

SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSES PROPRIETARY PROGRAMS OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL 2025–2026 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

HORSEMANSHIP

This training provides the participants with the knowledge they need to achieve a broader education as a dressage rider, enabling them to develop their careers professionally. They have a duration of 2 or 3 years, depending on the access qualification. The possibility is offered to complete a fourth year of specialization for students who demonstrate aptitude during the course, qualifying as a '**specialized rider**'.

The course is structured in two cycles, with Classical Dressage as the guiding theme. During the training, the students take part in the activities organized by the Royal School: galas, exhibition performances, events or going outs to the competitions.

PLACES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For the **2025-2026 academic year**, **SIX places** are announced, which will be filled by the candidates who achieve the highest scores in the entrance exams.

SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSE IN HORSE RIDING: ASPIRING RIDER

- **TWO places for students with a Secondary Education (ESO) qualification**, opting for a training program lasting TWO years.

SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSE IN HORSE RIDING: RIDER

- **FOUR places for students with a High School diploma (Bachillerato)**, opting for a THREE-year training program

SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSE IN HORSE RIDING: SPECIALIZED RIDER

- There is an option to undertake a fourth year for students who, having successfully completed the initial three-year program, meet the appropriate requirements to specialize as a rider.

At the end of each course within the academic training program, a selective assessment will be conducted. Students must demonstrate both the acquisition of the knowledge outlined in the program and an appropriate academic attitude. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of their participation in the training.

The requirements to apply for a place are the following:

- Applicants must have completed ESO or Upper Secondary Education (Bachillerato)
- Be aged between 16 and 24 years old.
- Not suffer from any medical conditions that would prevent safe interaction with horses and equipment

REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The completed application form must be submitted along with the required documentation to:

- formacion@realescuela.org
- **Fundación Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre**
Departamento de Formación
Avda. Duque de Abrantes s/n. 11407. Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz. España

Documentation to be submitted with the application:

- A photocopy of the required academic qualification
- Official medical certificate
- Proof of payment of examination fees
- Parental or guardian authorization (if the applicant is underage)
- A photocopy of the National ID (DNI/NIE) or passport
- Two passport-sized photographs

EXAMINATION FEES

The registration and examination fee for the Horsemanship Specialty is set at sixty (60) euros. Candidates may apply for all specialties offered by the Royal School, except for Saddlery, by paying the corresponding fee for each specialty into the following bank account:

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CAIXABANK
OFICINA MAMELÓN
CALLE SEVILLA 6
11402 JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, CADIZ
CUENTA: 2100 2626 31 0210071433
IBAN: ES69 2100 2626 3102 1007 1433

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND EXAM DATES

The application submission period will be OPEN FROM TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2025 TO THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2025.

The entrance examinations will take place at the facilities of the Royal School, located on Avenida Duque de Abrantes, **on Monday, 22 September 2025**, with horses provided by the Royal School.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The results will be communicated by phone and email. Once the selection process is completed, each applicant will be informed—by phone and via the email address provided—of the full list of participants' scores, including the ranking order and a pseudonymized identification number.

Applicants may request a review of their examinations and have the right to know the results obtained by the other participants, as well as the documentation used as the basis for the scoring, particularly in relation to those candidates who received higher marks.

The course will begin on Wednesday, 1 October 2025

TUITION FEES

The annual tuition fee for the Specialist Training Course in Horsemanship is **€2,500**.

REGULATIONS

The formalization of enrolment in the course implies acceptance of the Internal Regulations, which include all elements related to the selection period, class attendance, discipline and attitude, learning and aptitude, treatment of staff and teaching materials, dress code, behaviour, as well as those deriving from student status. The Royal School reserves the right to take disciplinary measures in the event of violations of the established rules and regulations.

ENTRANCE EXAMS

For the different tests, you must bring your DNI or NIE and the valid federation card.

The examinations will comprise the following:

- **Practical exam:** It consists of executing a Classical Dressage test (attached to this document, corresponding to the test of [Clásica 1 de la RFHE](#)) on a 60 X 20 m. track. This exercise will be done from memory and each applicant will be assigned a horse by public draw.
This test is judged by five riding instructors. The highest and the lowest scores obtained will be excluded, and the average of the remaining three will be calculated.
This test will be eliminatory; candidates who do not achieve a minimum average score of 65% will not be allowed to continue in the process.
- **Theoretical exam:** It will consist of essay questions covering topics included in the bibliography. During the test, the examining board may conduct a personal interview.

Bibliografía:

1. Podhajsky, Alois: **La equitación clásica**. Sevilla: Lettera, 2006. ISBN: 84-96060-35-7.
2. [Reglamento de Doma Clásica de la RFHE.](#)
3. [Reglamento General. RFHE.](#)

FINAL MARK AND TEST RESULTS: The final mark will be the result of calculating the average of the scores obtained in the practical and theoretical exercises, considering that the practical test contributes 75% to the total and the theoretical test 25%. Places will be assigned strictly according to the ranking of scores. In the event that two candidates obtain the same final mark, the higher score in the practical test will decide, and if there is still a tie, the better average score of the collective marks from the performed reprise will be used as a tiebreaker.