


BWP STALLION SELECTION 2026 – ENTERING CONDITIONS


1. Where and when ?

First phase: Veterinary examination


 **Date:** from April 1 until November 14, 2025 (= latest inscription date)

 **Place:** Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Gent in Merelbeke.


Second phase: For 3 year old candidates: presentation of the stallions on a hard and soft surface – loose jumping of the jumping bred stallions - loose moving and lunging for the dressage bred stallions.
Presentation of the 4- to 8-year-old candidate dressage stallions, that were previously not accepted in the second phase, on the hard and soft surface.

 **Date:**

- January 8 until January 10, 2026 (candidates option jumping)
- January 9 and January 9, 2026 (candidates option dressage)
- January 10, 2026 BWP Top Stallion Auction
- January 11, 2026 1st competition of the Belgian Stallion Competition

 **Place:** Azelhof, Lier

Third phase: conformation evaluation of the 4 till 8 year old candidates (jumping) and riding tests for jumping or dressage ability of the 3 till 8 year old candidates.

 **Date:**

- March 5 until March 7, 2026 (candidates option jumping)
- March 5 and March 6, 2026 (candidates option dressage)
- March 6, 2026 – BWP Dressage Evening
- March 7, 2026 - Finale Stallion Competition

 **Place:** Azelhof, Lier

2. Wich stallions can be entered for participation?

Stallions who fulfill all of the following conditions:

- Only stallions with a favorable advice for the veterinary examination can be registered for the BWP stallion inspection.
- Stallions that received an 'unfavorable advice unless normalization of testicles/ laryngeal neuropathy' can also be registered. If accepted in the second phase, these stallions may only participate in the third phase if, after a re-examination, they receive a favorable advice no later than 15 February 2026.
- Being at least 3 years old in the year of selection (born in 2023).

- Have at least 4 generations of BWP recognized and registered ascendants, to be witnessed by an official studbook document. For stallions with BWP identity, who are 8 years old or older (born before 2019) in the year of selection, the fourth generation of ascendants does not to be fully recognized or registered.
- Having been registered at birth in a studbook that is member of the WBFSH or in a thoroughbred or Anglo-Arabic studbook from the EU and the USA.
- Obligatory advice concerning the already demonstrated sport performances for stallions of 9 years and older:
For each non-thoroughbred stallion of 9 years and older (born before 2018) and for each thoroughbred stallion of 9 years and older (born before 2018), an advice concerning the already demonstrated sport performances must be asked by the person responsible for the stallion. That person gets the answer. A detailed and official survey of the (own or by the offspring demonstrated) performances should accompany the request. That request is examined by the committee composed of the selection committee and the studbook committee. The reference data to check the mentioned results, can be found in the selection regulations.
Please send in your request to the secretariat before **November 10, 2025**.

Stallions who do not fulfill the conditions imposed by the studbook of origin, can be entered for participation on condition that the authorized committee gives a favorable advice for their participation.

The entry of stallions fulfilling the conditions, can only be accepted if the responsible person is a member of the Belgian Warmblood Association.

3. How to enter a stallion?

The entry is valid only if the submitted file arrives at the BWP secretariat on **NOVEMBER 14, 2026**.

Both the entry and the request for advice must be made in writing at the following address: Belgian Warmblood – BWP, Waversebaan 99, B-3050 Oud-Heverlee – info@bwp.be.

The entry file should contain the following elements:

1. **A photocopy of the studbook registration** (pedigree) and a photocopy of **the written/graphic description**. The chip number, date of birth, colour and breeder must also be mentioned.
2. **The checklist**. That list is annexed here and can be found on the Belgian Warmblood website (www.belgian-warmblood.com) or can be obtained at the Belgian Warmblood secretariat. In the catalog the information of the maternal line is mentioned that is made available by Hippomundo. If you have additional information, this can be passed on via the checklist. Via the checklist, the option for jumping or dressage has to be made. The information of the presentor (published in the catalogue) also have to note on the checklist.

4. The participation fee:

After receipt of the entering the payment document will be sent. Please state the correct information (name, address, VAT number if applicable) on the checklist.

Fees :

- Request for advice concerning the sport performances of stallions of 9 years and older: **€ 300.00**
- 2° phase: three-year-old BWP stallions: **€ 500.00**
three-year-old non-BWP stallions: **€ 600.00**
- 2° and 3° phase: 4 till 8 years old BWP dressage stallions: **€ 500.00**
4 till 8 years old non-BWP dressage stallions: **€ 600.00**
- 3° phase: three-year-old BWP stallions: **€ 400.00**
three-year-old non-BWP stallions: **€ 450.00**
BWP jumping stallions from 4 to 8 years of age: **€ 500.00**
non-BWP jumping stallions from 4 to 8 years of age: **€ 600.00**
- Evaluation at the stable: stallions from 9 years and older: **€1,200.00 for the first stallion and €750.00 for each subsequent stallion from the same owner/stallion keeper**
For assessment abroad, travel expenses will be charged.

In these participation fees the box rent is included.

5. Additional information

INFORMATION FIRST PHASE

Periode: from April 1 until November 14, 2025 (= final date inscriptions BWP stallion Selection 2026)

Place: Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Gent University in Merelbeke

ENTERING FOR THIS FIRST PHASE IS POSSIBLE FROM APRIL 1 UNTIL OCTOBER 17, 2025, INCLUDED.

For making an appointment for the veterinary examination, you have to contact, by phone, the secretariat of the Department Surgery and Anaesthesia of Domestic Animals, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Gent, Salisburylaan 133, 9820 Merelbeke, tel. 09/264 76 18 during office time. For appointments after October 17, 2025, an additional charge of €150, VAT excluded, per stallion has to be paid, except for stallions proven to have been acquired following their participation in an approval procedure of a studbook recognized by BWP.

