

# Rules

## FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 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 article 3 herein, the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth season commences with the first FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition of the season and finishes with the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 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™ Youth Final to be held preferably in December 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™ Youth Final.

For the purpose of these rules the following categories are considered "Youth": Children, Pony Riders, Juniors and Young Riders.

### **2. REGIONS**

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

#### **2.1 Europe**

Europe comprises the following NFs: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

#### **2.2 North and Central America / Caribbean**

North and Central America / Caribbean comprise the following NFs:

Antigua and 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, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

#### **2.5 Asia / Australasia**

Asia / Australasia comprises the following NFs:

Australia, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Korea (Republic of), 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, Morocco, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

## **3. FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH SEASON**

### **3.1 General**

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

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth calendar is established following the bidding process put in place by the FEI. Upon receipt of applications from NFs allocation of qualifiers per Region and of the Final will be decided by the FEI.

CSIO Events at which the Nations Cup Competition does not serve as a qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final are also permitted to be held.

### **3.2 Europe**

In Europe, not more than one FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth qualifier per category may be held per season in the same country, unless an exception is granted by the FEI Board. There must be at least one week between each FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth qualifier. If there is a distance of more than 500 km between venues, the requirement for one week between the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth qualifiers concerned does not apply.

The last qualifying Event must finish at least two weeks prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final.

### **3.3 Date Restrictions – Continental Championships**

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

## **4. DECLARATION OF TEAMS FOR THE 2022 SEASON**

### **4.1 General**

All NFs that enter teams in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth qualifiers in their Region are eligible to seek qualification for the Final.

## **5. QUALIFYING EVENTS**

The maximum number of qualifying Events worldwide is 20.

### **5.1 Criteria for Youth CSIO Events**

The following criteria must be respected for all FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Events:

- a) The Nations Cup is the main Competition at the Event, with the highest prize money.
- b) Each FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Event must offer at least CHF 30'000 in prize money, divided among the different categories, Pony Riders, Children, Juniors and Young Riders.
- c) Events must be held over at least three days.
- d) A maximum global entry fee of 350 Euro per Horse/Pony for all CSIO Events may be charged.
- 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) The course must be the same for the first and second rounds.
- j) Refer to Art. 9 for details relating to FEI wild cards for teams and individuals.

### **5.2 Europe**

FEI selected qualifying Events in Europe must meet the minimum criteria outlined in Art. 5.1 above.

The total amount of prize money permitted to be offered at each Event for Pony Riders and for Children is EUR 8'000.

### **5.3 Other Regions**

FEI selected qualifying Events in other Regions may vary per Region in number depending on the number of CSIOs held in the Region providing they meet the minimum criteria outlined in Art. 5.1 and any additional requirements as established by the FEI.

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™ Youth Final, qualification will be based on the overall team classification at the most recent respective Regional or Continental Championships at the time of the Final.

## **6. PARTICIPATION**

### **6.1 Europe**

#### **6.1.1 Participation at Home Event**

NFs must participate at their home Event providing the home NF organises a qualifying Event.

#### **6.1.2 Requests for Invitations**

OCs must accept requests for invitations from European Teams.

#### **6.1.3 Number of Events counting for Points**

Teams may earn points at all Events but only their four best results will count towards the standings.

#### **6.1.4 Participation of Teams outside their own Region**

Teams may participate at CSIOs outside their own Region if invited but may not earn points at these Events.

#### **6.1.5 Invitations of Teams and Individuals**

OCs must invite teams of five Athletes. At the discretion of the OC, maximum five individual Athletes per NF, in addition to those belonging to the official team, may be invited under the same conditions as the official team. OCs have the right to invite a limited number of individual Athletes from the home country and from countries not represented by an official team in accordance with the limitations established in JRs Art. 249.5 and 249.6.

#### **6.1.6 Participation in the First and Second Round**

Four Athletes per team take part in the first and second rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition. Unless teams are eliminated, disqualified, have retired or withdrawn in the first round, eight teams take part in the second round. The home team may not return for the second round unless it qualifies among the eight teams allowed to return for the second round.

