
**Procedures for the 2017 KWPN Pavo Cup
Championships for Young Dressage Horses**

Article 1

1. These procedures apply to the 2017 KWPN Pavo Cup Championships for Young Dressage Horses.
2. These procedures have been adopted by the KWPN Board of Directors and are subject to the statutes and general regulations of the KWPN.
3. These procedures are also subject to KNHS (Dutch Equestrian Federation) general competition rules; KNHS dressage discipline rules; KNHS illegal substances for horses rules; and KNHS disciplinary rules.
4. The 2017 KWPN Pavo Cup Championships for Young Dressage Horses include pre-selections held at KWPN events, a semi-final, and a final held in conjunction with the KWPN Championships.
6. The KWPN will collect data during the competition which will be used for breeding science purposes. Horses entered in the competition may be presented for acceptance in the KWPN Studbook at the conclusion of the competition, provided they meet specific requirements. Further information about Studbook acceptance can be found on the KWPN website at www.kwpn.nl.

Article 2 – Conditions for Competing Horses

1. Pre-selections for the KWPN Pavo Cup Championships for Young Dressage Horses are open to mares, geldings, and stallions which will reach age four, five or six in the year of the competition and which are registered in the Foal Book, Register A or Register B of the KWPN Studbook; the NRPS (Netherlands Riding Horse and Pony Studbook (large ponies)); or an EU-recognized studbook whose breeding goal is equivalent to the breeding goal for the KWPN riding horse breeding direction. Furthermore, the registered party of the competing horse must be a KWPN member.
2. The semi-final is open to mares, geldings, and stallions which will reach age four, five or six in the year of the competition; which have earned at least 75 points in a pre-selection; and which are registered in the Foal Book, Register A, or Register B of the KWPN Studbook, or the NRPS Studbook (provided that they have been registered with the NRPS since birth). In addition, the registered party of the competing horse must be a KWPN member.
3. The semi-final is also open to stallions which will reach age four, five or six in the year of the competition and which are approved or recognized by the KWPN, unless they earn less than 75 points in a pre-selection. In addition, the registered party of the competing horse must be a KWPN member. Stallions which have been placed “on hold” must qualify for the semi-final through the pre-selections. Five-year-old KWPN approved stallions are obliged to compete in Pavo Cup.
4. Stallions which do not meet the criteria described under Article 2, paragraphs 2 and 3, but will reach age four, five or six in the year of the competition and participate in the first round viewing of the KWPN stallion selection, may opt out of the pre-selections and compete directly in the semi-final. Stallions which meet these conditions will show in the semi-final *hors concours*. In addition, the registered party of the competing stallion must be a KWPN member.
5. Horses selected by the jury in the semi-final may compete in the final.
6. At the discretion of the Stallion Selection Committee, the final is also open to stallions which competed in the semi-final in the scope of the KWPN stallion selection but did not qualify for the final. Stallions which meet these conditions will compete in the final *hors concours*.

Article 3 – Conditions for Competing Riders

1. Riders in the KWPN Pavo Cup Championships for Young Dressage Horses must be a member of the KNHS. Foreign riders who are not members of the KNHS must obtain a license. This rule does not apply to competitors in the pre-selections abroad.
2. Changes in rider are permitted provided that the conditions of paragraph 1 of this article are met.

Article 4 – Entries

1. Entries are accepted digitally via the self-service portal "My KWPN" on www.kwpn.nl.
2. A horse may be entered in only one pre-selection.
3. A horse may not compete in a venue other than the one for which it was initially entered, unless a written veterinary statement is submitted to and received by the KWPN.
4. Entries are accepted in the order in which they are received.
5. Management may declare a maximum number of entries per competition.
6. Entries close 14 days prior to the start of the applicable pre-selection.
7. Management reserves the right to accept entries for both the pre-selections and the semi-final after the closing date.
8. The entry fee for the pre-selections is € 28.50 (incl. VAT).
9. The entry fee for the semi-final is € 37.00 (incl. VAT).
10. Stallions competing in the Pavo Cup and the stallion selection must be registered for both competitions through the MY KWPN self-service portal at www.kwpn.nl.

