that the minimum qualification criteria is met (see below). Maximum 1 athlete/NF may be qualified through replacements. Unused qualification places will be used as FEI Wild cards.

Example: Standings: North America:

1. Jenny X-ample / Tiger (USA) Qualified 1	Total average: 79.000%
2. Karen X-ample / Dolly (CAN) Qualified 2	Total average: 78.000%
3. John X-ample / Monster (CAN)	Total average: 77.000%
4. Bill X-ample / Alien (CAN)	Total average: 76.000%
5. Linda X-ample / Cartier (MEX) Replacement	Total average: 75.500%
6. Lois X-ample / Rolex (USA)	Total average: 75.000%

If qualified athlete no 1 is not able to participate (USA) the next athlete in line from a not qualified NF will receive a starting place. In the above case this will be MEX as CAN already has 1 qualified athlete. Should also qualified athlete no 2 from CAN not be able to participate, athlete number 3 on the list from CAN will replace the cancelled athlete.

#### **6. Criteria for Wild cards:**

Wild cards may be allocated by the FEI if it is considered that the athlete/s are deserving of such wild cards and taking fairness and development of the sport into account. The application of a Wild card may be requested by all National Federations that are members of the FEI and not already qualified with an athlete. Only 1 Wild card per NF may be allocated.

**7. Minimum qualification criteria:** All athlete/horse combinations participating in the final including Wild Cards must have scored a minimum of **65 %** in 2 FEI Young Rider Freestyle tests at a CDIY/CDIOY/U25/CDI3\*-CDIY during the above qualification period.

#### **8. FINAL**

The Final for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage for Young Riders will be held in Frankfurt (GER) in mid December 2009.

#### **DRAFT - Preliminary program to be confirmed**

Wednesday:	Arrival
Thursday:	Arrival. P.M. Veterinary inspection
Friday:	FEI YR Team Test Ed. 2009 (warm up)
Saturday:	FEI YR Individual Test Ed. 2009 qualifier for B- and A-Final
Sunday:	FEI YR Freestyle test Ed. 2009, B- and A-finals

All athletes will ride all three tests. FEI World Cup™ Dressage for Young Riders winner is the winner of the A-Final Freestyle test.

The A and B Finals will be divided in 2 equal groups following the result of the YR Individual Test where the best placed athletes will start in the A-final.

## Facilities for Athletes, Grooms and Horses

1. The Sponsor/ Organizer will provide accommodation and meals free of charge for the athletes and their grooms participating in the FEI World Cup™ Dressage for Young Riders competitions. At a minimum, these will be provided from the day of the horse inspection until the last day of the competition.
2. Stabling for the horses will be offered free of charge.
3. For overseas athletes, there will be a possibility of stabling free of charge at Schafhof before and after the event in order to coordinate with the air transport.
4. Accreditations: 1 Athlete, 1 Groom, 2 parents/horse owners, 1 trainer (Total 5).

## Entry/Starting fee

No entry or starting fee will be charged for the competitions.

## Travel Allowance

The Organizer/Sponsor will provide overseas horses with flight transportation in cooperation with Peden. It is important that Peden shall be contacted by the respective NFs in good time to organize flight transport. For other horses a minimum travel allowance will be given.

Overseas: USA, CAN, AUS, JAP, NZL, Central and South America

Europe: Depending on distance from home address to the event a minimum of EUR 100 (for distances of more than 100 km) up to a maximum sum of EUR 600, (Sum TBD - EUR per kilometer) will be granted.

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