

Rules

Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Series



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PREAMBLE

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations (GRs), the FEI Jumping Rules (JRs), 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 Jumping 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 sporting spirit.

1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the conditions set forth in Art. 3 herein, the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ season commences with the first FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition of the season and finishes with the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final. The season consists of Regional qualifying Events from which a limited number of teams as determined by the FEI qualify to take part at the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final to be held preferably at the end of September or early October but this may change depending on the Region in which the Final takes place. The qualification system may vary from Region to Region depending on the state of development of the sport in the Region, as well as difficulties relating to horse transportation and quarantine restrictions. Each Regional qualification system provides eligible NFs in that Region equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

2. REGIONS FOR 2023 SEASON

The World is divided into the following Regions for the purpose of qualifying teams for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final:

2.1. Europe

Europe is divided into Division 1 and the EEF Series (EEF Series does not qualify a team for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final) and comprises the following NFs: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine.

(Refer to Art. 5.1 for composition of Division 1 and to Annex I for details on the EEF Series)

2.2. North and Central America / Caribbean

North and Central America / Caribbean comprise the following NFs:

Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, USA, Virgin Islands.

2.3. South America

South America comprises the following NFs:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

2.4. Middle East

The Middle East comprises the following NFs:

Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

2.5. Asia / Australasia

Asia / Australasia comprises the following NFs:

Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

2.6. Africa

Africa comprises the following NFs:

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Morocco, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2.7. Eurasia (Refer to Art. 4.3.3, 7.5 and to Annex II for details on the Eurasian League)

Eurasia comprises the following NFs: ¹

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

3. FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ 2023 SEASON

3.1. Europe Division 1

The Europe Division 1 FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ calendar consists of selected outdoor Events commencing not earlier than two weeks following the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final unless an exception is granted by the FEI Jumping Committee. The last Competition must finish at least two weeks prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

3.2. Other Regions

For all other Regions, the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ calendar consists of Events commencing after the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the previous season. The last Competition must finish at least two weeks prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the current season.

3.3. Date Restrictions – World and Continental Championships, Olympic, Pan-American and Asian Games and FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Jumping Events at the World Championship for Seniors, at the Olympic Games and the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final it is forbidden to host an FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Event (worldwide).

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors it is forbidden to host an FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Event on the same continent as the Championship.

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Jumping Event of the Pan-American Games it is forbidden to host an FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Event in the Americas.

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Jumping Event of the Asian Games it is forbidden to host an FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Event in Asia.

3.4. FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Calendar 2023 Season

The allocation of FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifiers per Region is decided by the FEI upon the recommendations of the FEI Jumping Committee. CSIO Events at which the Nations Cup Competition does not serve as a qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final are also permitted to be held.

3.5. Declaration of Teams for the 2023 Season

All NFs wishing to participate in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ are required to confirm the following to the FEI by a date to be established by the FEI:

- That they will take part in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competitions serving as qualifiers in their Region or in the Division for which they have qualified with a view to qualifying for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final (refer to Art. 6 on minimum eligibility for NFs);
- Pledge that they will, if qualified, participate at the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final;

¹ The FEI Secretary General decided on 28 February 2022 to remove all international events in Russia and Belarus from the FEI Calendar. In addition, further to the FEI Board Emergency Board Resolution of 2 March 2022, all Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials are prohibited to participate in international events.

- For Europe Division 1 NFs, whether they wish to seek qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final through Division 1 or whether they wish to participate in the EEF Series and not seek qualification for the Final.

Any NF that commits itself in writing to take part at the qualifying Events and any NF that qualifies for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final but does not respect its commitment to take part at the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final or at its designated qualifying Events for any reason, other than Force Majeure (any event or circumstance arising from or attributable to acts, events, omission or accidents which are not reasonably foreseeable, and which are beyond reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented), loses its points for the entire season and the right to take part in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ series the following year.

It is the responsibility of each NF to select its CSIO. The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifiers and the Final are selected by the FEI.

In Europe, not more than one CSIO may be held per season in the same country, unless an exception is granted by the FEI Board.

4. QUALIFYING EVENTS

All qualifying events must be named "Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of (name of country) and may have a subtitle, for example "Dublin Horse Show" etc.

The maximum number of qualifying Events worldwide for the 2023 season is 14.

4.1. Europe – Division 1

Division 1 Events may not clash with each other.

4.1.1. List of Events

Division 1 consists of minimum six and maximum eight Events selected by the FEI.

4.1.2. Criteria for Division 1 Events

The following criteria must be respected for Events held in Division 1:

- a) Each Division 1 CSIO must be a CSIO5*.
- b) A maximum global entry fee of 605 Euro per horse and 330 Euro per Young Horse may be charged, if a CSIYH is included in the Schedule.
- c) Each Event must respect the CSIO5* technical requirements in effect at the time.
- d) Each FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition must offer at least €250'000 in prize money divided as follows; at least €200'000 as prize money for the teams placed 1 to 8 in the competition, and at least €50'000 as prize money to the Athlete(s) with the best performance according to the combined Penalties in both rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ unless decided otherwise by the FEI. The prize money for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ competition must be the highest prize money competition at the event.
- e) The Grand Prix Competition at these Events must offer a minimum of €152'500 in prize money.
- f) All selected Events must in principle follow a fixed competition format, with the Grand Prix Competition taking place on Friday and the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition on Sunday. Depending on the current proven success of an Event's FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition relating to broadcast coverage and spectatorship, an exception may be granted at the sole discretion of the FEI.
- g) Events may be required by the FEI to have flood lights.
- h) Events must be held over at least four days.
- i) In addition to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition, four other Competitions must count for Longines Ranking points.
- j) Each team must be invited with five Athletes and 15 Horses.
- k) The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 65.

- l) Each OC must invite at least five Athletes as individuals from NFs not represented by a team, to be selected from the Longines Ranking in effect eight weeks before the start of the Event (the number of the Longines Ranking list is to be published in the Event Schedule), in descending order until the 30th position. There is no limit on the number of Athletes per NF among these five individuals. If the OC cannot fill the quota of five Athletes from the top 30 on the Longines Ranking, they may invite additional Athlete(s) to fill this quota, while respecting a maximum of two foreign individual Athletes per NF from NFs not represented by a team.
- m) OCs have the right to invite a limited number of home/foreign individual Athletes from the home country and countries not represented by an official team. However, the total number of Athletes must not exceed 65.
- n) In addition to the 65 Athletes as mentioned above, three foreign Athletes from countries represented by a team may be invited for the small tour, but no more than one per NF, to take part in all Competitions except the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition and the Grand Prix. If fewer than three Athletes are entered from countries represented by a team, the OC may invite Athletes from NFs not represented by a team, maximum one per NF, to fill the quota; however, under no circumstance may an NF not represented by a team be permitted to enter more than two individual Athletes in total.
- o) Refer to Art. 10.2 for details relating to FEI wild cards for individuals.

4.2. EEF Series

The EEF Series is a Nations Cup Series Division that does not qualify a team for the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

The EEF Series hosts a Final, where the winning team qualifies for Europe Division 1 of the next calendar year. (Refer to Art. 5.2 for details.)

For details on the EEF Series, refer to Annex I of the present rules.

In the absence of other special provisions in Annex I and for the avoidance of doubt, the current JRs relating to invitation of teams and individuals apply.

