

GENERAL REGULATIONS

BALKAN DRESSAGE LEAGUE 2023

ART. 1 – MAIN PRINCIPALS

1.1 Balkan Dressage League includes two Qualification events and Final. The Final is combined with CDI1* and mixed team competition. Each Qualification event is two days, the final is four days.

All events will be conducted from May 1 to October 31 and they are part of the sport calendar of Bulgarian National federation and the Final is a FEI event.

Dates of the events for BDL 2022 is:

- First Qualifying event – 27 – 28.05.2023
- Second Qualifying event – 08 – 09.07.2023
- Dressage BDL Final – 31.08 – 03.09.2023

1.2 BDL includes the following categories:

- category Children
- category Pony riders
- category Juniors
- category Seniors

1.3 Additionally, there will be events for the following accompanying categories which are not part of the BDL:

- category Amateurs
- category Young riders
- category Class L / Group B
- category Young Horses – 4, 5 and 6 YO horses

1.4 BDL test:

- category Children
 - [FEI Preliminary competition test B Children \(Edition 2020 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Children Team Competition \(Edition 2020 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Children Individual Competition \(Edition 2020 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
- category Juniors
 - [FEI Junior Team Competition \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Junior Individual Competition \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Junior Freestyle \(Edition 2006 - revision 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)

- category Pony riders
 - [Pony riders - 4 YO horses test](#)
 - [Pony riders - Second test for 4 YO horses](#)
 - [Pony riders - Preliminary test children A - Pony](#)

- category Seniors
 - [FEI Prix St-Georges \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Intermediate I \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Freestyle \(Edition 1998 - revision 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)

1.5 Accompanying categories - Test:

- category Amateurs
 - [Preliminary Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - [Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)

- category Young Riders
 - [FEI Young riders Team Competition \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Young riders Individual Competition \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Young riders Freestyle \(Edition 2007 - revision 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
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- category Class L / Group B
 - [FEI Children Individual Competition – \(Edition 2020 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Preliminary Competition for 7-year-old horses \(Edition 2016 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Final Competition for 7-year-old horses \(Edition 2016 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)

- category Young Horses 4, 5-6 YO horses
 - [Young horses - 4 YO](#)
 - [Young horses - Second test for 4 YO horses](#)
 - [FEI Preliminary Competition for 5-year-old horses \(Edition 2004 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Final Competition for 5-year-old horses \(Edition 2004 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Preliminary Competition for 6-year-old horses \(Edition 2004 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
 - [FEI Final Competition for 6-year-old horses \(Edition 2004 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)



1.6 EEF Dressage Evolution League - Mixed team competition:

The Mixed Team competition was introduced in 2019 and was supported by FEI and EEF. The teams are composed by a child, a junior and young rider (or senior).

The advantage of the proposed format is that easier to compose teams, which is important for the Balkan Region.

* The Mixed Team competition will be held the day before the Final of BDL.

1.7 Mixed Team Competition - tests:

- Children
 - [FEI Children Preliminary Competition A \(Edition 2020 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
- Juniors
 - [FEI Junior Preliminary Competition \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
- Young Riders
 - [FEI Young riders Preliminary Competition \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)
- Seniors
 - [FEI Young riders Preliminary Competition \(Edition 2009 - update 2022 valid from 01/01/2022\)](#)

1.8 The age of the horses and riders participating in the Balkan Dressage League and the accompanying tournaments must be in accordance with the FEI rules for the respective category.

1.9 All horses participating in the Balkan Dressage League and the accompanying tournaments must have valid vaccinations for Influenza in horses (maximum 6 months + 21 days) and a negative Coggins Test for a period not exceeding one year.

ART. 2 – GOALS

2.1 The goals of the events are the following:

- improvement of the athletes from the Balkan region in the discipline of dressage in a competitive environment
- development of the dressage discipline in the region
- development of new team and individual formats for the dressage discipline
- achieving higher results in the dressage discipline of athletes from the region

ART. 3 – QUALIFICATION/POINTS

3.1 Every athlete/horse combination will be awarded with points for every completed test during the Qualifying events and the Final.

