



## **International Young Breeders Review 2023/2024**

The International Young Breeders (IYB) is an Association accessible to WBFSH Member Studbooks aimed at encouraging the next generation of breeders. This work involves engaging with young people from all around the globe through the studbook member young breeder organisations and programmes, and by hosting World Championship events every other year.

The association's mission is to foster the education of young people in the skills and knowledge necessary for successful sport horse breeding. The organisation provides global networking opportunities through its World Championships which are hosted every second year by different member studbooks across the world.

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year since formalised as an association in 2009, it has continued to evolve. Most recently, IYB welcomed Norsk Varmblod to join the now 23 studbook members. New members are always welcome. It remains possible to enter individuals or teams in World Championship events, but membership of IYB is a necessary first step.

A significant work effort over the 2023/ 2024 period involved preparations for the World Championships. Attention for the coming months turns to aspirations to transition to linear scoring as the method of scoring at future Championships.

2024 World Championships: Danish Warmblood and Stutteri Ask hosted the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) International Young Breeders (IYB) World Championships from July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>. 142 competitors aged 16-26 years of age, representing twenty studbooks from Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany (ten studbooks), Great Britain, Ireland, Latvia, Sweden and the Netherlands, alongside hosts Denmark gathered at Martofte in Denmark. Stutteri Ask provided a fabulous location for the event.

Three days of Championship competition concluded with a festive prize giving ceremony celebrating the young breeders in a spectacular way. Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen-Thüringen e.V. emerged victorious as studbook champions, with Danish Warmblood reserve studbook champions and Swedish Warmblood in bronze position.

The tireless efforts of the working committee Inge Madsen, Anja Thorup Hansen, and Sarah Doile Jensen supported by their wider team of helpers, scorers, stewards, horse owners and more pulled off a memorable, and wholly enjoyable event for all involved. Stutteri Ask and their employees were also very much essential in hosting the event.

### **Results**

The overall studbook champion rankings are very highly sought after (a combination of the result for all junior and senior competitors representing the studbook). However, the rankings for junior and senior teams, and the individual rankings overall and within individual disciplines make this event exceptionally inclusive and the podium a very busy zone over the course of the prize giving ceremony.

Although not everyone returns home a 'competitive prize winner', new friendships were made, everyone was welcomed within the spirit of inclusiveness and participating together. One of the most important aims of the International Young Breeder community is to generate networking among young breeders across studbooks and support their enthusiasm to learn more about the horse, hopefully also firing their passion for breeding for many years to come.



President of the WBFSh Jan Pedersen took part in the prize giving ceremony and he encouraged the young breeders to take the reins and continue the breeding of sport-horses. As he said: -  
“Remember, without breeding we will not have any sport”.

Competitors, team managers, and supporters left Martofte with memories to cherish, new friends to connect with in future, and a deeper appreciation for the Danish Warmblood.

Further results are available at [Equipe.com](http://Equipe.com) and [wbfs.com](http://wbfs.com)

Team and Individual rankings within both age groups of Junior and Senior are as follows:

Rank	Senior Team Studbook and Team Members (including reserve)	Junior Team Studbook and Team Members (including reserve)	Senior Individual Name and Studbook	Junior Individual Name and Studbook
1 <sup>st</sup>	RHEIN: Chiara Celine Koert, Fabienne Dürselen, Leon Pferdemeniges and Nele Kopka	DWB: Astrid Østergaard Sørensen, Anne-Sofie Wowk Jepsen, Anine Parslov Vogelsang and Karoline Øskov Olsen	MECK: Dominic Wohlers	SWB: Hilma Aldén
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SA-THU: Marlene-Amelie Recknagel, Lilli Rank, Klara Herschmann and Ronja Korn	SA-THU: Lena Teresa, Annika Hörnlein, Julienne Freund and Manja Schumann	RHEIN: Chiara Celine Koert	DWB: Astrid Østergaard Sørensen
3 <sup>rd</sup>	BR-ANH: Antonia Ritter, Jule van Os, Deniza Saddey and Lukas Paulix	SWB: Hilma Aldén, Maya Hammarström, Elsa Svanberg and Felicia Scharffenberg	RHEIN: Fabienne Dürselen	DWB: Anne-Sofie Wowk Jepsen

Additionally prizes were provided to those who placed within individual disciplines:

Rank	Conformation Senior Name and Studbook	Rank	Conformation Junior Name and Studbook
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dominic Wohlers (MECK)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robin Alexiane (SF)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Merlin Campe (HANN)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lea Kurz (TRAK)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daan Dirk Christiaan Braat (KWPN)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Birte Reimers (HOLST)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jette Odile Fischer (HANN))		

Rank	Athleticism Senior Name and Studbook	Rank	Athleticism Junior Name and Studbook
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vera Bos (CWHBA)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eliesbeth Erica Corine Adriënne (KWPN)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lucie Le Roux (SF)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Julie van de Voorde (BWP)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diana Hartmann (BA-WUE)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Astrid Østergaard Sørensen (DWB)

Rank	In Hand Senior Name and Studbook	Rank	In Hand Junior Name and Studbook
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chiara Celine Koert (RHEIN)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Maya Hammarström (SWB)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Klara Herschmann (SA-THU)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nina Grom (BAVAR)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maria Cairns (ISH)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Juliette Lindhard (SF)
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lena Teresa (SA-THU)

Sixty eight competitors (26 juniors and 42 seniors) completed 100% correct theory papers, an excellent achievement by all.