Article 5 – Equipment

1. KNHS general competition rules and dressage discipline rules apply to the use of equipment.
2. The following conditions supplement the KNHS dressage discipline rules:
 - Horses may not wear leg wraps or other leg protection while being judged.
 - Saddle pads should not protrude excessively from the back of the saddle or from under the saddle flap.
 - Bridle numbers (attached to both sides of the horse and clearly visible) are required during the pre-selections and the (semi-)final.
 - The use of draw reins in the competition arena or during warm-up is prohibited.
 - The use of a whip in the competition arena is prohibited in the five- and six-year-old division.

Article 6 – Jury

1. A jury will evaluate the horses and collectively provide one evaluation per horse.
2. The KWPN Board of Directors will draft a list of judges. For each competition, the KWPN assembles a jury from its list of judges. At least one jury member at each competition must also be a KNHS judge.
3. The jury will be seated in the middle of the long side of the arena, the middle of the short side of the arena, or in the arena.
4. One member of the jury will act as the jury chairperson/spokesperson.

Article 7 – Elimination, Postponement, and Exclusion

1. Horses at all KWPN competitions, both within and outside the scope of the KWPN Pavo Cup Championships for Young Dressage Horses, are subject to testing for the presence of illegal substances, in accordance with the provisions of the KWPN rules for illegal substances for horses. A horse which tests positive for illegal substances will result in immediate elimination of both the horse and its rider.
2. The jury may postpone evaluation if it deems a horse unfit for evaluation due to lameness or irregular movement, abnormal behavior, or problematic circumstances under which the evaluation would take place. If the circumstances which led to the postponement are no longer present, the horse in question may be presented again for evaluation, provided that another evaluation is planned for the relevant section of the championship within the current season.

3. The jury and/or the KWPN Board of Directors at all times have the right to exclude a horse from participating in a subsequent part(s) of the championship.

Article 8 – Pre-Selection Procedures

1. A maximum of two combinations at a time are allowed in the arena during a pre-selection. Combinations must perform upon the request of the jury.
2. The KWPN will determine the dates and locations of the pre-selections.
3. The pre-selections will take place in an arena measuring approximately 20 x 60 meters.
4. Order of go will be determined by the competition management.
5. The competition will initially be held outdoors but may be moved indoors at the discretion of the management. In such case, paragraph 3 of this article applies.
6. The evaluation will last approximately 10 to 20 minutes.
7. The jury will evaluate the following components on a scale of 1 to 10: the walk, trot, canter, harmony, and talent as a dressage horse.
8. Combinations will be placed in order of points earned. The combination which earns the most points is placed the highest. In case of a tie, the score for talent as a dressage horse is decisive, followed by the total of the scores for the walk, trot, and canter; followed by the score for harmony.
9. Combinations which earn 75 or more points at a pre-selection will be invited for the semi-final.
10. At the conclusion of each pre-selection, combinations selected for the semi-final will give a demonstration. These combinations must be present at the venue and cooperate in the demonstration, under penalty of elimination. Foreign-registered horses which earn at least 75 points but do not qualify for the semi-final must be present in the arena for the jury's announcement of the points. If more than seven combinations per age division are expected in the arena, only the seven highest placed combinations are required to be present and cooperate in the demonstration, under penalty of elimination. The results of the combinations which are not required to perform in the demonstration will be announced in the arena as soon as possible after the demonstration.

Article 9 – Semi-Final Procedures

1. The semi-final for four-year-old horses will take place at the KWPN Championships on a date to be determined by the KWPN Board of Directors.
2. The semi-final for five-year-old horses will take place at the KWPN Championships on a date to be determined by the KWPN Board of Directors.
3. The semi-final for six-year-old horses will take place at the KWPN Championships on a date to be determined by the KWPN Board of Directors.
4. A maximum of two combinations at a time are allowed in the arena during the semi-final. Combinations must perform at the request of the jury.
5. The semi-finals will take place in an arena measuring approximately 20 x 60 meters.
6. Order of go in the semi-final will be determined by a drawing. The number of horses per rider will be given due consideration in determining the order of go.
7. The competition will initially be held outdoors but may be moved indoors at the discretion of the management. In such case, paragraph 5 of this article applies. The evaluation will last approximately 10 minutes. The jury will evaluate the following components on a scale of 1 to 10: the walk, trot, canter, harmony, and talent as a dressage horse.
8. Combinations are placed in order of points earned. The combination which earns the most points is placed the highest. In case of a tie, the score for talent as a dressage horse is decisive, followed by the total of the scores for the walk, trot, and canter; followed by the score for harmony.