3.2 The points are awarded according the following scale:

Result in percentage	Qualification	Final
Up to 50%	2 points	4 points
From 50,001% to 54%	3 points	6 points
From 54,001% to 58%	4 points	8 points
From 58,001% to 62%	5 points	10 points
From 62,001% to 66%	6 points	11 points
From 66,001% to 70%	7 points	12 points
From 70,001% to 74%	8 points	13 points
From 74,001% to 78%	9 points	14 points
More than 78%	10 points	15 points

3.3 Additionally, every athlete/horse combination will receive:

- a. 2 points for every test which is completed at a Qualifying Event and
- b. 4 points for every test which is completed at the Final

3.4 Only athlete/ horse combinations that have completed at least one test at two different Qualifying Events are eligible to take part at the Final.

3.5 The points awarded at the Final are double than the points at the Qualification (see the table at Art. 3.2.)

3.6 Participation at the Accompanying categories does not bring point for BDL. Athletes cannot be qualified for the Final of BDL with participation at the Accompanying categories.

Horse who takes part at an Accompanying category and at the same week take part at Qualifying event with the same or different athlete is eligible to bring points for the BDL.

3.7 The points for BDL are allocated to athlete / horse combination. An athlete can take part with two horses at every Qualifying Event.

If an athlete is qualified with more than one horses for the Final, he/she has to choose which horse will take part at the Final.

If at Second Qualifying event an athlete who has started at the First Qualifying event starts with new horse, or a horse that has started at the First Qualifying event starts with new athlete they will be considered as new combinations.

3.8. A horse is entitled to take part in a maximum of two trials with two different riders in two different categories per day. Each tandem receives points according to the rules of art.3.3 and art.3.9. Only one of the two tandems will be able to participate in the League final.

3.9. If applicable the score of every athlete/ horse combination who take at a Qualifying will be:

Points for QE Test Day 1:	according art.3.2
+ Points for completed Test Day 1:	2 points
+ Points for QE Test Day 2: art.3.2	according art.3.2
+ Points for completed Test Day 3:	2 points

TOTAL SCORE at a Qualifying event

The athlete / horse combination will start the Final with accumulation of the two best TOTAL SCORES after the three Qualifying events.

If applicable the score of every athlete/ horse combination at the Final will be:

Points for Final Test Day 1:	according art.3.2
+ Points for completed Test Day 1:	4 points
+ Points for Final Test Day 2: art.3.2	according art.3.2
+ Points for completed Test Day 2:	4 points
Points for Final Test Day 3: art.3.2	according art.3.2
+ Points for completed Test Day 3:	4 points

TOTAL SCORE at the FINAL

For every category Champion of BDL is Athlete / Horse combination who has highest score after collecting:

The two best TOTAL SCORES after the three Qualifying events
+ TOTAL SCORE at the FINAL

TOTAL FINAL SCORE for BDL

If two or more combinations have equal TOTAL FINAL SCORE for BDL, deciding factor for the ranking will be will be the TOTAL SCORE at the FINAL.

If there is still a tide equality second deciding factor will be the results at the test of day 3 at the Final.

These criteria will determine the BDL Champion, second and third place winners at every category.

ART. 4 – ORGANIZATION AND OFFICIALS OF DRESSAGE BDL

4.1 Organizer of BDL is Equestrian events/Dressage.bg with the support of Bulgarian equestrian federation.

4.2 Every event part of the BDL will have an Organizing committee and approved schedule

4.3 Invited are athletes from Romania, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. The organizer keeps the right to invite athletes from other NFs.

4.4 At every Qualifying event the Ground Jury will be composed by a President of GJ (FEI judge minimum Level 2/3*), two members of the ground jury from the Balkan region (including Bulgarian) and if more than 40 combinations take part, additionally two Bulgarian judges will be invited.

If less than 40 combinations take part, then Ground Jury will be composed by a President of GJ (FEI judge minimum Level 2/3*), one members of the ground jury from the Balkan region and one Bulgarian judge.

The Ground Jury at the Final of the BDL and CDI 1* will be composed by 4 or 5 FEI judges Level 2/3*-4/5*. The number of the judges will depend on the number of the entries.

4.5 All events of the BDL will take part at HRC Frigopan, Tsaratsovo. The entries for all events have to be sent by email trough the Athlete's National Federations. Entries will open on March 1, and will close 7 days before the current event. Starting from March 1, entries can be sent for all the BDL events.

