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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 Nations Cup™ season commences with the first FEI Nations Cup™ Competition of the season and finishes with the FEI 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 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 Nations Cup™ Final.

2. REGIONS FOR 2020 SEASON

The World is divided into the following Regions for the purpose of qualifying teams for the FEI 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 Nations Cup™ Final) and comprises the following NFs: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, 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, 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:

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Bahrain, Iran, 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, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2.7 Euro-Asia

Euro-Asia comprises the following NFs:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Russia.

3. FEI NATIONS CUP™ 2020 SEASON

3.1. Europe Division 1

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

3.2. Other Regions

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

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

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

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

3.4. FEI Nations Cup™ Calendar 2020 Season

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The allocation of FEI 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 Nations Cup™ Final are also permitted to be held.

3.5. Declaration of Teams for the 2020 Season

All NFs wishing to participate in the FEI 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 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 Nations Cup™ Final (refer to Art. 6 on minimum eligibility for NFs);
- Pledge that they will, if qualified, participate at the FEI Nations Cup™ Final;
- For Europe Division 1 NFs, whether they wish to seek qualification for the FEI 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 Nations Cup™ Final but does not respect its commitment to take part at the FEI 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 Nations Cup™ series the following year.

It is the responsibility of each NF to select its CSIO. The FEI 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 2020 season is 14.

4.1. Europe – Division 1 *[updated on 15 April 2020]*

Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Division 1 Events held in 2020 will not serve as qualification for the 2020 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final. All 10 Division 1 NFs will qualify directly for the 2020 Final.

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*.

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- b) A maximum global entry fee of 550 Euro per horse and 300 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 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 in both rounds of the FEI Nations Cup™ unless decided otherwise by the FEI. The prize money for the FEI 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 €150'000 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 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 Nations Cup™ Competition, four other Competitions must count for Longines Ranking points.
- j) Each team must be invited with five Athletes and 15 Horses. [\[n/a for 2020\]](#)
- k) The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 65. [\[n/a for 2020\]](#)
- 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. [\[n/a for 2020\]](#)
- 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. [\[n/a for 2020\]](#)
- 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 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. [\[n/a for 2020\]](#)
- o) Refer to Art. 10.2 for details relating to FEI wild cards for individuals.

4.2. EEF Series [\[n/a for 2020\]](#) *[updated on 15 April 2020]*

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

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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 Events in other Regions *[updated on 15 April 2020]*

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 550 Euro per horse and 300 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 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 in both rounds of the FEI Nations Cup™ unless decided otherwise by the FEI. The prize money for the FEI 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 €150'000 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 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 Nations Cup™ Competition, four other Competitions must count for Longines Ranking points.
- j) Each team must be invited with five Athletes and 15 Horses. *[n/a for 2020 North American Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Events taking place after 15 April 2020]*
- k) The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 65. *[n/a for 2020 North American Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Events taking place after 15 April 2020]*

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 Nations Cup™ Final, qualification is based on the ~~Nations Cup Ranking established following the FEI Nations Cup™ Final of the previous season until two weeks prior to the FEI Nations Cup™ Final of the current season. The best~~

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four Nations Cup results count combined points of each NF's best four Athletes on the Longines Ranking one month prior to the FEI Nations Cup™ Final.

Effective as of the 2021 season:

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 Nations Cup™ Final, qualification is based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes of the same Nation on the Longines Ranking the one month previous prior to the FEI Nations Cup™ Final of the year in question.

5. PARTICIPATION

5.1. Europe - Division 1 [updated on 15 April 2020]

5.1.1. 2020 Season – Teams

For the 2020 FEI Nations Cup™ season the ten NFs permitted to take part in Division 1 are as follows:

- The nine best ranked teams on the 2019 Division 1 overall standings.
- The best ranked Division 2 team at the 2019 FEI Nations Cup™ Division 2 Qualifier.

The same 10 teams will remain qualified for Division 1 for the 2021 season.

As of ~~2021-2022~~ season:

For the ~~2021-2022~~ FEI Nations Cup™ season the eight NFs permitted to take part in Division 1 are as follows:

- The seven best ranked teams on the ~~2020-2021~~ Division 1 overall standings.
- The best ranked non-Division 1 team at the ~~2020-2021~~ EEF Final.

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

2020 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 ten NFs qualified for Division 1 choose not to participate in Division 1 in the 2020 season, it will be replaced by the next best placed D2 team at the 2019 D2 FEI Nations Cup™ Qualifier. See Art. 3.5 for details on confirmation of participation of NFs qualified for Division 1.

Withdrawals

Once the ten qualified NFs are established for the 2020 season as stipulated above they will not be replaced. Applicable also for the 2021 season.

As of ~~2021-2022~~ 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 ~~2021-2022~~ season, it will be replaced by the next best placed non-Division 1 team at the ~~2020-2021~~ EEF Final. 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 ~~2021-2022~~ season as stipulated above they will not be replaced.

5.1.3. Number of Teams per Event in Division 1

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2020 season: The number of teams that may be invited to Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Division 1 Events held in 2020 is not restricted.

~~2020-2021~~ season: 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.

As of ~~2021-2022~~ Season: All eight Division 1 teams must take part at each Division 1 Event. In addition to the eight Division 1 teams that must be invited, OCs of Division 1 Events may invite a maximum of two additional teams, for a total of maximum 10 teams per Event. If the home NF is not one of the Division 1 NFs, the home team must be invited as one of the two OC invitations allowed. A Non-Division 1 team may participate in a maximum of four Division 1 Events.

5.1.4. Number of Events to count for Points [n/a for the 2020 season]

~~2020-2021~~ season: 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, three 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.

