

FEI DRESSAGE TESTS – REVISIONS EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2027

A summary of the principal changes is provided below:

1. CDIYH

5-year-old Horses

5-year-old Preliminary A

- Introduces a simplified test for regions where the training and presentation of young horses are at an early stage of development.
- No counter canter; simple changes are performed through trot.
- The first halt has been removed.
- This test is not to be used for qualifiers for the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses.

5-year-old Preliminary B

- Replaces the previous Preliminary test, which included only a short canter section and one simple change.
- The trot section remains largely unchanged.
- The medium walk has been shortened to allow more time for an extended canter section, including two counter-canter movements and two simple changes.

5-year-old Final

- Remains largely unchanged.
- The walk now continues to A, making any loss of rhythm more visible to the judges at the front of the arena.

6-year-old Horses

6-year-old Preliminary A

- Introduces a simplified test, with no halt on the first centre line.
- Includes long trot half-passes and lengthening of trot steps, but no medium trot.
- Two flying changes are performed between markers rather than precisely at a marker.
- This test is not to be used for qualifiers for the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses.

6-year-old Preliminary B

- Remains similar to the existing Preliminary test, with the addition of a stretch circle.
- The objective is to ensure that all horses competing at a Championship demonstrate the stretch circle, rather than only those reaching the final.

6-year-old Final

- Remains largely unchanged, with the test mirrored from left to right to improve the visibility of the walk for the judges seated at E.
- The walk now leads to B, and several metres of collected walk are required before the walk pirouettes.
- The test continues to focus on the quality of four flying changes.

7-year-old Horses

Preliminary A

- Based on the movements of the Prix St-Georges (PSG), but with simplified requirements.
- Working pirouettes are permitted with a radius of 3–4 metres, focusing on the horse's willingness to take weight rather than demanding full collection.
- No tempi changes; three flying changes are performed on the diagonal.
- No extended trot.
- This test is not to be used for qualifiers for the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses.

Preliminary B

- A new test designed to make the initial competition level more accessible.
- Includes working pirouettes with a radius of 2–3 metres.
- The second trot extension is placed at the end of the test, allowing the horse an opportunity to improve following the canter section.

Final

- Remains largely unchanged.
- The stretch circle may now be performed in either sitting or rising trot.
- A coefficient has been introduced for the stretch circle.

Note: For the CH-M-YH-D, Preliminary B and Final tests for each age category are used (Preliminary A cannot be used for MERs and at the CH-M-YH-D).

8–11-year-old Horses

Grand Prix (CDN)

- A new Grand Prix test has been introduced.

2. CDICH

Children Preliminary A

- Remains largely unchanged.
- Adds one give-and-retake of the reins on a diagonal in working trot.
- The trot serpentine has been simplified from four loops to three, with the second part of the test mirrored accordingly.

Children Preliminary B

- Remains largely unchanged, with a revised simple-change exercise requiring a transition from counter canter into 7–9 walk steps, replacing the previous 16-metre walk.
- A stretch circle has been included.

Children Team

- Remains unchanged.
- Continues to include trot leg-yielding, give-and-retake of the reins in walk, turns on the haunches, two counter-canter movements and two simple changes with 3–5 walk steps.

Children Individual

- The canter section has been revised, as the counter-canter serpentines and the simple change from counter canter to counter canter were considered too demanding, particularly for younger children riding taller horses.

3. CDIP

Pony Riders Preliminary

- Remains largely unchanged, retaining an easy, fluent structure that includes half-passes, counter canter and simple changes.

Pony Riders Team

- Remains largely unchanged, with updated directive ideas.
- Continues to include rein back, walk pirouettes, give-and-retake of the reins and simple changes.

Pony Riders Individual

- The trot section has been revised.
- Rein back and a stretch circle have been included.

4. CDIJ

Juniors Preliminary

- A new test designed for Juniors in regions where the sport is developing.
- Includes long, stretched trot half-passes, flying changes performed between markers and a stretch circle at the end.

Juniors Team

- Remains unchanged, as it continues to provide a well-balanced assessment of riding skills.
- Retains rein back and two walk pirouettes.

Juniors Individual

- Good and very efficient test. Minor changes have been introduced to an otherwise effective test.
- A coefficient has been introduced for the simple change.
- The Juniors Individual Test already includes a stretch circle.

5. CDIY

Young Riders Preliminary

- Remains unchanged.

Young Riders Team

- Remains unchanged, with the addition of a stretch circle that may be performed in either sitting or rising trot.

Young Riders Individual

- Remains largely unchanged, with a give-and-retake of the reins added at the end.
- The test continues to emphasise precision of riding alongside the quality of the horse, which is considered appropriate for this level.

6. CDI1*

Prix St-Georges

- Remains largely unchanged, with the addition of a stretch circle that may be performed in either sitting or rising trot.

Intermediate I

- Remains largely unchanged, with a give-and-retake of the reins added to complement the stretch circle included in the PSG.

7. CDI2*

Intermediate II A (Previous Intermediate II)

- Remains unchanged.
- Piaffe may move forward by 2–3 metres, without a coefficient.

Intermediate II B

- A new test has been introduced.
- Piaffe may move forward by 2–3 metres, without a coefficient.

Grand Prix A

- New Grand Prix A test will be used for CDI2* events and CDIAm (Diamond Tour).

Note: the current Intermediate A and B tests are replaced by Intermediate II A and Intermediate II B. The Intermediate A/B Freestyle is unchanged and will be called Intermediate II Freestyle.

8. CDI3* and above

Grand Prix

- Minor changes have been introduced.
- The line of the extended walk has been revised to make the collected walk more clearly visible to the judges.
- A stretch circle has been added at the end of the test.

Grand Prix Special

- Remains unchanged.
- The proposal to move the beginning of the collective walk from S to E was considered but not adopted, as this would make both walks more difficult for the judge at E to assess clearly.