4.3. Other Regions

4.3.1. Number of Events

FEI selected qualifying Events in other Regions may vary in number.

North America

Canada, the USA and Mexico host one qualifier each.

The Middle-East

The Middle-East hosts one qualifier.

4.3.2. Criteria for qualifying Events in other Regions (North America and Middle East)

The following criteria must be respected for qualifying Events held in other Regions:

- a) Each CSIO must be a CSIO5*.
- b) A maximum global entry fee of 605 Euro per horse and 330 Euro per Young Horse may be charged, if a CSIYH is included in the Schedule.
- c) Each Event must respect the CSIO5* technical requirements in effect at the time.
- d) Each FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition must offer at least €250'000 in prize money divided as follows; at least €200'000 as prize money for the for teams placed 1 to 8 in the competition, and at least €50'000 as prize money to the Athlete(s) with the best performance according to the combined Penalties in both rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ unless decided otherwise by the FEI. The prize money for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ competition must be the highest prize money competition at the event.
- e) The Grand Prix Competition at these Events must offer a minimum of €152'500 in prize money.

- f) All selected Events must in principle follow a fixed competition format, with the Grand Prix Competition taking place on Friday and the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition on Sunday. Depending on the current proven success of an Event's FEI Nations Cup™ Competition relating to broadcast coverage and spectatorship, an exception may be granted at the sole discretion of the FEI.
- g) Events may be required by the FEI to have flood lights.
- h) Events must be held over at least four days.
- i) In addition to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition, four other Competitions must count for Longines Ranking points.
- j) Each team must be invited with five Athletes and 15 Horses.
- k) The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 65.

4.3.3. Regions without qualifying Events or Regions where all eligible NFs do not have equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final through their qualifying Event(s)

Effective as of the 2023 season:

For all Regions except South America and Eurasia, the following applies:

In Regions that do not have a qualifying Event or in a Region where all eligible NFs do not have equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final, qualification is based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the year in question.

For South America the above applies except under the following circumstances:

During the year in which the FEI Jumping World Championship is held and during the year in which the Pan-American Games are held, qualification for the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final is based on the overall team classification of South American NFs at the respective Event, providing the Jumping Event at the World Championship, respectively the Pan-American Games, is scheduled to take place at least four weeks prior to that year's Final. If the Jumping Event at the World Championship, respectively the Pan-American Games, is scheduled to take place less than four weeks prior to that year's Final, qualification will be based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the year in question.

For the Eurasia Region the following applies:

Qualification is based on the Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs in CSIOs held in Eurasia in 2023. The Eurasian League hosts a number of qualifying Events, with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 Events in total. Refer to Art. 7.5.2 for details.

Refer to Annex II of the present rules for detailed rules for the Eurasia Region.

5. PARTICIPATION

5.1. Europe - Division 1

5.1.1.

2023 Season - Teams:

For the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ 2023 season the eight NFs permitted to take part in Division 1 are as follows:

- The seven best ranked teams on the 2022 Division 1 overall standings.
- The best ranked non-Division 1 team at the EEF Final 2022.

² 2024 Season - Teams:

For the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ 2024 season the eight NFs permitted to take part in Division 1

² To be confirmed.

are as follows:

- The seven best ranked teams on the 2023 Division 1 overall standings.
- The best ranked non-Division 1 team at the EEF Final 2023.

5.1.2. Option of Participation in Division 1 or in the EEF Series

2023 Season: NFs qualified for Division 1 have the option to choose whether they wish to participate in either Division 1 or in the EEF Series. Should any of the eight NFs qualified for Division 1 choose not to participate in Division 1 in the 2023 season, it will be replaced by the next best placed non-Division 1 team at the EEF Final 2022. See Art. 3.5 for details on confirmation of participation of NFs qualified for Division 1.

Withdrawals

Once the eight qualified NFs are established for the 2023 season as stipulated above they will not be replaced.

³ **2024 Season:** NFs qualified for Division 1 have the option to choose whether they wish to participate in either Division 1 or in the EEF Series. Should any of the eight NFs qualified for Division 1 choose not to participate in Division 1 in the 2024 season, it will be replaced by the next best placed non-Division 1 team at the EEF Final 2023. See Art. 3.5 for details on confirmation of participation of NFs qualified for Division 1.

Withdrawals

Once the eight qualified NFs are established for the 2024 season as stipulated above they will not be replaced.

5.1.3. Number of Teams per Event in Division 1

Eight teams are permitted to take part at each Division 1 CSIO Event: Division 1 teams, and Non-Division 1 teams depending on the number of assigned Division 1 teams. A Non-Division 1 team may participate in a maximum of four Division 1 Events. Division 1 teams may only take part at the Division 1 events which they have been assigned.

5.1.4. Number of Events to count for Points

NFs participating with a team in Division 1 are guaranteed invitations to Division 1 Events as follows, all results will count towards the Division 1 standings.

- Eight D1 events, five events to be allocated to each team;
- Seven D1 events, four events to be allocated to each team;
- Six D1 events, four events to be allocated to each team;
- Five D1 events, three events to be allocated to each team;
- Four D1 events, two events to be allocated to each team.

In all cases above the home Event for any given team is included in the allocated Events.

5.1.5. Selection/Allocation of Events

NFs participating in Division 1 must participate at their home qualifying Event, providing the home NF organises a qualifying Event. Additional qualifying Events (for a total as indicated above) are allocated by the FEI for the 2023 season in accordance with the system indicated as follows.

All eight NFs are requested to present to the FEI their choice of Division 1 Events. Allocation of Division 1 Events will be made by the FEI trying to respect as much as possible the wishes of NFs.

- If there is one or more NFs that does not have a home Event, allocation of the home Event for the NF(s) in question is decided by a draw.
- Every attempt will be made by the FEI while allocating Events to respect within reason the choices presented to the FEI.

³ To be confirmed.

5.1.6. Participation at CSIOs outside Division 1

Division 1 teams may participate at CSIOs in other Regions if invited, but may not earn points at these Events.

5.1.7. Home Individual Athletes

The rules for invitation of home individual Athletes as stipulated in the JRs do not apply for Division 1 Events.

5.2. Europe Division 1 relegation and promotion

2023 Season - Teams:

The 8th, 9th and 10th ranked team on the overall Division 1 standings prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2022 will be automatically relegated to the EEF Series for the 2023 season and the best placed team at the EEF Final 2022 will be promoted to Division 1, provided it is not one of the teams relegated from Division 1 at the conclusion of the 2022 season. If this is the case the next best placed non-Division 1 team at the EEF Final will be promoted to Division 1.

An NF that is relegated from D1 to the EEF Series for the following season will be relegated to the EEF Regional Group in which it is listed in the rules for the EEF Series (refer to Annex I of the present rules).

⁴ 2024 Season - Teams:

The 8th ranked team on the overall Division 1 standings prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2023 will be automatically relegated to the EEF Series for the 2024 season and the best placed team at the EEF Final 2023 will be promoted to Division 1, provided it is not one of the teams relegated from Division 1 at the conclusion of the 2023 season. If this is the case the next best placed non-Division 1 team at the EEF Final will be promoted to Division 1.

An NF that is relegated from D1 to the EEF Series for the following season will be relegated to the EEF Regional Group in which it is listed in the rules for the EEF Series (refer to Annex I of the present rules).

5.3. North America and the Middle-East

All OCs in North America and the Middle-East must accept requests for entries from NFs in their own Region, providing they meet the minimum eligibility requirements (refer to Art. 6) for NFs and providing they have declared their intention to take part in the series.