It is allowed to organise an individual competition, run under Art. 238.2.1, over the same course of the Nations Cup between the first and second rounds of the Nations Cup Competition.

### **6.2 Other Regions**

NFs must participate at their home Event providing the home NF organises a qualifying Event.

All OCs in other Regions must accept requests for entries from NFs in their own Region.

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

OCs must invite teams of four or five Athletes.

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

Four Athletes per team take part in the first and second rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition. Unless teams are eliminated, disqualified, have retired or withdrawn in the first round, eight teams take part in the second round. The home team may not return for the second round unless it qualifies among the eight teams allowed to return for the second round.

## 7. POINT SYSTEM

### 7.1 Points

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

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

Points obtained by NFs in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth qualifier(s) in their own Region are added together in order to establish standings for each Region.

Points are distributed according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case teams are placed equal with any other team during any of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competitions, the points set forth above for the places in question are added and divided equally among the teams concerned, team(s) thereby obtaining its/their portion of the points. The second decimal place is rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

Teams may earn points at all FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Events in their own Region but the maximum number of results to count per team is four.

Teams may participate in Youth CSIOs outside their Region, and in Youth CSIOs that are not included in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth series, but may not earn points at any of these Events.

### 7.2 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.

In case of a tie for a qualification place from Regions with only one qualifying Event, the following method will be used to break the tie:

- the team with the greater number of clear rounds among the scores counting in the Competition (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team);
- if there is still a tie the combined times of each team's best three athletes in the first round if the teams concerned have taken part only in the first round or both rounds if the teams concerned have taken part in the second round (i.e. the times of the three Athletes whose result counted in each round) will be used to break the tie, preference being given to the team with the lowest combined time.

## 8. TITLE OF THE FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH COMPETITION

It is obligatory for FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competitions to be called: FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth.

## **9. WILD CARDS**

### **9.1 FEI Wild Cards for Teams**

The FEI has the right to nominate one or more wild card teams for each CSIO Event in all Regional qualifiers in order to ensure that all teams have equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final.

Requests for wild card invitations from NFs are screened by:

- CSIO representative;
- FEI Headquarters representative.

In case of a dispute, the OCs' and the Chefs d'Equipe representatives will be consulted prior to a decision being taken by the FEI.

### **9.2 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.

### **9.3 Requests for FEI Wild Cards**

Requests for all FEI wild cards must be made at least nine weeks before the Event in question is due to commence. Wild cards are allocated by the FEI at the latest before the third Monday prior to the week of each Event is due to take place. Requests for wild cards are co-coordinated by the FEI Director of Jumping.

## **10. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH FINAL**

The qualification system for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 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 from the Region may participate, the OC does not have the right to refuse an entry from an eligible 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™ Youth Final are given the opportunity to participate at any number of qualifiers;
- For Regions without a FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition, teams are selected according to the results in the team competition at their Regional or Continental Championship.

## **11. FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH FINAL**

### **11.1 Date**

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final is organised preferably during the month of December but this may change depending on the Region in which the Final takes place. In principle the Final should not take place before the third week of September.

### **11.2 Allocation of Quota Places per category for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final**

- Europe: 6
- North and Central America: 2
- South America: 1
- Middle East: 1
- Asia: 1
- Africa: 1

### **11.3 Bidding Process**

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



**11.4 Number of Teams**

Twelve teams plus the home team if not qualified are allowed to participate in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final for each category.

**11.5 Number of Athletes**

Each team is allowed to participate with five Athletes with three Horses/Ponies per Athlete. No individual Athletes may be invited in addition to the team members except for the home team. Additional individual Athletes may be invited with two Horses/Ponies each from NFs not represented by a team, maximum two per NF.

**11.6 Substitution of Qualified NFs**

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

Europe:	substitution to 10 <sup>th</sup> place in the overall standings
Middle East:	substitution to 4 <sup>th</sup> place in the overall standings
North/Central America & Caribbean:	substitution to 4 <sup>th</sup> place in the overall standings
South America:	substitution to 4 <sup>th</sup> position in the overall standings
Asia/Australasia:	substitution to 4 <sup>th</sup> position in the overall standings
Africa:	substitution to 3 <sup>rd</sup> position in the overall standings

If a Region cannot fill its quota, the vacant place(s) will revert to Europe.

