

2006 FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE

2006 sees the FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE entering its 25th year of existence, generously sponsored by HAIG from 1982-1987 and by SAMSUNG from 1988 until 1996 and finally from 2001 to 2004 by PERFORMANCE SALES INTERNATIONAL (P.S.I.).

This project seeks to promote and expand horse-riding skills in developing countries throughout the world. In addition, it enables people, all over the world, to enjoy equestrian culture.

Its participation figures i.e. 16 countries having participated in 1982, 42 countries in 1996, and 52 countries in 2005 can best express the popularity and success of this extremely fruitful Dressage development project.

The major objectives of this worldwide Dressage competition are:

- to give the less experienced Dressage riders, who under normal circumstances, cannot take part in international Dressage competitions, in the more remote countries of the world, the opportunity to compete internationally without having to leave their own country.
- to promote the new generations. Last year, 235 Children from 47 NFs competed in the Challenge.

Internationally experienced FEI Judges will travel to the individual geographical regions of the world to teach the art of Dressage. Each Group of countries is judged by the same Ground Jury.

The competition counts 4 levels: Prix St-Georges, A (advanced), B (novice) and Children. An additional competition is open to Intermediate I, II and Grand Prix riders (5 riders per NF).

Some amendments in the rules have been made.

The major change is the following:

- When the 4 Challenge tests are organized, the results of the best rider (%) of each test will be picked up. However only the 3 best percentages will count for the Team Classification. The lower score will be dropped.

Example:	PSG:	1. Sara Muller (63 %)	T
	Advanced:	1. John Beech (61 %)	T
	Novice:	1. José Barbera (54 %)	-
	Children:	1. Barbara Cheng (70 %)	T

- When 3 Challenge tests are organized, the results of the best rider (%) of each test will count for the Team Classification.

Example:	PSG:	1. Sara Muller (63 %)	T
	Advanced:	1. John Beech (61 %)	T
	Children:	1. Barbara Cheng (70 %)	T

- When 2 or only 1 Challenge tests are organized, there will be no Team Classification.