Teams may take part at CSIO Events outside their own Region but may not earn points at these Events.

The maximum number of teams that may be invited is eight.

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

If there are four or less NFs entered with a team, each NF may enter two teams; the Chef d'Equipe must declare in advance which team will compete for points.

5.4. FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competitions: Format and Participation in the First and Second Round

At all FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifying Events, the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition is run over two rounds, with identical courses. Both rounds are run according to Table A against the clock. In both rounds the time must be displayed at a minimum on a screen visible from the warm-up arena.

Four Athletes per team take part in the first round of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition. Unless teams are eliminated, disqualified, have retired or withdrawn in the first round, eight teams take part in the second round with four Athletes each.

⁴ To be confirmed.

The classification is established according to the combined Penalties of each team's three best Athletes in each round. In case there is a tie on penalties for first place after both rounds there will be a jump-off with one Athlete per team. In case there is a tie for any other place following both rounds, the times of the best three Athletes in the second round will be used to decide the team classification.

6. NF MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to seek qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final, an NF must have at least four Athletes on the Longines Rankings at the end of October of the previous season (Ranking N° 262 for the 2023 season).

7. POINT SYSTEM

7.1. Points

Points may only be obtained by eligible teams in their own Region or Division. In order to determine the list of NFs that qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final, the following point system will be used for all qualifying Competitions:

Placing	Points
1st	100
2nd	90
3rd	80
4th	70
5th	60
6th	55
7th	50
8th	45

The points obtained by eligible teams in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifier(s) in their Region or Division are added together in order to establish Regional/Division standings.

7.2. Europe Division 1

For Division 1 teams, points are distributed according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case Division 1 teams are placed equal with any other team during any of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competitions, after taking into consideration the combined times of each team's best three Athletes in the second round, the points set forth in Art. 7.1 for the places in question are added and divided equally among the teams concerned, the Division 1 team(s) thereby obtaining its/their portion of the points. The second decimal place is rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

7.3. Middle-East FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifier

Points are distributed in the Middle-East FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifier according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case there are teams placed equal in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition after taking into consideration the combined times of each team's best three Athletes in the second round, the teams in question are placed according to the times of the best three Athletes in each team in the first round.

7.4. North America

For North America, points are distributed according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case teams from the same Region are placed equal with any other team during any of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competitions, after taking into consideration the combined times of each team's best three Athletes in the second round, the points set forth in Art. 7.1 for the places in question are added and divided equally among the teams concerned, the team(s) participating for points thereby obtaining its/their portion of the points. The second decimal place is rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

The number of Events to count for points for North America is three.

7.5. Africa, Asia/Australasia, South America and Eurasia

7.5.1. Eligible teams from Africa, Asia/Australasia and South America may qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2023 through the Longines Ranking; qualification is based on the combined points of each NF's best four Athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

7.5.2. Eligible teams from Eurasia may seek qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final through the Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs. These NFs may earn points for the Nations Cup Ranking in the Nations Cup Competition at CSIOs held in Eurasia in 2023. The number of results to count per team for the Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs depends on the number of Eurasian League Nations Cup Competitions in which the NF participates. Refer to Annex II for detailed rules for the Eurasian League.

Points for the Eurasian League qualifying Events will be allocated according to the point scale for CSIO3* below, as the Nations Cup Competition at the qualifying Events must be built to the specifications of 3* Nations Cup as established in JRs Art. 264.3.

Point Scale for allocating points per CSIO for the Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th - ...
CSIO5*:	120	100	90	80	70	65	60	55	50	45	40
CSIO4*:	100	90	80	70	60	55	50	45	40	35	30
CSIO3*:	90	80	70	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25

If the eligible Eurasian League NFs do not have equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final through the Eurasian League Events, qualification will be based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

7.6. Overall Classification Tie Breaker

In case of a tie for any place on the overall Regional classification, 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.

If after applying this method there is still a tie for any place at the conclusion of the last Event of the season, preference will be given to:

- the team with the greater number of clear rounds among the scores counting (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team) from each Competition throughout the season;
- if there is still a tie the scores counting (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team) for each team from each Competition will be added together and preference will be given to the team with the lowest overall score.

7.7. Cancellation of a Qualifying Competition

In the case of a qualifying Competition being cancelled in any Region or Division where teams are allocated Events counting for points the following procedure applies.

Teams whose result would have counted for points at the cancelled Competition are distributed points for the cancelled Competition, based on the total number of points obtained at their other allocated Events divided by the number of Events at which they have participated for points. This calculation is carried out at the end of the season.

7.8. Prize Money

Only teams (eight) competing in the second round of each Competition receive prize money.

The prize money is distributed as follows:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
8 teams								
	32 %	20 %	16 %	12 %	8 %	5.5 %	4 %	2.5 %

A team which is eliminated, disqualified, has retired or withdrawn (see JRs Art. 264.8.1 and 264.8.2) in the first round of a Competition is not entitled to receive prize money or points for that Competition.

FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifiers with less than eight teams will have the remaining prize money divided equally among those teams placed.

Bonus for individual performance:

If a bonus is awarded for the best individual performance in the Nations Cup it is established according to the result in both rounds based on penalties only. In case of a tie on penalties among athletes the bonus is divided.

8. GRAND PRIX PARTICIPATION**8.1. Qualification Format**

The Grand Prix competition is held on Friday unless an exception is granted by the FEI.

When the Grand Prix competition is held on Friday the following qualifying system applies.

All official team members (maximum 40 – eight teams with five members per team) are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix, as well as those Athletes in accordance with Art. 261 of the FEI Jumping Rules.

The OC must hold a qualification competition of 1.50 m in height for the remaining places on a day prior to the day of Grand Prix for the individual Athletes.

For Grand Prix competitions taking place on Sunday the following qualification system applies.

Each OC must provide two opportunities for each Athlete to qualify for the Grand Prix Competition. The first qualifier is held prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition and is open to all Athletes. The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition counts as a qualifier for the team Athletes. The third qualifier is held following the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition and counts as a qualifier for the non-team Athletes plus individuals and those Athletes not taking part in the second round of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition. Both the first and third qualifiers must have a minimum standard of 1.50 m.

8.2. Number of Athletes in the Grand Prix

The Grand Prix at all FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Events is open to 50 Athletes.

8.3. Qualified Athletes (for CSIO Dublin refer to Art. 8.4)**8.3.1. FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Athletes**

The 18 best-placed Athletes following rounds one and two of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition are automatically qualified to take part in the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event. Those equal on penalties for 18th place are separated by their combined times in the first and second rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition. In case of a further tie the Athletes concerned are permitted to take part in the Grand Prix.

8.3.2. Non-Team Athletes and Individuals

The four best-placed Athletes, taken from the non-team Athletes plus individuals, in the third qualifier are also automatically qualified for the Grand Prix.

8.3.3. Automatically Qualified

Notwithstanding the above, the following Athletes are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at all FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifiers, as per JRs Art. 261.4.1:

- The individual medal winners (Athlete/Horse combinations) of the last Olympic and Pan American Games (Jumping) and World and Senior Continental Jumping Championships, as well as the first placed Athlete/Horse combination in the last FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final, and
- The winner (Athlete/Horse combination) of the Grand Prix at any CSIO5* Event during the previous twelve months.