**11.7 Competition Format**

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

All three Competitions are conducted at the following maximum height:

- Ponies: 1m30
- Children: 1m30
- Juniors: 1m40
- Young Riders: 1m45

Each team's five Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 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 Organising Committee. Between the declaration of the Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations and one hour before the start of the first Competition of the Event, Horses/Ponies 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/Pony combinations. Each Athlete may only ride one Horse/Pony per Competition and this must be their declared Nations Cup Horse/Pony; each Horse/Pony may only compete in one Competition per day.

In addition to the three FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competitions, an individual Competition must also be held for each category. This Competition must be called "The [name of venue of the Final] Cup".

The Competition format is as follows.

**11.7.1 1<sup>st</sup> Day: First FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth 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 Organising Committee, Chefs d'Equipe must declare their four Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations for this Competition, including their starting order; these are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations. In case of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse/Pony between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse/Pony 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/Pony combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

Teams that are equal on penalties for sixth place in this Competition are separated by the times of the best three Athletes in each team.



This Competition is run at 375 m/min for Juniors and Young Riders, and at 350 m/min for Pony Riders and Children, and consists of 12 to 13 obstacles.

#### **11.7.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: Individual Competition “[name of venue] Cup” for all Categories**

##### **11.7.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Day: Second FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition (Challenge Cup)**

The Second Competition is open to the teams placed 7th to last in the First 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/Pony combinations and do not have to be the same as the four combinations that took part in the First Competition; 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/Pony between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse/Pony combination may, upon presentation of a certificate from an officially recognized 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 not 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 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. All four Athletes per team are permitted to take part in the jump-off, with the best three scores of each team counting.

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

All teams start in this Competition on zero penalties.

The Competition is run at 375 m/min for Juniors and Young Riders, and at 350 m/min for Pony Riders and Children, and consists of 12 to 13 obstacles in the initial round.

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

If in any category there are seven or eight teams taking part in the first Competition, the second Competition will not be held for the category in question and all teams concerned, if not eliminated in the first Competition, will be permitted to take part in the Final Competition, and will carry forward their Penalties from the First Competition. The prize money of the second Competition (Challenge Cup) will be added to the prize money of the Third Competition (Final Competition) for the category in question.

If in any category there are six or less teams taking part in the first Competition, the second Competition (Challenge Cup) will not be held for the category in question and the prize money of the second Competition will not be redistributed. All teams concerned, if not eliminated in the first Competition, will be permitted to take part in the Final Competition, and will carry forward their Penalties from the First Competition.

##### **11.7.4 4<sup>th</sup> Day: Third FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition (Final Competition)**

The Final Competition is open to teams placed 1-6 in the First Competition (or, if in any category there are eight or less teams in the first Competition, the Final Competition is open to all teams concerned, if not eliminated 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/Pony 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/Pony combinations and do not have to be the same as the four combinations that took part in the First Competition; 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/Pony between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse/Pony 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/Pony 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 penalties obtained in the First Competition; in case of a tie on penalties 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. All four Athletes per team are permitted to take part in the jump-off, with the best three scores of each team counting. Teams not taking part in the jump-off are separated by the combined penalties and times of their best three Athletes in the initial round.

If eight or less teams take part in the First Competition, in which case all teams are permitted to take part in the Final Competition, if not eliminated in the First Competition, teams will carry forward the penalties of their best three Athletes in the First Competition. If more than eight teams take part in the First Competition, and the Final is therefore open only to teams placed 1st to 6th in the First Competition, all teams start in the Final Competition on zero penalties.

The Competition is run at 375 m/min for Juniors and Young Riders, and at 350 m/min for Pony Riders and Children, and consists of 12 to 13 obstacles in the initial round.

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

All teams taking part in the third Competition receive prize money.

### **11.8 Prize Money Requirements for the Final**

Prize money won by teams in the first, second and/or third Competitions of the Final is to be distributed to all five team members, regardless of whether the fifth team member took part in any of the Final competitions.