

# Baltic League DRESSAGE General Rules 2017

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## 1. GOAL OF THE BALTIC LEAGUE SERIES:

- Promote the sport of dressage in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
- Find out our best athletes of our region, competing at our national levels
- Promote the co-operation between the NFs and friendship of athletes from participating countries
- Prepare our Children, Juniors, Young riders for future international competition by increasing the level of difficulty, compared to the BDL levels of the previous years.
- Give our national judges the valuable experience of judging in other countries

## 2. GENERAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (GOC):

The Baltic League Series is set forth by the Baltic League General Organizing Committee, consisting of one person appointed by each NF.

The General Organizing Committee will co-ordinate the arrangements for competitions in all disciplines and all competition venues and work with the local Organizing Committees (OC).

## 3. DATES OF COMPETITIONS:

During the 2017 season each participating NF will organize one competition in their country.

LATVIA: 10-11.06.2017                      **Kleisti Equestrian Centre**

ESTONIA: 01-02.07. 2017                      **Ruila Equestrian Centre**

LITHUANIA: 19-20.08.2017                      **Zagare Equestrian Centre**

Baltic Dressage League competitions can be organized also by other countries of the region (Russia, Finland, Poland). All the competitions should be in the BDL calendar by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The Schedules of each competition have to be published in the respective NFs calendars and on the Baltic Dressage League web site at least 4 weeks before the date of the competition.

#### **4. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:**

Participation is open for all athletes of EST, LAT, LTU, POL, BLR, FIN etc. nationality.

All athletes and horses have to be registered by their respective NF and their competitive licenses have to be valid and up to date.

Participants registered with other NFs are accepted, but they won't be able to collect points towards the final Baltic League ranking, except foreign nationals who are residents of EST, LAT & LTU. Riders from another Baltic country (Russia, Finland, Poland) can collect points, if said country will organize a Baltic Dressage League Series competition in their country during 2017 season.

If the age bracket permits, one rider/horse combination can compete at two adjacent levels, for example a Junior can also participate in the Your Riders division.

Rider/horse combinations having participated at international competitions (CDI) at a higher level than at BDL, cannot compete at BDL level. For example, if a Junior pair has competed at a CDI at Young Rider (PSG) level, they cannot compete at BDL Junior Level (M) and have to enter the BDL competition at YR (PSG) level.

U18 class is open to competition pairs, who are not entered to the BDL Junior or BDL Young Rider classes.

Children under 12 can compete in Children's class with a written letter of permission from their parent.

One horse can start up to two times per day, under the following conditions:

- a. Once in Juniors, Young Riders, Open M or PSG/Inter 1/GP level classes;
- b. Once in Juniors, Young Riders, Open M or PSG/Inter 1/GP level classes AND once in the Childrens, Amateurs or lower level classes;
- c. Twice in the Childrens, Amateurs or lower level classes.

The competition will be generally following FEI Dressage Rules 25<sup>th</sup> edition, with updates effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Exceptions and issues that are not covered by FEI rules, will be outlined in this document or solved case by case, by the Baltic League GOC.

## 5. BALTIC DRESSAGE LEAGUE COMPETITION CLASSES AND LEVELS:

<b>Division / age</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>
<b>Seniors (Open)</b> <i>Horses from 7 y.o.</i>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Prix St. Georges</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Inter-1 Freestyle</u></a>
<b>Young Riders (up to 21 y.o.)</b> DOB up to 1996 <i>Horses from 7.y.o.</i>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Young Riders Preliminary Test</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Young Riders Freestyle</u></a>
<b>Juniors (up to 18 y.o.)</b> DOB up to 1999 <i>Horses from 6 y.o.</i>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Juniors Team Test</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Juniors Freestyle</u></a>
<b>Children (up to 14 y.o.)</b> DOB up to 2003 <i>Horses from 6 y.o.</i>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Children Preliminary Test B</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Children Team Test</u></a>
<b>U18 development (up to 18 y.o.)</b> DOB up to 1999 <i>Horses from 5 y.o.</i> <i>Open for riders who are out of the Childrens' class by age, but not ready for participating in the Junior level.</i>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Children Team Test</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Children Individual test</u></a>
<b>Amateurs (according to rules of each individual NF)</b> <i>Horses from 5 y.o.</i>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Children Preliminary Test B</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>FEI Children Team Test</u></a>

All FEI tests are of the latest revision as per <http://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests>

Each OC will have the option to add Open classes to their competition. All additional classes have to be listed in the Schedule of the competition.