Should a pre-qualified Athlete under the provisions of Art. 8.3.3 be placed among the best 18 after the two rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition, their qualification place under Art. 8.3.1 will not be given to another Athlete.

8.3.4. Completing the Quota

The remaining quota places for the Grand Prix Competition must be filled with Athletes from the first qualifier.

8.4. Grand Prix Qualification System for Athletes at CSIO Dublin

8.4.1. FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Athletes

The 18 best-placed Athletes following rounds one and two of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition are automatically qualified to take part in the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event. Those equal on penalties for 18th place are separated by their combined times in the first and second rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition. In case of a further tie the Athletes concerned are permitted to take part in the Grand Prix.

8.4.2. Automatically Qualified

Notwithstanding the above, the following Athletes are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at all Division 1 Events, as per JRs Art. 261.4.1:

- The individual medal winners (Athlete/Horse combinations) of the last Olympic and Pan American Games (Jumping) and World and Senior Continental Jumping Championships, as well as the first placed Athlete/Horse combination in the last FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final;
- The winner (Athlete/Horse combination) of the Grand Prix at any CSIO5* Event during the previous twelve months.

Should a pre-qualified Athlete under the provisions of Art. 8.3.3 be placed among the best 18 after the two rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition their qualification place under Art. 8.4.1 will not be given to another Athlete.

8.4.3. Completing the Quota

The quota for the remaining qualification places must be filled according to the conditions set forth in the Event Schedule.

9. TITLE OF THE FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ COMPETITION

It is obligatory for FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competitions to be called: Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of "the name of the country".

10. WILD CARDS

10.1. FEI Team Wild Cards

The FEI has the right to nominate one wild card team for all CSIO events except for Europe Division 1 FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifiers, the EEF Nations Cup Semi-Finals and Final, the Eurasian League Final and the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

10.2. FEI Wild Cards for Individuals

The FEI has the right to nominate a maximum of two individuals as wild cards for all CSIOs. The individual wild cards may only be allocated to individuals from NFs not represented by a team. For Europe Division 1, Middle East and North American Events the individual wild cards must be included in the maximum quota of 65 Athletes permitted to take part in the CSIO. If the FEI does not allocate one or both of these wild cards at these Events, the places are returned to the OC, which may extend the invitation(s) to NF(s) not represented by a team. (see JRs Art. 249.8.2)

10.3. Requests for all wild cards must be made at least nine weeks before the Event in question is due to commence. Wild cards for Individuals are allocated by the FEI at the latest before the third Monday prior to the week of each Event is due to take place. Team wild cards are allocated by the FEI not later than six weeks prior to the start of the Event. Requests for wild cards are co-ordinated by the FEI Director of Jumping.

11. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ FINAL

The qualification system for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final may vary from Region to Region and will fall into one of the following categories:

- One qualifier for the entire Region at which all eligible NFs or qualified NFs from the Region may participate, the OC does not have the right to refuse an entry from an eligible or qualified NF;
- A (limited) number of qualifiers in the Region at which all eligible NFs may participate, the OCs do not have the right to refuse an entry from an eligible NF;
- A larger number of qualifiers in the Region where eligible NFs from the Region that wish to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final are given the opportunity to participate at a fixed number of qualifiers (Europe Division 1);
- For Regions without a FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ qualifier, except for the Eurasia Region, teams are selected through the Longines Ranking. Refer to Art. 7.5 for details.
- For the Eurasia Region, the team qualified for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final is selected through the 2023 Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs. Refer to Art. 7.5 for details.

12. FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ FINAL

12.1. Date

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final is organised preferably on the last weekend of September or in early October but this may change depending on the Region in which the Final takes place.

12.2. Withdrawal of a team following the deadline date for definite entries for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final

There is a withdrawal fee of Euro 2000 per horse for teams withdrawing following the date for definite entries. Should a team withdraw for any reason, other than Force Majeure (any event or circumstance arising from or attributable to acts, events, omission or accidents which are not reasonably foreseeable, and which are beyond reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented), the team in question loses its points for the entire season and the right to take part in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ series the following year.

12.3. Allocation of Quota Places for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2023

- Europe Division 1: 7 (The seven best ranked NFs on the Division 1 standings following the last Division 1 qualifier)
- North and Central America: 2 (The two best ranked NFs on the North/Central American standings following the last North/Central American qualifier)
- South America: 2 (The two best ranked South American NFs on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the Final)
- Middle East: 2 (The two best ranked Middle East NFs at the Middle East qualifier)

- Asia/Australasia: 2 (the two best ranked Asian/Australasian NFs on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the Final)
- Africa: 1 (The best ranked African NF on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the Final)
- Eurasia: 1 (The best ranked Eurasian NF on the 2023 Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs)

12.4. Bidding Process

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final is allocated by the FEI Board following consideration of bids received from OCs/NFs.

12.5. Number of Teams

Seventeen teams, plus the home team, are allowed to participate in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2023, providing each team has qualified through the qualifying Events in its Region or Division or through the Longines Ranking, respectively the Nations Cup Ranking (for the Eurasia Region). If the home team has not qualified for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final in accordance with the qualification/substitution procedure set out in Articles 12.3 and 12.8 of these rules, the home team will not be eligible to obtain the Olympic team qualification place offered to the best ranked team from the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2023 that has not already earned an Olympic team qualification quota place. Instead, the Olympic team qualification quota place would be allocated to the next best ranked team from the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2023 that has not already earned an Olympic team qualification quota place.

12.6. Number of Athletes

Each team is allowed to participate with five Athletes with two Horses per Athlete. No individual Athletes may be invited in addition to the team members except for the home team.

Maximum 10 individual Athletes may be invited with one or two Horses each from NFs not represented by a team. This number includes home and foreign Athletes.

12.7. Athlete/Horse Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competitions at the Final, all Athletes/Horses must have achieved, as a combination, a score of not more than eight (8) penalties in the first round of a Table A Competition conducted according to Art. 238, 273 or 264, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of the Competition is at least 1.50m. The period to achieve the minimum eligibility requirement runs from 1 January of the year preceding the Final until the closing date of entries.

12.8. Substitution of Qualified NFs

In case a qualified team withdraws from the Final, substitutions will be made insofar as possible from the same Region or Division in descending order of the overall standings of the Region or Division as follows:

- Europe Division 1: substitution to 8th place in the overall standings
- Middle East: substitution to 4th place in the overall standings
- North/Central America & Caribbean: substitution to 4th place in the overall standings
- South America: substitution to 4th position on the Ranking of South American NFs (based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the Final)
- Asia/Australasia: substitution to 4th position on the Ranking of Asian/Australasian NFs (based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the Final)
- Africa: substitution to 3rd position on the Ranking of African NFs (based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the Final)
- Eurasia: substitution to 2nd position on the 2023 Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs

If a Region cannot fill its quota, the vacant place(s) will first revert to Europe Division 1. The vacant place(s) will then revert to the North/Central America & Caribbean Region followed by the Middle

East Region.

12.9. Competition Format

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final consists of three Competitions. Each team competes in two of the three Competitions.

All three Competitions are conducted at a maximum height of 1.60 m and a speed of 400 m/minute. The water jump must be included in the initial round of all three Competitions.

