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## High turnout for the 12th WBFSh International Young Breeders World Championships 2026 in Celle

**Celle, April 2026 – With the first entry deadline for the 12th WBFSh International Young Breeders World Championships just passed, preparations are already in full swing. The German Young Breeders are organising the event at the historic Celle State Stud and have recorded strong international participation: 19 breeding associations from 10 nations with a total of 36 teams and 139 participants.**

The Celle State Stud is also looking forward with anticipation to one of the key highlights of this year's calendar of events. State Stud Manager Dr Axel Brockmann emphasises the significance of the event: "I am delighted to be taking on the role of host for this World Championship. Young breeders' work is a key component in the sustainable development of horse breeding. At the same time, the event offers an excellent platform to showcase the quality of German horse breeding on the international stage."

The high level of participation underlines the international significance of the World Championships as well as the central role of promoting young talent in horse breeding. Against the backdrop of increasing demands on the health, performance and marketing potential of horses, the sound training of young breeders is of crucial importance. After all, anyone who wishes to ride and market good and very good horses in the future needs enthusiastic and knowledgeable breeders who recognise potential and breed selectively.

Committed horse owners from the region are providing around 45 horses for the competitions. These form the basis for the practical tests in the disciplines of conformation assessment, assessment in free jumping and free movement (trot, canter) and the supreme discipline: presentation in hand.

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The event concept follows an integrated approach: competition, accommodation, catering and the supporting programme are closely linked in terms of location. This enables short distances, efficient processes and, at the same time, promotes professional and social exchange between participants, visitors and organisers.

The accompanying programme includes a get-together evening with team competitions on Thursday, the '25 Years of International Young Breeders' anniversary celebration on Friday, the champions' celebration on Saturday, and excursions to selected breeding farms on Sunday, including Gestüt Famos in Syke and Hof Brüning in Ochtmannien. "The World Championships are always something very special. It's great to see every time just how large the young breeders' community has become. Above all, the exchange and shared experiences forge our network into a close-knit community," reports Antonia Ritter (Team Brandenburg-Anhalt), who came fifth in the 19–26 age group at the 2024 World Championships in Denmark.

Participating nations and associations are: Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Canada, Latvia, the Netherlands, Austria and Sweden, as well as the German breeding associations of Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Brandenburg-Anhalt, Hanover, Holstein, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Oldenburg, Rhineland, Rhineland-Palatinate-Saarland, Saxony-Thuringia and Trakehner.

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