



# FEI DRESSAGE NATIONS CUP™ RULES

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## **PREAMBLE**

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations (GRs), the FEI Dressage Rules (DRs), and all other relevant FEI rules and regulations. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstance which is not addressed by these Rules, it is the duty of the FEI Dressage Committee to interpret them and render a Decision in a manner compatible to the fullest extent possible with the other provisions of these Rules, the GRs and any other applicable rules of the FEI, as well as the sporting spirit.

### **1 FEI DRESSAGE NATIONS CUP™ SEASON**

The ~~2019 2018~~ FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ season commences with the first FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Event of the relevant year and finishes with the last FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Event of the relevant year.

The FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ calendar consists of CDIO3\*/4\*/5\* Events; however a CDIO does not automatically have to be part of the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ series.

The weekend prior to and all days during the FEI Dressage European Championships for Seniors, the FEI World Equestrian Games, FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final and the Olympic Games must be kept free of FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Events. Notwithstanding this, all GR rules regarding date clashes must be respected, unless an exception is granted by the FEI.

FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ events on the same Continent must not clash in the calendar.

For the year ~~2019 2018~~ there is no intention to host an FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Final. The final result and winner will be announced at the last FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Competition of the year.

### **2 FEI DRESSAGE NATIONS CUP™ EVENTS**

#### **2.1 List of Events**

The FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Series consists of CDIO outdoor events that fulfil the calendar criteria stated under point 1, and that have declared that they would like to be part of the Series. The FEI approves the events participating in the series.

There is no limitation to the number of CDIO Events that can be part of the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Series.

#### **2.2 Competitions / Format and Team Classification**

The two (2) possible formats are:

- a. Grand Prix and a split of two (2) combinations in the Grand Prix Special and one (1) or two (2) in the Grand Prix Freestyle

Test	Team of four (4) Athletes	Team of three (3) Athletes
Grand Prix	4	3
Grand Prix Special	2	2
Grand Prix Freestyle	2	1

The Team Classification will be determined by adding up points for the three (3) best results per team in the GP and the best three (3) results in the GPS and GP FS.

The scale of points is the following:

1<sup>st</sup> place = 1 pt

2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> place = 3 pts

4<sup>th</sup> place = 4 pts

Etc...

The team with the lowest total points is the winner of the CDIO-NC.

In case of a tie the team with the best result in the Grand Prix is ahead of the other.

The Chefs d'Equipe decide which Athletes will start in the GPS and GP FS.

b. Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special

The Team Classification will be determined by adding up the three (3) best results (%) per team in the GP and the three (3) best results (%) in the GPS. In case of a tie, the Team with the best result in the GPS is ahead of the other.

c. Invitations: It is at the discretion of the OC whether Teams of three (3) or four (4) Athletes will be allowed to enter (to be stated in the schedule). The same invitation system (three (3) or four (4) Athletes) must be equally applied to all Teams.

d. Exceptions to the above formats for CDIO Events outside Europe are subject to prior approval by the FEI.

### 3 PARTICIPATION

#### 3.1 Participation of Teams

A minimum of four teams shall take part in each CDIO Event.

There is no maximum limit to the number of FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Events that Athletes/Horses can compete in.

NFs taking part in the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ must participate at their home CDIO Event, providing the home NF organises a qualifying Event. Participating NFs will be given the opportunity by the FEI to name the additional Events of their choice and the FEI in cooperation with the Organisers will try as much as possible to facilitate the wishes of NFs based on the Teams' / Athletes' records of results and geographic location. A team may consist of min. three (3) and max. four (4)

athletes. No reserve combinations are permitted. The three (3) best NFs of the total series from the previous year must be invited for each CDIO Event.

### 3.2 Participation of Individuals

Organisers have the right to invite a number of home/foreign individual Athletes from the home country and countries not represented by an official team.

### 3.3 Number of Events counting for Points

NFs may participate at several (or all) Events with only the best team scores to count for the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Rankings. Scores from a maximum of four (4) events will count towards the NF's Dressage Nations Cup™ standing.

### 3.4 Invitations of Teams and Individuals

For the avoidance of doubt, the current DRs relating to invitation of teams and individuals apply.

## 4 FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Standings Point System:

### 4.1 Points

Points are distributed based on the team's classification in the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Event according to the following point system:

Placing \ Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>CDIO3* Points</b>	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
<b>CDIO4* Points</b>	12	10	9	7	6	5	4	3
<b>CDIO5* Points</b>	15	13	11	9	7	6	5	4

In case teams are placed equal during any of the FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Competitions, the points set forth above for the places in question are added and divided equally among the teams concerned.

At CDIO 3\* events outside Western Europe, more than one (1) team per NF may participate, but only one (1) team per NF will count for Dressage Nations Cup points. The Chef d'Equipe must declare to the Organising Committee at the latest one hour before the draw which team shall count.

Overall Classification Tie Breaker:

In case of a tie for any place on the overall FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ standings, teams are separated by:

- giving preference to the team with the greater number of first place classifications;
- in case there is still a tie the number of second place classifications will count and if necessary the number of third place classifications and so on until the tie is broken.

## **5 PRIZE MONEY**

The prize money for each FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ team classification (in addition to the standard prize money for the individual classification) must not be less than €20'000 for CDIO5\*, €15'000 for CDIO4\* and €10'000 for CDIO3\*. A team which is eliminated is not entitled to either prize money or points for the respective Competition.

## **6 TITLE OF THE FEI DRESSAGE NATIONS CUP™ COMPETITION**

It is obligatory for FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ Competitions to be called: FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ [Country].