Each team's five Athlete/Horse combinations for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final must be declared prior to the start of the first Competition of the Event at a time to be decided by the FEI and the OC. Between the declaration of the Athlete/Horse combinations and one hour before the start of the first Competition of the Event, Horses may be substituted only in case of illness or accident, with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and the approval of the Ground Jury. Following that no further changes may be made to the Athlete/Horse combinations. Each Athlete may only ride one Horse per Competition and this must be their declared Nations Cup horse; each Horse may only compete in one Competition per day.

The Competition format is as follows:

12.9.1. First FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition

All teams take part in the First Competition with four Athletes per team, the starting order of teams is established by a draw. On the day preceding the First Competition at a time to be decided by the FEI and the OC, Chefs d'Equipe must declare their four Athlete/Horse combinations for this Competition, including their starting order; these are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse combinations. In case of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse combination may, upon presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury, be replaced by the fifth Athlete/Horse combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

This Competition is run with one round against the clock. Teams are placed according to the combined Penalties and times of their best three Athletes.

This Competition is run at 400 m/min and consists of 12 to 14 obstacles.

12.9.2. Second FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition (Challenge Cup)

The Second Competition is open to all teams from the First Competition not qualified for the Final Competition, with four Athletes per team. Chefs d'Equipe must declare their four Athlete/Horse combinations for this Competition at a time to be decided by the FEI and the OC. These combinations are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse combinations; they are not required to retain the same order of starting within their team as in the First Competition. In case of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse combination may, upon presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury, be replaced by the fifth Athlete/Horse combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

This Competition is run with an initial round against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality of penalties for first place. The starting order in this Competition follows the reverse order of results in the First Competition; in case of a tie on penalties and time teams retain the same starting order as in the First Competition. Teams retain the same starting order in the jump-off as in the initial round. One Athlete per team selected by the Chef d'Equipe from those that have either taken part in the First Competition or in the initial round of the Second Competition is permitted to take part in the jump-off.

Teams are placed in the jump-off according to the Penalties and time of their Athlete taking part in the jump-off.

If following the jump-off there are teams tied on Penalties and time for the Olympic team qualification place, the teams will be separated by the combined times of their three best athletes

in the initial round. In case of a further tie the teams will be separated by the combined Penalties and times of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final when a team qualification place for the Olympic Games is allocated through the Final.]

Teams not taking part in the jump-off are placed according to the penalties and times of their best three Athletes in the initial round. Teams with equality of penalties and time are placed equal and will share the prize money for the place(s) concerned.

In case of a tie on Penalties and times for the Olympic team qualification place among teams not taking part in the jump-off, the teams will be separated by the combined Penalties and times of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final when a team qualification place for the Olympic Games is allocated through the Final.]

All teams start in this Competition on zero penalties.

The Competition is run at 400 m/min and consists of 12 to 14 obstacles in the initial round.

The jump-off if any consists of six to eight obstacles.

12.9.3. Third FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Competition (Final Competition)

The Final Competition is open to teams placed 1-8 in the First Competition, with four Athletes per team. This Competition is run with an initial round against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality of penalties for first place. Chefs d'Equipe must declare the four Athlete/Horse combinations for this Competition at a time to be decided by the FEI and the Organising Committee. These combinations are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse combinations; they are not required to retain the same order of starting within their team as in the First Competition. In case of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse combination may, upon presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury, be replaced by the fifth Athlete/Horse combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

The starting order in this Competition follows the reverse order of results in the First Competition; in case of a tie on penalties and time teams retain the same starting order as in the First Competition. Teams retain the same starting order in the jump-off as in the initial round. One Athlete per team, selected by the Chef d'Equipe from the Athletes that have either taken part in the First Competition or in the initial round of the Final Competition is permitted to take part in the jump-off.

Teams are placed in the jump-off according to the Penalties and time of their Athlete taking part in the jump-off.

If following the jump-off there are teams tied on Penalties and time for the Olympic team qualification place, the teams will be separated by the combined times of their three best Athletes in the initial round. In case of a further tie, the teams will be separated by the combined Penalties and time of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final when a team qualification place for the Olympic Games is allocated through the Final.]

Teams not taking part in the jump-off are placed according to the combined Penalties and times of their best three Athletes in the initial round. Teams with equality of penalties and time are placed equal and will share the prize money for the place(s) concerned.

In case of a tie on Penalties and time for the Olympic team qualification place among teams not taking part in the jump-off, the teams will be separated by the combined Penalties and times of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final when a team qualification place for the Olympic Games is allocated through the Final.]

All teams start in this Competition on zero penalties.

The Competition is run at 400 m/min and consists of 12 to 14 obstacles in the initial round.

The jump-off, if any, consists of six to eight obstacles.

ANNEX I

TO THE LONGINES FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ RULES 2023 EUROPEAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

Longines EEF Series and Qualifying System for Longines EEF Series Final Effective for season 2023

PREAMBLE

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations (GRs), the FEI Jumping Rules (JRs), 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 Jumping 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 sporting spirit.

EEF SERIES

Pursuant to FEI Board decision of 19 November 2019, the EEF Series is a Nations Cup Series Division managed by the EEF.

EEF Series Nations Cup competitions are reserved for qualification purposes only for teams from all NFs that are members of the EEF, including Division 1 NFs.

Athlete/Horse combinations from Division 1 NF's that have competed in a Nations Cup at a CSIO 5* in the current calendar year are not allowed to compete in a Nations Cup competition at an EEF Series Event.

1. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

EEF Series NFs are divided into four (4) Regions as follows for the purpose of qualifying ten (10) teams for each of the EEF Series Semi-Finals and the Final respectively, as follows:

Region South consists of the following NFs: ALB; BIH; BUL; CRO; CYP; GRE; ITA; MKD; MLT; ROU; SMR; SRB; TUR; UKR

Region Central consists of the following NFs: AUT; CZE; GER; HUN; LIE; NED; SLO; SUI; SVK

Region North consists of the following NFs: DEN; EST; FIN; ISL; ISR; LAT; LTU; NOR; POL; SWE

Region West consists of the following NFs: AND; BEL; ESP; FRA; GBR; IRL; LUX; MON; POR

1.1. EEF Series Regional Qualifiers (RQs)

Each Region holds two (2) Regional Qualifiers at CSIO3* level and the Teams qualify for the EEF Series Semi-Finals through the Nations Cup competitions at the RQs in their own Regions.

RQs take place between April and end of June of the current year.

To earn points, a team must participate in the Nations Cup competitions at both RQs in its Region. Teams earn points according to their classification in the respective RQs in their Region (non-Region Teams not counting for points, irrespective of their final placing), using the following point scale:

Placing	Points
1 st	100
2 nd	90
3 rd	80
4 th	70
5 th	60
6 th	55
7 th	50
8 th	45
9 th	40
10 th	35
11 th and beyond	30

The points for each team are added together to establish the Region standings. In the event of equality of points, the highest ranked team will be the team with the most points at the respective RQ with highest * level or, in case of RQs with same * level, the team highest placed in the second RQ in the region.

1.1.1. Regional Qualifier not taking place

In the event that only one RQ takes place in a Region (instead of two), for whatever reason, the teams of the Region will qualify for the respective Semi-Final according to their classification in the RQ that has taken place.

In the event no RQ takes place in a Region, for whatever reason, the teams in the Region will qualify for the respective Semi-Final through the Nations Cup Ranking commencing with the first Nations Cup competition following the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the previous year until two weeks prior to the respective Semi-Final of the current year.