Article 10 – Final Procedures

1. The final will take place during the KWPN Championships, on a date to be determined by the KWPN Board of Directors.
2. The final consists of two parts.

3. A maximum of two combinations at the time are allowed in the arena during the first part (the first final round). Combinations must perform upon the request of the jury. The jury will evaluate the following components on a scale of 1 to 10: the walk, trot, canter, harmony and talent as a dressage horse.
4. The second part is an evaluation by a guest rider.
5. The first part of the final is open to the 12 highest placed horses from the four- and five-year-old horses from the semi-final (including ties for the 12th place) and to the 6 highest placed horses from the semi-final for six-year-old horses (including ties for the 6th place). In the event of scratches/withdrawals, lower placed horses will not be added to the list of participants in the final.
6. The second part of the final is open to the three best horses (including ties for the 3rd place) of the standing, calculated after the semi-final and the first final round. This interim standing is calculated on points earned in the semi-final plus points from the first judging of the final.
7. Order of go will be determined by the competition management.
8. In the second part of the final, the guest rider will award the horse a score, on a scale of 0 to 100, for the trait of talent as a dressage horse.
9. The final standing of the championship is determined by a weighted final score as follows:
 - 1x the points from the semi-final
 - 1x the points from the first final round
 - 2x the points awarded by the guest rider from the second final round
10. The finals will take place in an arena measuring approximately 20 x 60 meters.
11. The competition will initially be held outdoors but may be moved indoors at the discretion of the management. In such case, paragraph 10 of this article applies.

Combinations are placed in order of points earned. The combination which earns the most points is placed the highest. In case of a tie, the score for talent as a dressage horse awarded in the second part of the final is decisive; followed by the score for talent as a dressage horse awarded in the first part of the final; followed by the total of the scores for walk, trot and canter (awarded in the first part of the final); followed by the score for harmony (awarded in the first part of the final).
12. For each age division, the following prize money is available at the end of the competition: € 600, € 400, € 300, € 200, € 100, and five awards of € 50 (based on the following prize structure: 1 prize per 4 competitors). A champion sash, horse cooler, and the Pavo Cup will be awarded to the champion of each age division.
13. Horses with the highest overall score per sex and age division, which did not win the competition, will receive supplemental prize money of up to € 600 in addition to their prize money award. This also applies to horses with the second highest overall score per sex and age division, in which case the prize money awarded will be supplemented up to € 250. Riders of horses with the highest overall score per sex and age division will receive a replica of the Pavo Cup.

Article 11 - Grounds Supervision

Officials will supervise the grounds during the pre-selections, the semi-finals, and finals.

Article 12 – Unforeseen Circumstances

In cases not covered by these procedures, the KWPN will make a determination in consultation with the KNHS representative for sport-related matters and with the KWPN Board of Directors for breeding-related matters.

A competitor or registered party of a competing horse wishing to file a protest during the pre-selections must do so in writing within 24 hours, directed to the attention of KWPN management.

Pre-Selections:

Central Inspection, Houten (Utrecht) *	30 June 2017
Central Inspection, Vrouwenpolder(Zeeland) *	1 July 2017
Central Inspection, Geesteren (Overijssel)*	5 July 2017
Central Inspection, Ermelo (Gelderland)**	7 July 2017
Central Inspection, Kronenberg (Limburg)*	8 July 2017
Central Inspection, Harich (Friesland)*	11 July 2017
Central Inspection, De Mortel (Noord-Brabant)**	15 July 2017
Central Inspection, De Wolden (Drenthe)**	18 July 2017
Central Inspection, Dronten (Flevoland)*	20 July 2017
Central Inspection, Tolbert (Groningen)*	21 July 2017
Central Inspection, Midden Beemster (Noord-Holland)*	22 July 2017
Central Inspection, Rotterdam (Zuid-Holland)*	28 July 2017
Hartpury Festival of Dressage, (United Kingdom)**	7 July 2017
Central Inspection, Turnhout (Belgium)**	29 July 2017

Additional pre-selections may be held at locations yet to be determined.

*) Only four- and five-year-old horses

**) Four-, Five-, and six-year-old horses

Semi-Final and Final

KWPN Championships, (Ermelo) 12 - 19 August 2017

In cases of discrepancies between the competition rules in Dutch and the English translation, the Dutch language rules prevail.