4.6 Entries sent less than seven days before an event will be charged additionally with 100 BGN.

ART. 5 – FORMAT OF THE COMPETITIONS IN THE BALKAN DRESSAGE LEAGUE

5.1 All events part of the BDL will include all categories described at art. 1.3.

5.2 The accompanying events will include all categories described at art. 1.4.

5.3 First Qualifying event for BDL and accompanying events:

- Day 1 - Balkan League - tests
 - Children - [FEI Children Preliminary test B](#)
 - Ponies - [Test for 4-year-old horses - pony](#)
 - Juniors - [FEI Junior Team Competition](#)
 - Seniors - [FEI Prix St-Georges](#)

- Day 1 - accompanying events - tests
 - Young riders - [FEI Young riders Team Competition](#)
 - Class L/ Group B - [FEI Children Individual Competition](#)
 - Amateurs - [Preliminary Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 4 YO - [Test for 4-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 5 YO - [FEI Preliminary Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 6 YO - [FEI Preliminary Competition for 6-year-old horses](#)

- Day 2 - Balkan League - tests
 - Children - [FEI Children Team Competition](#)
 - Ponies - [Second test for 4-year-old horse – pony](#)
 - Juniors - [FEI Junior Individual Competition](#)
 - Seniors - [FEI Intermediate I](#)

- Day 2 - accompanying events - tests
 - Young riders - [FEI Young riders Individual Competition](#)
 - Class L/ Group B - [FEI Preliminary Competition for 7-year-old horses](#)
 - Amateurs - [Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 4 YO - [Second test for 4 YO horses](#)
 - Young horses 5 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 6 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 6-year-old horses](#)

5.4 Second Qualifying event for BDL and accompanying events:

- Day 1 - Balkan League - tests
 - Children - [FEI Children Team Competition](#)
 - Ponies - [Second test for 4-year-old horses - pony](#)
 - Juniors - [FEI Junior Individual Competition](#)
 - Seniors - [FEI Intermediate I](#)
- Day 1 - accompanying events - tests
 - Amateurs - [Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young riders - [FEI Young riders Individual Competition](#)
 - Class L/ Group B - [FEI Preliminary Competition for 7-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 4 YO - [Test for 4-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 5 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 6 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 6-year-old horses](#)
- Day 2 - Balkan League - tests
 - Children - [FEI Children Individual Competition](#)
 - Ponies - [Preliminary test for Children A - Ponies](#)
 - Juniors - [FEI Junior Freestyle](#)
 - Seniors - [FEI Intermediate I Freestyle](#)
- Day 2 - accompanying events - tests
 - Young riders - [FEI Young rider's Freestyle](#)
 - Class L/ Group B - [FEI Final Competition for 7-year-old horses](#)
 - Amateurs - [Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 4 YO - [Second test for 4 YO horses](#)
 - Young horses 5 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
 - Young horses 6 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 6-year-old horses](#)

5.5 Final of BDL and accompanying events, Mixed Team competition and CDI 1*:

➤ Day 1 – Mixed Team competition - test

- Children - [FEI Children Preliminary Competition A](#)
- Juniors - [FEI Junior Preliminary Competition](#)
- Young riders - [FEI Young riders Preliminary Competition](#)
- Seniors - [FEI Young riders Preliminary Competition](#)

The teams are composed by a child, a junior and young rider (or senior).

➤ Day 2 - Balkan League and CDI 1* - tests

- Children - [FEI Children Preliminary test B](#)
- Ponies - [Second test for 4-year-old horses - pony](#)
- Juniors - [FEI Junior Team Competition](#)
- Seniors - [FEI Prix St-Georges](#)

Only for CDI1*

- Young riders - [FEI Young riders Team Competition](#)

➤ Day 3 - Balkan League and CDI 1* - tests

- Children - [FEI Children Team Competition](#)
- Ponies - [Preliminary test for Children A Ponies](#)
- Juniors - [FEI Junior Individual Competition](#)
- Seniors - [FEI Intermediate I](#)

Only for CDI1* YH

- Young riders - [FEI Young riders Individual Competition](#)
- Young horses 5 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
- Young horses 6 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 6-year-old horses](#)

➤ Day 4 - Balkan League and CDI 1* - tests

- Children - [FEI Children Individual Competition](#)
- Juniors - [FEI Junior Freestyle](#)
- Seniors - [FEI Intermediate I Freestyle](#)

Only for CDI1*

- Young riders - [FEI Young riders Freestyle](#)
- Young horses 5 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 5-year-old horses](#)
- Young horses 6 YO - [FEI Final Competition for 6-year-old horses](#)

There will be two different prize giving ceremonies for the CDI 1* and the Final of the BDL. The ceremony for the Final will follow the ceremony for the CDI.