Teams in the EEF Series may take part in CSIOs outside their own Region but may not earn points for their Region standings at these Events.

1.2. EEF Series Semi-Finals (SFs)

The Semi-Final is a CSIO3*, where the Nations Cup competition is reserved for the top ten (10) teams (five from each Region) qualified according to the respective Region standings above, as follows:

- Top 5 teams from Regions South & Central qualify for EEF Series Semi-Final 1
- Top 5 teams from Regions North & West qualify for EEF Series Semi-Final 2

The home team in a SF, if not qualified as above, has the right to participate in the Nations Cup competition of said SF as 11th team, without being eligible for qualification for the Final.

The top five (5) placed eligible teams in the Nations Cup competition at each Semi-Final, respectively, qualify for the EEF Series Final.

SFs take place in June or July of the current year and there must be at least one (1) free week between the last RQ in any Region and its respective SF, as above.

1.2.1. Non-Participation of a team from an EEF Series Semi-Final

Should a qualified Team for either of the Semi-Finals inform the EEF that it will not participate at the respective Semi-Final, it will be replaced where possible by the next best placed team from its own Region. Substitution may only go down one place in each Region. Should it not be possible to substitute a team with the next best placed team from the same Region, the vacant quota place will be filled from the next best placed Team, not already qualified, from the other Region in the same Semi-Final. Should it not be possible to substitute a team as per the above, up to two (2) quota places will be filled through the Nations Cup Ranking commencing with the first Nations Cup competition following the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the previous year until two weeks prior to the respective Semi-Final of the current year, otherwise they will remain vacant. Any Team that replaces a team that does not participate in the Semi-Final is eligible to qualify for the Final.

1.2.2. Semi-Final not taking place

In the event that a SF does not take place, for whatever reason, the five (5) teams to be qualified from such SF for the EEF Series Final will be determined as follows:

From SF 1: the top 2 teams from Region South and the top 3 teams from Region Central, as per their classification under “EEF Series Regional Qualifiers (RQs)” above

From SF2: the top 2 teams from Region North and the top 3 teams from Region West, as per their classification under “EEF Series Regional Qualifiers (RQs)” above

1.3. EEF Series Final

The EEF Series Final is a CSIO4* reserved only for the ten (10) teams qualified from the two (2) SFs, as above, and the home team as the 11th team if not qualified but a) providing the home team has tried to qualify for the EEF Nations Cup Final and b) the home team, if not qualified as above, will not be eligible for promotion to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup Division 1.

The Final takes place between July and September of the current year, unless otherwise approved by EEF Board decision in accordance with relevant FEI Rules and Regulations, and there must be (a) at least one (1) free week between the Final and the last SF and (b) at least two (2) weeks between the Final and the Jumping Event of the Olympic Games or the World and EU CH for Seniors or the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the current year.

The winning team in the EEF Series Final will be promoted to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Division 1 for the next calendar year, unless such winning team comes from an NF eligible to compete in Division 1 in the next calendar year. In such a case, it will be the next ranked team in the Final that will be promoted to Division 1, provided it does not come from an NF eligible to compete in Division 1 in the next calendar year. In case the winning team comes from the same NF relegated in the current calendar year from Division 1, that same team will not be promoted back to Division 1 for the next calendar year; in such a case the next best ranked team will be promoted to Division 1, provided it does not come from an NF eligible to compete in Division 1 in the next calendar year.

1.3.1. Non-Participation of a team from the EEF Series Final

Should any qualified Team(s) inform the EEF that it/they will not participate at the EEF Series Final, it/they will be replaced where possible by the next best placed team from its/their own Semi-Final. Substitution may only go down two places in each Semi-Final. Should it not be possible to substitute a team with the next two best placed teams from the same Semi-Final, the vacant quota place(s) will be filled from the next best placed Team(s), not already qualified, from the other Semi-Final, again going down only two places. Should it not be possible to substitute a team as per the above, the quota place(s) in the Final will remain vacant. Any Team that replaces a Team that does not participate in the Final is eligible for promotion to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Division 1 for the next calendar year.

2. FORMAT, CLASSIFICATION AND PRIZE MONEY – EEF SERIES

2.1. Format and Participation in the First and Second Round

At all EEF Series Events, the Nations Cup Competition is run over two rounds, with identical courses. Both rounds are run according to Table A against the clock. In both rounds the time must be displayed at a minimum on a screen visible from the warm-up arena.

Four Athletes per team take part in the first round of the Nations Cup Competition. Unless teams are eliminated, disqualified, have retired or withdrawn in the first round, all teams take part in the second round with four Athletes each.

2.2. Classification

The classification is established according to the combined Penalties of each team's three best Athletes in each round. In case there is a tie on penalties for first place after both rounds there will be a jump-off with one Athlete per team. In case there is a tie for any other place following both rounds, the times of the best three Athletes in the second round will be used to decide the team classification.

2.3. Prize Money

The prize money for the teams in the Nations Cup competition at each EEF Series Event is distributed as follows: 1st 32%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 16%, 4th 11%, 5th 7%, 6th 5%, 7th 3%, 8th 2%, 9th 2%, 10th 2%.

In case of eleven (11) teams in a Regional Qualifier, a Semi-Final or Final (refer above to participation of home nation under "EEF Series Semi-Finals (SFs)" and "EEF Series Final"), the 10th and 11th placed teams receive each 1% of the competition prize money.

A team which is eliminated, disqualified, has retired or withdrawn (see JRs Art. 264.8.1 and 264.8.2) in the first round of a competition is not entitled to receive prize money or points for that competition.

EEF Series team competitions with less than ten (10) teams participating or entitled to receive prize money, subject to the previous paragraph, will have the remaining prize money divided equally among all teams placed.

Each CSIO which counts for EEF Series must offer the following amount of prize money in the Nations Cup competition:

- RQs CSIO3* €65'000 per competition;
- SFs CSIO3* €90'000 per competition;
- Final CSIO4* €200'000 per competition;

EEF Series OCs may offer additionally €50'000 as prize money to the Athlete(s) with the best performance according to the combined Penalties in both rounds of the Nations Cup competition.

The above amounts of prize money may be increased, subject to FEI Approval, but the total amount of prize money offered at the Event may not exceed the maximum established for the star level of the Event.

2.4. Longines Rankings Competitions

Number of Competitions at all EEF Series CSIOs counting for points in the Longines Rankings must be 3 (i.e. Grand Prix + Nations Cup + one other Ranking Competition) in accordance with the FEI JRs, Annex VI, Art. 3. Individual Competitions counting for the Longines Rankings must have minimum height 1.45m and minimum prize money CHF 30'000, regardless of EEF Series Region.

3. GRAND PRIX PARTICIPATION

3.1. Qualification Format for GP in EEF Series

The Grand Prix competition is open to 60 Athletes for CSIO3* and to 50 Athletes for CSIO4*, and is held on Friday unless an exception is granted by the EEF. There must always be one (1) day between the Grand Prix and the Nations Cup competition.

3.1.1. When the Grand Prix competition is held on Friday the following qualifying system applies:

Four (4) out of the five (5) team members from each team participating in the Nations Cup competition, as declared by the team's Chef d'Equipe the day before the first day of competition, these members not necessarily being the same four (4) team members that will ultimately participate in the Nations Cup competition, are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix, along with those Athletes who are pre-qualified in accordance with Art. 261 of the FEI Jumping rules. The OC must hold a qualification competition of minimum 145 cm in height for the remaining places on a day prior to the day of the Grand Prix for the 5th team member from each team not pre-qualified as above and the individual Athletes.