All changes concerning appointments for the medical examination, for instance when 2 instead of 3 stallions will be presented, have to be communicated by telephone, at least 3 working days beforehand via e-mail (heidi.staelens@ugent.be). From this year on, a no-show fee of €150, VAT excluded, will be charged for each stallion not presented at the appointment made for the examination.

In order to guarantee a smooth course of the medical examination, the stallions must be presented unshod and sufficiently manageable. Their passport (or a copy of it) must be available in order to check their identity.

Veterinary examination for dressage stallions

In addition to the standard protocol, radiographs of the 6th and 7th cervical vertebrae and the first thoracic vertebrae/ribs are taken for candidate dressage stallions. Recently, malformations of these vertebrae (Equine Complex Vertebral Malformation = ECVM) have been associated with abnormal movement patterns and reduced stability. Moreover, the defect may also be hereditary. For the time being, the findings will be included in the medical report without drawing any conclusions.

Presenters of a candidate dressage stallion must explicitly inform the veterinarian at the start of the consultation that the horse is a dressage horse.

Unfavorable advice unless normalization of testicles/ laryngeal neuropathy upon re-examination

Young candidate stallions with underdeveloped testicles previously received an immediate unfavorable advice. Since this can still change in the months following the examination, the medical report now states 'unfavorable advice unless normalization of testicles upon re-examination.' These candidate stallions may be presented in the second phase of the stallion approval. If accepted in the second phase, stallions with this advice may only participate in the third phase if, after re-examination, they receive a favorable advice no later than 15 February 2026. The same approach is applied for laryngeal neuropathy in cases of inflammation or cold. Candidate stallions with an 'unfavorable advice unless normalization of testicles/ laryngeal neuropathy upon re-examination' may not be presented for the auction.

PROGRAM OF THE SECOND PHASE:

- FOR THE CANDIDATE JUMPING STALLIONS:

- 08/01/2026: - arrival & height measurement
- conformation evaluation on hard and soft ground
- 09/01/2026: free jumping of the candidate stallions with proclamation of the candidate jumping stallions who continue to the next day
- 10/01/2026: - free jumping of the candidate stallions
Each time after the free of 5 stallions, there is the PROCLAMATION of the jumping stallions accepted for the third phase.
- BWP Top Stallion Auction
- 11/01/2026: first competition of the BELGIAN STALLION COMPETITION

- FOR THE CANDIDATE DRESSAGE STALLIONS:

- 08/01/2026: - arrival & height measurement
- conformation evaluation on hard and soft ground: 3 year old dressage stallions
- conformation evaluation on hard and soft ground: 4 till 8 year old dressage stallions, who have not yet completed the second phase with a favorable assessment. Announcement of the stallions that have been accepted for the third phase.
- lungeing of the 3 year old dressage stallions, with proclamation of the candidates who continue the next day
- 09/01/2026: - free movement and proclamation of the dressage stallions accepted for the third phase

IMPORTANT INFO

- **ENTERIES AFTER THE LAST APPLICATION DATE ARE POSSIBLE** if the first phase was successfully completed. The first phase must be completed three weeks before the inspection at the latest. These stallions cannot be included in the catalogue. The cost is €1000. For young candidate stallions bought at foreign selections/pre-selections after the registration date the regular inspection fees are applied.
- **EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE STALLIONS 9 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER:**
These stallions will be inspected at home and no longer presented during the third phase.
If a stallion is abroad, the stallion can be inspected when presented at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine or the travel expenses will be charged.
- **VERPLICHTE DEELNAME AAN DE HENGSTENCOMPETITIE (optie springen) EN AAN DE DRESSUURANLEGETESTEN (optie dressuur):**
 - The four- to seven-year-old candidate jumping stallions have to participate in two competitions of the Belgian Stallion competition 2026. Information about the stallion competition can be found on the website: www.belgianstallioncompetition.be. These candidates cannot participate in the final of the stallion competition
 - The four- and five-year-old candidate dressage stallions have to participate in at least 1 dressage ability test in the autumn of 2025 (as 3- or 4-year old). The registration conditions of these ability tests are on the BWP website. Or they have to participate at the dressage competition Bocholt 07/02/2026 (as 4- or 5-year-old). This does not apply to candidate dressage stallions that have already been approved in a recognized studbook.
 - The judges will include their observations in the evaluation.
- **BWP TOP STALLION AUCTION: REGISTER VIA CHECKLIST**
For more information on this matter, the presenter can contact the.
- **PRESENTATIONS BY HAND:**
the stallion's supervisor must wear a safety cap.
- **FREE JUMPING:**
only one stallion related person will be allowed in the arena. That person can take place near the corner before the fence. On the second day of the free-jumping, the stallion gallops in the figure-eight track after jumping in freedom.
- **THE EXAMINATION ON THE PRESENCE OF BODY ALIEN SUBSTANCES:**
The presenter of the stallion has to sign a statement that in case of a positive result his stallion will not be approved and that he agrees to pay a penalty of 1000 euros and to the publication in the magazine Equitime.
- **ACCEPTANCE IN THE SECOND PHASE**
BWP stallions that are accepted after the second phase are entitled to five coverings. They receive unlimited covering permission if they are approved in the third phase.
With animal welfare in mind, the Dressage Studbook Committee prefers that the third phase be undertaken from the age of 4.
- **OBLIGATED VACCINATIONS:**
influenza and rhinopneumonia.

