

## German competition levels

Class	requirements	Height/no. of obstacles	Dressage movements
<i>Normal classes</i>			
<i>D+SJ</i>			
KLASSE E	No registration of horse or rider required	80-100cm/6-7	1-4 riders ,circles, change of rein on diagonals, simple loop,simpletransitions
KLASSE A	Registration after basic ability test(Rider)	100-110cm/6-7	1-4 riders,lengthened paces,trans.walk-canter,volte,rein back,turn on forehand
KLASSE L	Advanced ability test (Rider),jumping horse min.5 years old	110-120cm/7-8	1-4 riders,plain/curb bit;collected paces, counter-canter, half-volte/pirouette, serpentine loop
KLASSE MA/B	Several placements in Klasse L (Rider),horse min. 6 years old	MA:120-130/8-9 MB:130-140/9-10	1 rider, curb bit; extended paces,flying change, shoulder-in, half-pass, renvers, pirouettes
KLASSE S	Several placements in Klasse M (Rider)	140-160/9-11	Everything else
<i>Normal classes</i>			
<i>eventing</i>			
KLASSE E	See above	90*120/fence,billard,water passages without jumps/15	1000-2000/ 450m/min
KLASSE A (VA)	See above	100*150/corners,ditches, hedges , jumps in/out of w./20	1500-3000/ 500m/min
KLASSE L/ CIC1*(VL)	See above	110*180/triple combinations,“scary“obstacles/ 25-30	2200-3500/ 520m/min
KLASSE M/ CIC2**(VM)	FEI-required	115*200/sunken road,water combinations/35	3000-5500/ 550m/min
KLASSE S/ CIC3*	Only scheduled as international	FEI	FEI

**Normal classes:** in the 3 disciplines dressage, show-jumping and eventing, generally open for riders and horses of all ages. In show-jumping and eventing minimum age restrictions for horses. In Klasse E+A (and, rarely, L) many jumping-and cross-country classes are scored after „style“, the points system being the same as in dressage (participants are mostly juniors). In eventing competitions the requirements in dressage and show-jumping are basically the

same as in the respective „normal“ classes, only eventing dressage tests are generally ridden alone and from memory. In Germany, obstacles for ponys in jumping or cc-contests have the same height as for horses!

Youngster classes: in all 3 disciplines there exist special competitions for young horses. They are called Dressur/Spring/Gelände*pf*erdeprüfung Kl.A/L/M.(GPf A/L) The demands are principally the same as in the normal classes, they are always scored after the style and ability of the horse. Klasse A is open for 4-5 year old horses, Klasse L for 5-6 (7 without placements) and Klasse M for 6-7 year olds. The qualification for the annual "Bundeschampionat", a national championship of german bred horses and ponies aged 3 to 6, is carried out in these classes.

Baby classes: only for the sake of completeness: there exist quite a number of very-low-level contests. For beginners, they are called „(Spring/Gelände/Dressur/)Reiterwettbewerb“, ridden in groups after the command of the judges, sometimes even with auxiliary reins. For 3- and 4-year old horses do we have „Reit*pf*erdeprüfung“(dressage-like) und „Eignungsprüfung“ (contains some some jumps).