3.1.2. When the Grand Prix competition is held on Sunday the following qualifying system applies:

Each OC must provide two opportunities for each Athlete to qualify for the Grand Prix Competition. The first qualifier is held prior to the Nations Cup competition and is open to all Athletes. The Nations Cup competition counts as a qualifier for the team Athletes.

The third qualifier is held following the Nations Cup competition and counts as a qualifier for the non-team Athletes plus individuals and those Athletes not taking part in the second round of the Nations Cup competition. Both the first and third qualifiers must have a minimum standard of 1.45m.

- **Nations Cup Athletes**

The 30 best-placed Athletes following rounds one and two of the Nations Cup Competition are automatically qualified to take part in the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event. Those equal on penalties for 30th place are separated by their combined times in the first and second rounds of the Nations Cup Competition. In case of a further tie the Athletes concerned are permitted to take part in the Grand Prix.

- **Non-Team Athletes and Individuals**

The ten best-placed Athletes, taken from the non-team Athletes plus individuals, in the third qualifier are also automatically qualified for the Grand Prix.

- **Automatically Qualified**

Those Athletes who are pre-qualified in accordance with Art. 261 of the FEI Jumping Rules.

Should a pre-qualified Athlete be placed among the best 30 after the two rounds of the Nations Cup Competition, their qualification place in the Nations Cup Competition will not be given to another Athlete.

- **Completing the Quota**

The remaining quota places for the Grand Prix Competition must be filled with Athletes from the first qualifier.

4. ALLOCATION/MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF EVENTS IN EEF SERIES

No EEF Series Event may be allocated to a country/NF not taking part in EEF Series.

The allocation of the EEF Series RQs, the SFs and the Final is the responsibility of the EEF, provided the current FEI General Regulations and FEI Jumping Rules are respected, as well as the following minimum requirements:

- a) Subject to FEI Board approval, a CSIO of EEF Series can take place in an EEF Series country already hosting a CSIO.
- b) In addition to Nations Cup Prize money provided in 2. above, EEF Series CSIOs must offer the minimum prize money provided for the Grand Prix competition in the relevant JRs, as in force, and at least CHF 60'000 in prize money for the Grand Prix competition in a CSIO3*.
- c) A maximum global entry fee of 605 Euro per Horse and 330 Euro per Young Horse (if a CSIYH is included in the Schedule) for all CSIO Events may be charged.
- d) Each Event must be run in a four-day competition format and respect the prize money requirements for the relevant star level category, according to the CSI/CSIO Requirements in force at the time.
- e) Quality and size of stables must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- f) Stable security must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- g) Quality of footing must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- h) Expenses for accommodation/meals for Athletes/Chefs d'Equipe/Officials must be in accordance with FEI requirements.

- i) OCs of EEF Series RQs may accept requests for invitations from teams outside their Region and/or from other FEI Nations Cup Regions, only after all NFs with a team from their own Region have been invited.
- j) Number of Athletes, including team Athletes, at EEF Series CSIOs is maximum 90.
- k) Maximum number of teams that may compete in each EEF Series RQ is ten (10), plus one FEI Wild Card team (see paragraph m below), if any. In any case the participation of all NFs from the respective Region willing to compete in the Regional Qualifier will prevail. OCs must invite teams of five (5) Athletes, one of the five team athletes being obligatorily an U25 Athlete, with maximum three (3) horses per Athlete. If a team does not enter five (5) Athletes, as above, these vacant place(s) return to the OC.
- l) Notwithstanding paragraph k) above, Individual Athletes may be invited in accordance with JRs Art. 249.5 and 249.6.

Contrary to the JRs Art. 249.5 the number of individual Athletes that the OC of a Regional Qualifier CSIO may invite from each of the other NFs part of the same Region in addition to the official team is not limited to two per NF; the exact number must be indicated in the Schedule and must be the same for each of these NFs.

- m) Refer to Art. 10 of the FEI Nations Cup™ rules for details relating to FEI wild cards for teams and individuals. FEI Wild Cards shall be granted following consultation between the FEI Jumping Department and the EEF. The final decision lies with the FEI Jumping Department.
- n) The maximum height of the Nations Cup competition at the Regional Qualifiers is 1.45m. The maximum height of the Grand Prix competition at all EEF Series CSIOs is 1.55m.



**EURASIA
LEAGUE**

**ANNEX II
TO THE LONGINES FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ RULES 2023
RULES FOR THE EURASIAN LEAGUE**

INTRODUCTION

The Eurasian League is comprised of FEI Regional Group III countries (refer to Art. 2.7 of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Rules for the list of NFs included in the Eurasian League). The main goal of the Eurasian League is to expand the capabilities of FEI Group III athletes, promote mutual understanding between athletes through fair competition, and strengthen friendship between the countries of the Eurasian space.

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations (GRs), the FEI Jumping Rules (JRs), the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Rules and all other relevant FEI rules and regulations.

1. REGIONS

The Eurasian League is a single sports space for Nations Cup competitions held on the territory of the FEI Group III countries and is divided into three regions: European (Moldova), Caucasian-Caspian (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran), Central Asian (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).

The technical level of competitions in different regions may vary from 3* to 5*, depending on the level of development of sports in the region. Regardless of the technical level, competitions held in each region must be open to all NFs of the Eurasian League and provide equal opportunities to qualify for the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

2. EURASIAN LEAGUE SEASON

2.1.

The Eurasian League Nations Cup calendar consists of selected Events following the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the previous season. The last Competition must finish at least one month prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the current season.

2.2. Date Restrictions – World and Continental Championships (Europe and Asia), Olympic, Asian Games and FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final

FEI Jumping Rules Art. 200.8 applies.

2.3. Eurasian League Calendar

The allocation of CSIOs per Eurasian League Region is decided by the FEI Group III NFs in agreement with the Eurasian Equestrian Association (EEA). Clashes are not allowed between

Eurasian League competitions.

2.4. Declaration of Teams

Only eligible NFs, that is, NFs with at least 4 athletes on the Longines Ranking list at the end of October of the current year are eligible to seek qualification for the LFJNC Final of the following year (LR list 262 for the 2023 season).

All eligible NFs wishing to participate in the Eurasian League with a view to qualifying for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final (refer to Art. 6 of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ rules for details on minimum eligibility for NFs) are required to confirm the following to the FEI by a date to be established by the FEI:

- That they will take part in the Eurasian League Nations Cup Competitions in their own Region and/or in other Regions of the Eurasian League, and at the Eurasian League Final, if eligible (refer to Art. 5.1 of the present Annex for details);
- Pledge that they will, if qualified, participate at the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

It is the responsibility of each NF to select its CSIO.

3. EVENTS

3.1. List of Events

Eurasian League consists of minimum 3 and maximum 8 Events.

