

Baltic League DRESSAGE General Rules 2019

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1. GOAL OF THE BALTIC LEAGUE SERIES:

- Promote the sport of dressage in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia and Finland
- 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, **Pony riders**, Juniors, Young riders for future international competition
- 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 2019 season each participating NF will organize one competition in their country.

Latvia – June 29-30 at Kleisti Equestrian Centre, ca 10 km from centre of Riga

Lithuania – July 13-14 at Harmony Park, Vazgaikiemis, ca 100 km from the centre of Vilnius

Estonia July 26-28 at Perila Stables, ca 35 km from centre of Tallinn

Russia – July 26-28 at Maxima Equestrian Centre, ca 50 km from centre of Moscow

Baltic Dressage League competitions can be organized also by other countries of the region (Poland, Belarus etc.). All the competitions should be in the BDL calendar by April 1st, 2019.

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, RUS, FIN, POL, BLR, 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, RUS, FIN. Riders from another country of the region (Poland, BLR etc.) can collect points, if said country will organize a Baltic Dressage League Series competition in their country during 2019 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.

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:

1. Once in **Young Riders/PSG/Inter 1/GP level classes**;
2. Once in Young Riders, PSG/Inter 1/ level classes AND once in **Juniors, Open M, Childrens, Amateurs 22+, Pony riders** or lower level classes;
3. Twice in the **Juniors, Open M, Childrens, Amateurs 22+, Pony riders** or lower level classes.

The competition will be generally following FEI Dressage Rules 25th edition, with updates effective January 1st, 2019. 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:

Division / age	Day 1	Day 2
Seniors (Open) <i>Horses from 7 y.o.</i>	FEI Prix St. Georges	FEI Inter-1 Freestyle
Young Riders (up to 21 y.o.) DOB up to 1998 <i>Horses from 7.y.o.</i>	FEI Young Riders Team Test	FEI Young Riders Freestyle
Juniors (up to 18 y.o.) DOB up to 2001 <i>Horses from 6 y.o.</i>	FEI Juniors Team Test	FEI Juniors Freestyle
Pony riders (up to 16 y.o.) DOB up to 2003 <i>Ponies from 6 y.o.</i>	FEI Pony Preliminary Test	FEI Pony Team Test
Children (up to 14 y.o.) DOB up to 2005 <i>Horses from 6 y.o.</i>	FEI Children Team Test	FEI Children Individual test
U18 development (up to 18 y.o.) DOB up to 2000 <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>	FEI Children Team Test	FEI Children Individual test
Amateurs 22+ (according to rules of each individual NF) <i>Horses from 5 y.o.</i>	FEI Children Preliminary Test B	FEI Children Team Test

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

6. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITIONS:

Each competition will be held over 2 (two) days. The competition days for each BDL qualifier should preferably be Saturday and Sunday.

Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors will ride a technical test on Day 1 and a freestyle on Day 2. Children, **Amateurs 22+** and **Pony riders** ride technical tests on both days.

Each OC will have the option to add Open classes to their competition, either in a Day1 + Day2 format similar to BDL classes – or as single classes on Day1 and/or Day2.

All additional Open classes have to be listed in the Schedule of the competition.

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 and BDL Seniors class preferably by 5 (five) judges.
- Each competition should have judges from at least 2 (two) different BDL countries, other than the organizing NF.
- At least 1 (one) FEI judge is strongly recommended.

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

Veterinarian: To be present during the competition.

Farrier: To be available on call.

8. **ENTRY FEES**

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 divisions is 75 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.

5 EUR per each entry (including BDL and Open classes) will go to the 2019 Overall Prize Fund. The organizers of each qualifier will collect 5 EUR per entry (included in the entry fee of 75 EUR) and send it to the OC of the last qualifier, who is responsible for acquiring the prizes for the overall winners.

9. **SADDLERY**

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

- For Prix St-Georges, Young Riders and Juniors level the double bridle is **optional**.
- Children, **Pony rider** and **Amateur 22+** 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. In Open classes whips are as per rules of the organizing NF and this has to be outlined in the schedule of every competition.

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 Horse Inspection, but a vet has to be present at the competition and check all the passports for proper vaccination.

12. **PRIZES**

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

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

To determine the **winners of each BDL division at each qualifier**, percentages from Day1 + Day2 are converted into points 1:1 and added together.

In the ranking of each BDL division, a rider can get points only on one horse. If participating on more than one horse, the result with the best horse will count.

With equal amount of points, the rider with higher result for Day2 will get the advantage.

The winners of each BDL division at each qualifier (Day1 + Day2) will receive prize money and medals or trophies, as outlined in the Schedule of the competition, to 25% of participants, but not less than 3 best combinations.

The recommended minimum amounts for prize money are as follows:

BDL Seniors	300 EUR
BDL Young Riders	200 EUR
BDL Juniors	150 EUR
BDL Pony Riders	150 EUR
BDL Children	150 EUR
BDL Amateurs 22+	150 EUR
BDL U18 Development	150 EUR

13. **BALTIC DRESSAGE LEAGUE 2018 INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS AND OVERALL WINNERS**

Riders will collect points for the Baltic Dressage League 2019 overall ranking. The final results (Day1 + Day2) for each rider from each qualifier will go towards the overall BDL ranking.

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

The Baltic Dressage League overall winners will be determined by adding up the points from 2 best results (Day1 + Day2) out of 4 competitions. Baltic Dressage League 2019 winners of each BDL division will be awarded with a horse cooler blanket and 3 best riders from each BDL division will receive Baltic Dressage League medals or trophies.

If there are sponsors, prizes in kind are also possible for certain or all Open 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. Trophies will be given out for best 3 teams at each qualifier.

The overall BDL final team ranking 2019 will be determined by adding together each country's team results of all 4 competitions. Trophies will be given out for the 3 overall best BDL teams for 2019.

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.