Juniors, Your Riders and Seniors will ride a technical test on Day 1 and a freestyle on Day 2. Children, Amateurs and U18 development riders ride technical tests on both days.

## 6. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITIONS:

Each competition will be held over 2 (two) days.

## **7. OFFICIALS:**

For each competition, the following officials will be appointed and listed in the Schedule:

### **Judges:**

- Each BDL test should be judged by a ground jury of at least 3 (three) judges.
- Each competition should have judges from at least 2 (two) different countries, other than the organizing NF.
- One FEI judge is strongly recommended.

**Stewards:** At least one steward (national or FEI).

**Veterinarian:** To be present during the competition.

**Farrrier:** To be available on call.

## **8. ENTRIES**

Entries are due through each National Federation 10 days before the start of the each competition. It is up to the OC to accept late entries, for a double entry fee.

Entry fee for all BDL classes is 60 EUR and this includes 2 tests: One test on Day 1 and one test on Day 2.

If the OC will add some Open classes, the entry fees will be outlined separately in each competition's Schedule.

## **9. SADDLERY**

Saddlery must be according to Art. 428 of the FEI Dressage Rules.

- For Prix St-Georges level the double bridle is compulsory.
- For Young Riders ja Juniors level the double bridle compulsory.
- Children, Amateur and U18 development levels, an ordinary snaffle must be used.

See permitted snaffles and nose-bands in FEI Dressage Rules Art 428. This applies in the practice and competition arenas.

Whips are not allowed in BDL classes, but can be carried in the Open classes.

## **10. ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES AND RIDERS**

Accommodation for horses, athletes and grooms is at the athletes' expense.

Accommodation for the horses will be arranged by the OC, the cost, the terms and the procedure for booking the stalls has to be outlined in the competition Schedule.

The OC can either offer accommodation for athletes/grooms or publish a list of nearby hotels/motels or camping facilities in the Schedule.

## **11. VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS**

All the horses have to be in good health and fulfill FEI requirements for participating in competitions (vaccinations, etc.)

All horses and ponies have to have national or FEI passports.

There is no Veterinary Inspection, but a vet has to be present at the competition and check all the passports for proper vaccination.

## **12. PRIZES**

Each competition consists of 2 tests, one on each day of the competition.

**The winners of each test** will be awarded with ribbons (25% of participants, but not less than 3 best combinations).

To determine the winners of each competition, percentages from Day1 and Day2 are converted into points 1:1 and added together.

**The winners of each competition** will receive prizes in kind or prize money, as outlined in the Schedule of the competition, to 25% of participants, but not less than 3 best combinations.

### **13. BALTIC DRESSAGE LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS AND OVERALL WINNERS**

Riders will collect points for the Baltic Dressage League overall ranking. The final results (added up from two days) for each rider from each competition will go towards the overall BDL ranking.

If a rider participates on two horses in one division of a BDL competition, the best result will count for the Baltic Dressage League ranking from said competition.

The Baltic Dressage League overall winners will be determined by adding up the best results from different competitions, depending on the total number of Baltic Dressage League competitions held during the 2017 season: 2 best results out of 3 competitions.

Baltic Dressage League winners of each division will be awarded with a horse cooler blanket and 3 best riders from each division will receive Baltic Dressage League trophies.

If there are sponsors, prize money or prizes in kind are also possible for certain or all divisions.

### **14. BALTIC DRESSAGE LEAGUE TEAM COMPETITION**

Team competition will be held between the participating countries of each competition.

5 best results in BDL classes (percentages of one rider, converted into points 1:1 and added up Day1 + Day2) of each country, regardless of the BDL division, are added up for the final result.

**The overall BDL final team ranking will be determined by adding together each country's team results of all 3 competitions.**

### **15. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOC AND OC**

The GOC and OC will not be responsible for any material or physical loss or damage (accident, injury, theft, illness, etc.) that can happen either as a direct or indirect result of actions of horses, athletes and/or their representatives, horse owners, grooms, parents, spectators or third parties or due to other unforeseen circumstances at the competition grounds, before, during or after the competitions.

The GOC and OC strongly recommend having health and property insurance coverage for everyone involved in the competitions.