

THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

Presents

THE FEI WORLD DRESSAGE
CHALLENGE
2017

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

San Antonio Stables

All Officials and Volunteers

TTEA's Organising Committee

Roberta Foster



Location: San Antonio Stables, Santa Cruz

Date: Saturday 21st October

Start Time: 11:30

EVENT SCHEDULE

09:30 - Horse Inspection

11:20 - National Anthem

11:30 - FEI World Dressage Challenge

12:15 - Break and Mounted Prizes

12:30 - TTEA Dressage Show

15:00 - Prize Giving at San Antonio House



WHAT IS DRESSAGE?

Dressage is the training of a horse to enhance his natural movements and balance whilst carrying a rider. The whole training process is designed to gradually strengthen the horse to be able to do a range of exercises that require great physical strength and a good partnership between horse and rider to perform in harmony.

Competition dressage is judged on the paces, impulsion, submission and the rider's effectiveness over a series of carefully prepared test movements. It is the judge's responsibility to give guidance to the rider to tell them if they have consolidated the horse's correct training enough at the level required before advancing. The national levels are: Elementary, Medium and Advanced. The international levels are Prix St George, Intermediaire 1, Intermediaire 11 and finally Grand Prix. Most competitors start off at unofficial levels before progressing to the more demanding official competitions.

Dressage is a sport of beauty and is only possible when there is a true partnership with the horse and rider. The skills are difficult but once learnt will help the rider to improve any horse and help both horse and rider enjoy any discipline. It is a great sport, please join the Trinidad & Tobago Equestrian Association.

FEI SOLIDARITY

The FEI Solidarity Department is running two development competitions called the FEI World Dressage and Jumping Challenges. The aim of those Competitions is to give the less experienced riders who, under normal circumstances, cannot take part in international competitions and live in the more remote countries, the opportunity to compete internationally without having to leave their own country.

Countries participating in the FEI World Dressage and Jumping Challenge are divided geographically into Zones. Each Zone has between 4 and 6 countries for the Dressage and between 3 and 8 countries for the Jumping.

Both Competitions are held between individuals and teams within each Group. They take place each year between 1 January to 31 December.

OFFICIALS

FEI Foreign Judge: Ms Jeanne McDonald

National Judge: Ms Alison Elliot

Scribes: Dr Chancy Moll &
Mrs Eileen Rutherford

Show Secretary/Scorer: Mrs Leona Benjamin

FEI Veterinarian: Dr Rossi Bridgelal

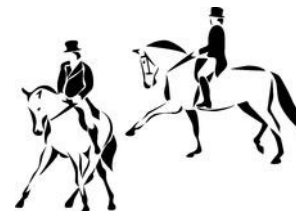
Steward: Mrs Sara McCartney

Technical Delegate: Mr Douglas Watson

Announcer: Ret. Insp. Errol Grant

Videographer: Mr Tarique Eastman

Arena Steward: Ms Gabrielle Marhue



2017 FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE

2017 sees the FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE entering its 37th edition!

Following the introduction of the new format of the series in 2016 which aimed to bring National Federations participating in the FEI World Dressage Challenge a step closer to the International Level, a review was made to take into account National Federations' feedback after year one.

In comparison with the previous format, here is a brief summary of the **MAJOR CHANGES** brought in 2016:

- Each NF organizes its FEI WCHA-D event **at a date of its choice** (Jan 1 – Dec 31)
- Ground Jury: 1 FEI Foreign Judge + 1 National Certified Judge. Each **NF is responsible for the appointment of the Officials**
- **Clinic** after the competitions **is removed**
- 5 FEI Technical Levels (from FEI Children tests to Inter I)
- **Team World Rankings**
- **Individual World Rankings** per level
- Possibility to organize the Challenge **in the framework of an ESEE** (Equestrian Sport Educative Event)

The review led to some minor changes brought to the rules, namely:

- Reintroduction of the **Regional Rankings** per FEI WDC Regional Zone
- Classes renamed to best show a progression between the various levels and age categories (Youth, Senior I, Senior II, PSG and Intermediate I)
- Team score coefficients revised to reduce the gap between higher and lower level classes

All documents and information related to this competition are available on the FEI website: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/dressage/downloads>.

The new format does not only consider Athletes' skill development by creating a "bridge" between the National level and the first FEI level of competitions, but aims to develop the discipline as a whole in a country by creating more opportunities for Officials to gain experience while working in close collaboration with FEI Judges.

More experienced National Officials will result in NFs being able to host more National competitions and consequently more opportunities for Athletes to compete and improve.

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS EDUCATIVE EVENTS (ESEE)

As a reminder, NFs which are developing their national Dressage sports structures through an Equestrian Sport Educative Event (ESEE) funded by FEI Solidarity, may use the day 4 of the ESEE to organise the FEI World Dressage Challenge. The FEI Judge involved in the ESEE will then act as the Challenge FEI Foreign Judge (PGJ).

More information about ESEE can be found in the FEI Solidarity Guidelines, available online under: http://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI_Solidarity_Programme-General_Guidelines_Ed.2017.pdf.

FEI ENTRIES

FEI Senior II:	Patrice Stollmeyer - CLAUDIO
FEI Senior I:	Michelle Sabga-Aboud - BISCOITO Natalie Rapier - VIKING THUNDER Anja Taylor - OUT OF THE BLUE Nicola Chatoor - TAKEOVER Amy Costelloe - MONTE CARLO

TTEA ENTRIES

USEF 1st Level 3:	Clare Hobday - AUDACITY TO HOPE
USEF Tr Level 3:	Sandhya Moll - I'M NOT RACHEL Gia Borely - UNBRIDLED DREAM
USDF Intro C:	Charlotte Mack - MOROCCO Zoe Rutherford - THE SULTAN Annabella Hill - MOROCCO
USDF Intro B:	Amanda Thiessen - STARLIGHT
USDF Intro A:	Scarlett Selby - STARLIGHT Justynne Fletcher - MAJESTIC 7 Jaimie Fletcher - STARLIGHT