

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – FEI WBFSH Eventing
World Breeding Championships for Young Horses
Le Lion d'Angers (FRA), 15-18 October 2026
CH-M-YH-CCI2*-L & CH-M-YH-CCI3*-L**

I. Participation / Invitations:

Athletes are invited by the Organising Committee through their NF (Art. 116 will apply).

A **total of 120 Horses** will be allowed to participate:

- **45** six-year-old Horses in the CH-2*
- **75** seven-year-old horses in the CH-3*

Maximum number of horses per NF (including host NF):	3 for the CH-2* & 12 for the CH-3*
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Maximum number of Horses per Athlete:

2 horses per Athlete for the entire Event: whether 2 in the CH-2* if not limited by excessive number of entries whether 2 in the CH-3* if not limited by excessive number of entries whether 1 in the CH-2* + 1 in the CH-3*.

In order to participate in the FEI WBFSH Eventing World Championship for Young Horses, all horses entered must be registered in a WBFSH member studbook.

The list of member studbooks can be found here: <https://www.wbfs.com/studbook-members>

Case of excessive entries:

In case of excessive entries (more than 120 horses for both competitions), on the date of the definite entries, a ballot system based on FEI Eventing Horse Ranking (established on 29 September 2026 for the purpose of this championship only, rolling over a 12 months' period) would apply.

All the Horses with the same number of points of the 45th ranked Horse for the 6 year olds and 75th ranked Horse for the 7 year olds on the list will be accepted. Each Horse guaranties a slot for his Nation but the final selection of combinations belongs to the National Federation.

II. Minimum Eligibility Requirements as per Art. 521

All Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) must be achieved as a combination according to the following requirements:

	Minimum Eligibility Requirements to achieve
Young Horse Championship 6 years old	Obtain an MER according to 2026 FEI Eventing Rules, article 517 criteria as a combination between 01 January 2025 to 22 September 2026 at 1 CCI2*-S with the following additional criteria: ➤ zero obstacle penalties on XC (The 1st activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) or having 1 Missed flag (9 penalties) will still allow a MER.) ➤ max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping test
Young Horse Championship 7 years old	Obtain MERs according to 2026 FEI Eventing Rules, article 517 criteria as a combination between 01 January 2025 to 22 September 2026 at 1 CCI2*-L and 1 CCI3*-S with the following additional criteria: ➤ both with zero obstacle penalties on XC (The 1st activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) or having 1 Missed flag (9 penalties) will still allow a MER.) ➤ both with max 4 penalties on obstacles (max one rail down) in the Jumping test In addition to the above requirements, combinations must meet the MERs for CCI3*-L as per article 520. For Uncategorised Athletes, this would result in obtaining an additional MER at CCI3*-S.

FEI Eventing Rules. Article 517 – Minimum Eligibility Requirement

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).

b) Cross Country Test:

- A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device or having a maximum of one missing flag will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)
- Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross-Country Test for, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five star level Competitions.

c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

NOTE: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

III. Entries

All Athletes invited or nominated must be entered by their NFs (Art. 116).

Nominated Entries: 22 September 2026

Definite Entries: 29 September 2026

IV. FEI Prize giving protocol at Young Horses championships

The following protocol has been reviewed in 2020 and shall consistently apply, as from 2020, at FEI WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in the disciplines of Jumping, Dressage and Eventing and at the FEI World Championships for Young Horses in the disciplines of Endurance and Driving.

This Policy is based on the principle that at FEI Young Horses Championships, the horse is the World Champion and not the human athlete.

Consequently, the following applies:

- FEI-WBFSH Trophy (gold, silver and bronze) engraved with logos of FEI and WBFSH to be offered to the horse owner. If the horse owner is not present in the venue, the athlete must accept it on behalf of the horse owner. The Trophies will be provided by the FEI.
- Small FEI-WBFSH Trophy (gold, silver, bronze) engraved with logos of FEI and WBFSH to be offered to the athlete (text to be: athlete of the winner/second/third of the "FEI WBFSH [discipline] World Championships for Young Horses [year]"). The Trophies will be provided by the FEI.
- The WBFSH can provide recognitions/awards for the Breeder(s). These recognitions/awards will carry the logos of WBFSH and FEI.
- Horse owners and breeder must accompany the placed (or winning) horses or enter on the placed (or winning) carriages in driving. If the horse owner and/or breeder is not present at the venue he/she must be represented by the athlete.
- Horses must enter the arena wearing the blanket, a sash around the horses' neck and a big rosette on the sash at the level of the chest (gold, silver bronze). Blanket, sashes and rosettes applicable if provided by the OC. The correct name of the Championship needs to be included (or embroidered/printed) on the blankets/sashes and rosettes.
- The national flags (no studbook flags) to be used at the prize giving ceremony are the ones of the countries of the studbooks of the first 3 placed horses.
- In addition it is allowed to hoist the flag of the studbook of the winning horse in addition to the national flag.
- The national anthem to be played is the one of the country of the studbook of the winning horse.
- Longines shall have the right to offer watches to the Athletes.
- The organiser shall have the possibility to offer additional recognitions or special prizes (to be agreed in conjunction with the FEI).

Protocol prize giving:

- Combinations (1-2-3) enter the arena (for driving owner on carriage).
- Pillars left and right (no podium).
- Representatives of FEI, WBFSH and OC are present in Arena.
- Owners and breeders invited to stand next to horse/athlete combination.
- National anthem winner.
- FEI and WBFSH representatives congratulate (owner, breeder, Athlete) and hand over the following recognitions together:
 - o Owners receive plate (provided by FEI).
 - o Breeders receive recognition (provided by WBFSH)
 - o Athletes receive plate (provided by FEI).
- Representative of Longines (if applicable) hands over watch to the Athlete(s).
- OC has the possibility to hand over additional recognitions/presents
- Lap of honour.