3.2. Criteria for Eurasian League Events

Each Eurasian League CSIO is categorized (star level) according to the overall amount of prize money offered and must respect the CSIO Requirements in effect at the time for their respective star level (refer to Jumping Rules Annex VI, Art. 3). In addition, the following criteria must be respected for Events held in Eurasian League:

- a) The Nations Cup Competition at the Eurasian League qualifying Events must be built according to the technical requirements for 3* Nations Cups as established in FEI Jumping Rules Art. 264.3.
- b) Each Nations Cup Competition must provide prize money determined by the Organizing Committee in agreement with the FEI. The prize money for the Nations Cup competition must be the highest prize money competition at each Event.
- c) All selected Events must in principle follow a fixed competition format, with the Grand Prix Competition taking place on Friday and the Nations Cup Competition on Sunday. Depending on the current proven success of a Nations Cup Competition relating to broadcast coverage and spectatorship, an exception may be granted at the discretion of the EEA.
- d) Events must be held over at least four days not including the Horse Inspection day.
- e) In addition to the Nations Cup Competition, other Competitions must count for Longines Ranking points. The number of competitions that give points for the Longines Ranking at all CSIOs of the Eurasian League must correspond to the minimum number set for CSIOs of the respective star levels, in accordance with the FEI Jumping Rules, Annex VI, Article 3. Individual competitions that give points for the Longines Ranking must have obstacles of at least 1.45 m height.
- f) The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 65.
- g) The maximum number of Teams invited by the OC is 10. Each OC must invite teams of 5 members; one of the five team athletes should be U25. Maximum number of horses per athlete – three (3). If a team has not declared five athletes as indicated above, the vacant position is placed at the disposal of the OC to invite individual

Athletes in accordance with FEI Jumping Rules Art. 249.5 and/or 249.6.

- h) OCs have the right to invite teams outside the Eurasian League only after invitations have been sent to all teams of the League.
- i) OCs have the right to invite a limited number of home/foreign individual Athletes from the home country and countries not represented by an official team in accordance with FEI Jumping Rules Art. 249.5 and 249.6.
- j) However, the total number of Athletes must not exceed 65.
- k) Refer to Art. 10 of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ rules for details relating to FEI wild cards for teams and individuals.

4. PARTICIPATION

4.1. Participation at CSIOs outside the Eurasian League

Eurasian League teams may participate at CSIOs in other Regions if invited, but may not get points for the Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs at these Events.

4.2.

All Eurasian League OCs must accept entries from their League's eligible NFs if they have announced their intention to participate in the competition series. Refer to Art. 6 of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ rules for eligibility criteria for NFs.

4.3.

If less than five NFs entered with a team, each NF may enter two teams; the Chef d'Equipe must declare in advance, at the latest at the technical meeting, which team will compete for points for the Nations Cup Ranking of Eurasian NFs. This team must start before the NF's other team in the first round of the Nations Cup Competition at the event concerned.

4.4. Eurasian League Nations Cup Competitions:

Format and Participation in the First and Second Round

At all Eurasian League Events, the Nations Cup Competition is run over two rounds, with identical courses. Both rounds are run according to Table A against the clock. In both rounds the time must be displayed at a minimum on a screen visible from the warm-up arena.

Four Athletes per team take part in the first round of the Nations Cup Competition. Unless teams are eliminated, disqualified, have retired or withdrawn in the first round, eight teams take part in the second round with four Athletes each.

The classification is established according to the combined Penalties of each team's three best Athletes in each round. In case there is a tie on penalties for first place after both rounds there will be a jump-off with one Athlete per team. In case there is a tie for any other place following both rounds, the combined times of the best three Athletes in the second round will be used to decide the team classification.

5. POINT SYSTEM, PRIZE MONEY

5.1. Points

Eligible Eurasian teams (as per LFJNC rules Art. 6, only NFs with at least four athletes on the Longines Ranking list 262 are eligible to seek qualification for the LFJNC Final 2023) can qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final based on the Nations Cup Ranking of the Eurasian League NFs according to the points system outlined below.

The number of results that can count per NF for the Nations Cup ranking depends on the number of competitions (minimum three, maximum eight) in which the NF participated.

Number of competitions the NF participated in	Number of best results counted in the ranking
8	6
7	5
6	4
5	4
4	4
3	3

Point Scale for allocating points per CSIO for the Nations Cup Ranking:

Points for the Eurasian League qualifying Events will be allocated according to the point scale for CSIO3* below, as the Nations Cup Competition at the qualifying Events must be built to the specifications of 3* Nations Cups as established in JRs Art. 264.3.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CSIO5*	120	100	90	80	70	65	60	55	50	45
CSIO4*	100	90	80	70	60	55	50	45	40	35
CSIO3*	90	80	70	60	55	50	45	40	35	30

The points received by the teams after the last Eurasian League qualifying Event are combined together to count for the final Nations Cup Ranking of the Eurasian League NFs to select the team eligible to participate in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final.

If the eligible Eurasian League NFs do not have an equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final, the qualification is based on the combined points of each NF's best four Athletes on the Longines Ranking two months prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the year in question.

For the purpose of qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final the time period for the Nations Cup Ranking will start with the first Eurasian League CSIO following the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final of the previous season until one month prior to the Final of the current season.

5.2. Overall Classification Tie Breaker

In case of a tie for any place on the overall Eurasian League classification, 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.

If after applying this method there is still a tie for any place at the conclusion of the last Event of the season, preference will be given to:

- the team with the greater number of clear rounds among the scores counting (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team) from each Competition throughout the season;
- if there is still a tie the scores counting (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team) for each team from each Competition will be added together and preference will be given to the team with the lowest overall score.

5.3. Distribution of the Prize Money

The prize money is distributed as follows:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
32%	20%	16%	11%	7%	5%	3%	2%	2%	2%

5.3.1.

A team which is eliminated, disqualified, has retired or withdrawn (see JRs Art.264.8.1 and 264.8.2) in the first round of a Competition is not entitled to receive prize money or points for that Competition.

Only teams having participated in the second round of each competition receive prize money.

5.3.2.

Nations Cup Competitions with less than ten (10) teams will have the remaining prize money divided equally among those teams placed.

6. GRAND PRIX PARTICIPATION

6.1. Qualification Format

The Grand Prix competition is held on Friday unless an exception is granted by the EEA.

When the Grand Prix competition is held on Friday the following qualifying system applies:

Four out of the five team members from the official team are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix. The Chef d'Equipe of each team will declare to the OC, at a time fixed by the OC prior to the qualifying Competition for the Grand Prix, which four team members will be automatically qualified for the Grand Prix; these do not have to be the same four team members selected by the Chef d'Equipe to participate in the Nations Cup Competition, who are to be declared by the Chef d'Equipe the day before the Nations Cup Competition (JRs Art. 264.5.1).

The OC must hold a qualification competition of 1.40m in height for the remaining places on a day prior to the day of Grand Prix for the individual Athletes and for the 5th team member of each team.

For Grand Prix competitions taking place on Sunday the following qualification system applies:

Each OC must provide two opportunities for each Athlete to qualify for the Grand Prix Competition. The first qualifier is held prior to the Nations Cup Competition and is open to all Athletes. The Nations Cup Competition counts as a qualifier for the team Athletes. The third qualifier is held following the Nations Cup Competition and counts as a qualifier for the non-team Athletes plus individuals and those Athletes not taking part in the second round of the Nations Cup Competition. Both the first and third qualifiers must have a minimum standard of 1.40 m.

6.2. Automatically Qualified

Notwithstanding the above, JRs Art. 261.4.1 applies for the Grand Prix at all Eurasian Nations Cup League Events.

6.3. Number of Athletes in the Grand Prix

The Grand Prix at the qualifiers Eurasian League Events is open to 60 Athletes. The Grand Prix at the Eurasian League Final is open to 50 Athletes.