

NZL Selection Criteria 2025

The Dressage NZ Selectors will select up to forty individual combinations and a team of three or four combinations to participate in the FEI World Dressage Challenge (WDC) 2025. Selections will be based on nominations received and in addition the selectors reserve the right to invite combinations at their discretion.

Objective for WDC Selection

The goal of the Selectors is to:

- a) Select the best NZL team to achieve a World Team classification (minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 Team Athletes can be nominated), and
- b) Select the best individuals respectively to win the WDC individual classes in the NZ leg of the WDC and gain World Individual and Regional classification per Level.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to be considered for selection, riders must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- a) The General Eligibility requirements set out in Article 10 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection)
- b) Must meet the criteria as set out in the current WDC conditions.

Performance Criteria

The Selectors may take into account the following factors:

1. the competition performance record of the rider and the horse as a combination in regard to the Objective;
2. the Horse's age, temperament, soundness history, traveling ability, acclimatisation to a change of environment and whether the horse settles to being stabled;
3. the Horses' suitability for the WDC and the likely conditions of that event;
4. the rider's relationships with other riders in the team, as well as with ESNZ staff and other personnel who may be involved with the Event or team;
5. the rider's conduct and behaviour at previous events, tours and training;
6. the results of any assessments, tests or examinations carried out with respect to the rider or horse, which may affect their ability to perform to their best;
7. the willingness of the rider, the horses' owner(s) and support team) to contribute positively to the Objective of this Selection Criteria;
8. anything which they consider applicable to their decision, such as those set out in Article 14 of the ESNZ Special Regulation (National Selection).

Selection Criteria

The Selectors will make their selections by:

- Reviewing past performances, placings and percentages at the level for which the combination is nominated.
- Observing performances leading up to and at the WDC event, including the Trot Up /Horse Inspection.
- Consideration will be given to the level of competition, the depth of the field at which the result was obtained, consistency of performance, and an improving trend for results produced.
- Assessing relevant form and ability to perform at the venue and on the applicable date.
- Considering the condition and demeanor of the combinations at the Trot Up.
- Taking into account that Scores obtained for the Youth, Prix St Georges & Intermediate I have a greater multiplying coefficient. This impacts the Team overall results, and this influences the selection process (i.e.: Inter I/PSG = % x 1.20; Senior II/Senior I = % x 1.00; Youth = % x 1.10).
- The five performance levels and two age groups (12-16 yrs; 16 yrs and older) reviewed are:
 - Intermediate I
 - Prix St. Georges
 - Senior II
 - Senior I
 - Youth
- The Selectors will make their selection on their overall information at the given time. It may not necessarily depend solely on the ranking of combinations according to scores achieved.
- The selectors reserve the right to accept wildcard nominations after the date of close of entry
- Wildcards nominations will be considered and accepted or not at the absolute discretion of the selectors with no right of appeal from any athlete or their connections or any other person.

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