



DRESSAGE

New Grading System & Horse of the Year Point Calculation Method 2016/17

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Dressage - Background

- Combinations stay at low level competition for too long and create an effect of domination.
- Dressage Horse of the Year (HOY) Award can be earned by horse competing in lower level for many times.
- Lack of higher level competitions; only 7 medium and 4 advanced classes (Total 47 affiliated classes in 2015/16)
- New FEI WDC format (Lowest test level for adult is medium; for children is elementary)

Dressage - Background

Previous Dressage HOY Point Calculation Method

- Points are accumulated for horses in ALL HKEF affiliated competitions and FEI competitions held in Hong Kong by achieving a percentage score of 60% or higher. **Each horse can accumulate points with more than one rider.**

| Level | Points for achieving 60% or above |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Medium & above | 10 |
| Elementary | 8 |
| Novice | 6 |

- Should there be a tie at the end of the season, the determining factor for the winner will be the points accumulated at the “Medium & above” level; if there is still a tie, the determining factor will be the points accumulated at the “Elementary” level; and so on and so forth.

Dressage
Changes

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Grading System

HOY Point
Calculation
Method

Aims

- To enhance local dressage competition level
- To encourage dressage riders to make progress
- To facilitate upbringing of riders with experienced horse
- To review Dressage HOY point calculation given the lack of advanced level competitions

Features of the New System

- Based on last season's graded show results (Sep 2015 – Apr 2016)
- One scale for both grading and HOY (Best 5 performances) points
- More weight to reward higher test levels
- **Horse-rider combination performance**
- Longitudinal record of the combination's development

New Scale of points

| Test Score | Preliminary | Novice | Elementary | Medium | Advanced |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------------|--------|----------|
| 55.000% - 59.999% | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 60.000% - 64.999% | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 65.000% - 69.999% | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 70.000% - 74.999% | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 75.000% - 79.999% | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 80.000% - 84.999% | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 85.000% - 89.999% | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 90.000% - 94.999% | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 95.000% or above | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

Example of applications

- Sample combination Horse A + Rider A
- 69.19% in Novice test → 3 points
- 69.62% in Preliminary test → 2 points

| Name of Horse | Name of Rider | Level | Achieved % | Grading Points |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 70.00 | 4 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 63.07 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 64.31 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 62.43 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 69.19 | 3 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 69.62 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 58.71 | 0 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 0.00 | 0 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 67.93 | 2 |

| Test Score | Preliminary | Novice |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| 55.000% - 59.999% | 0 | 0 |
| 60.000% - 64.999% | 1 | 2 |
| 65.000% - 69.999% | 2 | 3 |
| 70.000% - 74.999% | 3 | 4 |

New Eligible Test Level

- Grading points are accumulated from the season 2015/16 to the next and future seasons

| Accumulated Grading Points | Eligible Test Level (or above) | Illustration |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 0 – 14 | Preliminary + | Riders achieve 60% in preliminary test 15 times (1 point x 15 times) will be upgraded. |
| 15 – 34 | Novice + | Riders who have 10 grading points are eligible for Novice test or above. Riders achieve 60% in Novice test 10 times (15 accumulated points + 2 points x 10 times = 35) will be upgraded. |
| 35 – 64 | Elementary + | Riders who have 30 grading points are eligible for Elementary or above. Riders achieve 60% in Elementary test 10 times (35 accumulated points + 3 points x 10 times = 65) will be upgraded. |
| 65 – 104 | Medium + | Similarly, riders achieve 60% in Medium test 10 times (65 accumulated points + 4 points x 10 times = 105) will be upgraded. |
| 105 or above | Advanced + | N/A |

Illustrated Effect of Accumulated grading points → Eligible Test Level

- Sample combination Horse A + Rider A
- Accumulated grading points from last season
= 4+2+2+2+3+2+2 = 17
- Eligible Test Level = **Novice or above**

| Accumulated Grading Points | Eligible Test Level |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 0 – 14 | Preliminary + |
| 15 – 34 | Novice + |
| 35 – 64 | Elementary + |
| 65 – 104 | Medium + |
| 105 or above | Advanced + |

| Name of Horse | Name of Rider | Level | Achieved % | Grading Points |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 70.00 | 4 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 63.07 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 64.31 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 62.43 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 69.19 | 3 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 69.62 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 58.71 | 0 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 0.00 | 0 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 67.93 | 2 |

New HOY points

(Sum of maximum five best results)

- Sample combination Rider A + Horse A
- HOY points = 4+3+2+2+2 =13

| Combination | Accumulated Grading Points | Eligible Test Level (or above) | HOY Points (Sum of max. five best results) | No. of Competition |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Horse A + Rider A | 17 | Novice + | 13 | 9 |

| Name of Horse | Name of Rider | Level | Achieved % | Grading Points |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 70.00 | 4 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 63.07 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 64.31 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 62.43 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Novice | 69.19 | 3 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 69.62 | 2 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 58.71 | 0 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 0.00 | 0 |
| Horse A | Rider A | Preliminary | 67.93 | 2 |

New HOY points

(Sum of maximum five best results)

- Another sample combination Rider B + Horse B
- Only competed **4 times** last season
- HOY points = 2+1+0+0 =3

| Name of Horse | Name of Rider | Level | Achieved % | Grading Points |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Horse B | Rider B | Elementary | 54.86 | 0 |
| Horse B | Rider B | Elementary | 55.47 | 2 |
| Horse B | Rider B | Preliminary | 55.00 | 0 |
| Horse B | Rider B | Preliminary | 61.03 | 1 |

| Combination | Accumulated Grading Points | Eligible Test Level (or above) | HOY Points | No. of Competition |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Sample combination | 105 | Medium + | - | - |
| Sample combination | 65 | Elementary + | - | - |
| Sample combination | 35 | Novice + | - | - |
| Horse A + Rider A | 17 | Novice + | 13 | 9 |
| Sample combination | 15 | Novice + | - | - |
| Horse B + Rider B | 3 | Preliminary + | 3 | 4 |

HOY points – Ties

- Same as previous method
- Should there be a tie at the end of the season, the determining factor for the winner will be the points accumulated at the “Advanced” level; if there is still a tie, the determining factor will be the points accumulated at the “Medium” level; and so on and so forth.

| Combination | HOY Points | No. of Competition | HOY Point Details | Ranking |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|---|---------|
| A | 11 | 3 | Advanced = 4 Medium = 7 | 1st |
| B | 11 | 9 | Advanced = 0 Medium = 4 Elementary = 5 Novice = 1 | 2nd |
| B | 11 | 6 | Medium = 0 Elementary = 3 Novice = 8 | 3rd |
| D | 11 | 7 | Medium = 0 Elementary = 2 Novice = 9 | 4th |

Other important points to note

- Eligible level new combination is “Preliminary or Above”.
- The grading points would be posted on the HKEF website and updated after every graded shows.
- HKEF office and Show organizer would collaborate in checking the appropriate entry level for different riders in coming show season.
- Results achieved in ineligible levels would not be counted for HOY points / awards **as these entries would be H/C (Hors Concours, out of competition).**
- The proposed system will be carried out for trial in 2016/17 season. A review would be conducted for evaluation and further refinement at the end of the season.



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Check your eligible test level here:

<<http://www.hkef.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/HKEF-New-Dressage-Grading-System-as-of-1-Sep-2016.pdf>>

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