ART. 6 – DATES, ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES FOR DRESSAGE BDL

6.1 Dates of the events form BDL:

- First Qualifying event – 27 – 28.05.2023
- Second Qualifying event – 08 – 09.07.2023
- Dressage BDL Final – 31.08. – 03.09.2023

6.2 Entries for dressage BDL:

- Entries for all BDL events can be sent after 01.03.2023
- Closing date for entries is 7 days before the start of the respective event.
- Entries sent at the day of the event will be not accepted.
- Entries sent after the closing date but before the date of the vent will be charged additional 100 BNG.
- Entries for the Qualifying events has to be sent to Velyana Zhelyazova by e-mail: bef@horsesportbg.org
- Entries must be submitted by completing the electronic form that will be published in the Schedule of each competition or
- Entries has to be sent by filling the attached form
- Athletes who make entries and pay the entry fees before 1.05.2023 will have 10% discount from the paid entry fees
- Athlete who makes entry and do not withdraw before the closing date, but do not start has to pay the total amount of the entry fee
- Entry fee are paid after confirmation of the entry application by bank transfer to the following bank account: **EQUESTRIAN EVENTS Ltd., United Bulgarian Bank, IBAN: BG51UBBS80021021606250, BIC: UBBSBGSF**. The rider and horse names must be mandatory indicated in the payment document.

6.3 Entry fees, boxes, other fees:

Qualifying event and accompanying competitions

Entry fees for every Qualifying event are:

Entry fee per horse:

Category Children and Ponies:	– 230.00 BGN
All other categories part of BDL and accompanying events:	– 330.00 BGN
Stabling fee per horse:	
For All Category Part of BDL:	– 80,00 BGN

VAT 20%:

For All Category Part of BDL:

Total fee per horse:

Category Children и Ponies:	– 372,00 BGN
For All Category Part of BDL:	– 492,00 BGN

FINAL EVENT

Entry fees for final event are:

Entry fee per horse:

Category Children and Ponies: – 280,00 BGN

All other categories part of BDL and accompanying events: – 380,00 BGN

Stabling fee per horse (Tent):

For All Category Part of BDL: – 80,00 BGN

(First bedding with straw is included)

VAT 20%:

For All Category Part of BDL:

Total fee per horse:

Category Children и Ponies: – 432,00 BGN

For All Category Part of BDL: – 552,00 BGN

ADDITIONAL FEES/CHARGES BY ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

- Box in a permanent stable – 160,00 BGN, first bedding with straw is included
- No show horses - 120,00 BGN
- EADCMP Fee – 40,00 BGN
- Manure disposal – 40,00 BGN per box
- Electricity – 20,00 BGN per day
- Non-competing horses – 80,00 BGN per day per box
- First bedding with shavings – 45,00 BGN additional
- Hay – 12,00 BGN bale
- Straw – 10,00 BGN bale
- Shavings – 25,00 BGN bale
- Health Paper – 80,00 BGN per horse

ART. 7 – PRIZES MONEY AND PRIZES IN KIND OF DRESSAGE BDL

- Qualifying event – 27 – 28.05.2023, 08 – 09.07.2023
For every category:
 - Trophy for the 1st place at the second day
 - Prizes in kind for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at the second day
 - Rosettes up to 5th place for the first and second day

**The same goes for the accompanying categories*



- Final of BDL: 31.08. – 03.09.2023
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY 12 000 BGN.

The BDL Champion, second and third place winners at every category (see art. 3.9) will receive the following prize money:

	Champion	2 nd place	3 rd place
• Pony riders	in kind	in kind	in kind
• Children	in kind	in kind	in kind
• Juniors	1700 BGN	1300 BGN	1000 BGN
• Seniors	2500 BGN	1700 BGN	1200 BGN

10% government tax deduction from the prize money will be applied

- Trophies and medals for the BDL Champion, second and third place winners at every category (see art. 3.9)
- Rosettes up to 5th place for the first, second and third day

The organizer reserves the rights to change the program and prices!