As of ~~2021-2022~~ Season: All Division 1 teams must participate at all Division 1 Events; the number of results to count for the Division 1 standings will depend on the number of Division 1 Events (minimum six, maximum eight).

- Eight D1 events: the five best results per team will count;
- Seven D1 events, the four best results per team will count;
- Six D1 events, the four best results per team will count.

5.1.5. Selection/Allocation of Events ~~for the 2020 Season~~[n/a for the 2020 season]

2021 season: 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 ~~2020-2021~~ season in accordance with the system indicated as follows.

All ten 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.

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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. [not applicable for 2020]

5.2. Europe Division 1 relegation and promotion [updated on 15 April 2020]

2020 Season – Teams

The 10th ranked team on the overall Division 1 standings prior to the 2019 FEI Nations Cup™ Final will be automatically relegated to the EEF Series for the 2020 season and the best placed team at the 2019 Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier will be promoted to Division 1. No teams will be relegated/promoted at the conclusion of the 2020 season.

2021 Season – Teams:

The 10 NFs qualified for Division 1 for the 2020 season will remain qualified for Division 1 for the 2021 season.

~~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).~~

2021-2022 Season - Teams:

The 8th, 9th and 10th ranked teams on the overall Division 1 standings prior to the 2020-2021 FEI Nations Cup™ Final will be automatically relegated to the EEF Series for the 2021-2022 season and the best placed team at the 2020-2021 EEF Final will be promoted to Division 1, provided it is not one of the teams relegated from Division 1 at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 season. If this is the case the next best placed non-Division 1 team at the EEF Final will be promoted to Division 1.

As of 2022-2023 Season - Teams:

The 8th ranked team on the overall Division 1 standings prior to the 2021-2022 FEI Nations Cup™ Final will be automatically relegated to the EEF Series for the 2022-2023 season and the best placed team at the 2021-2022 EEF Final will be promoted to Division 1, provided it is not the team relegated from Division 1 at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 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).

5.3. North America and the Middle-East [updated on 15 April 2020]

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.

Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Events held in North America in 2020 will not serve as qualification for the 2020 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final. All three North

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American NFs having declared participation in the 2020 Series will qualify directly for the 2020 Final.

The maximum number of teams that may be invited is eight. [n/a for 2020 North American Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Events taking place after 15 April 2020]

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 Nations Cup™ Competitions: Format and Participation in the First and Second Round

At all FEI Nations Cup™ qualifying Events, the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition is run over two rounds, with identical courses. The first round is run according to Table A not against the clock, and the second round is run according to Table A against the clock. In round two 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 Nations Cup™ Competition. Unless eliminated 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 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 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° 226 for the 2020 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 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 Nations Cup™ qualifier(s) in their Region or Division are added together in order to establish Regional/Division standings.

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7.2. Europe Division 1 ~~—2020 season~~ *[updated on 15 April 2020]* *[n/a for 2020: All 10 Division 1 NFs will qualify directly for the 2020 Final.]*

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 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.

As of ~~2021-2022~~ season:

For Division 1 teams, points are distributed according to the team's classification among the Division 1 teams in the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition. In FEI Nations Cup™ Competitions where a non-Division 1 team is placed ahead of a Division 1 team, the Division 1 team moves up in the classification for the purpose of point distribution. In case a Division 1 team is placed equal with another Division 1 team during any of the FEI 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 second decimal place is rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004. If a Division 1 team is placed equal with a non-Division 1 team after taking into consideration the combined times of each team's best three Athletes in the second round, the Division 1 team receives the entire number of points foreseen for the placing in question.

7.3. Middle-East FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier

Points are distributed in the Middle-East FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case there are teams placed equal in the FEI 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 *[updated on 15 April 2020]*

[n/a for 2020: All three North American NFs having declared participation in the 2020 Series will qualify directly for the 2020 Final.]

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 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. *[n/a for 2020]*

7.5. Africa, Asia/Australasia, South America and Euro-Asia

[updated on 15 April 2020]

Eligible teams from Africa, Asia/Australasia, South America and Euro-Asia may qualify for the FEI Nations Cup™ Final through the ~~Nations Cup~~ Longines Ranking; qualification is based on the combined points of each NF's best four Athletes on the Longines Ranking one month prior to the FEI Nations Cup™ Final, according to the following point system. Points may be earned in the Nations Cup Competition at any CSIO in which they participate, with

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~~the best four results counting per team during the 12 month period for which the Nations Cup Ranking is established.~~

~~Effective as of the 2021 season:~~

~~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 Nations Cup™ Final, qualification is based on the best four athletes of the same Nation on the Longines Ranking the month previous to the FEI Nations Cup™ Final of the year in question.~~

~~For the purpose of qualification for the Final the time period for the Nations Cup Ranking will start with the first CSIO following the previous Final until two weeks prior to the following Final.~~

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

	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
CSIO2*:	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	1
CSIO1*:	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0.5

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 ~~2020~~ Qualifying Competition [n/a for 2020]

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

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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 (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 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 Nations Cup™ Competition and is open to all Athletes. The FEI Nations Cup™ Competition counts as a qualifier for the team Athletes. The third qualifier is held following the FEI 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 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 Nations Cup™ Events is open to 50 Athletes.

8.3. Qualified Athletes (for CSIO Dublin refer to Art. 8.4)

8.3.1. FEI Nations Cup™ Athletes

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The 18 best-placed Athletes following rounds one and two of the FEI 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 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

8.3.3.1. Notwithstanding the above, the following Athletes are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at all FEI Nations Cup™ qualifiers, as per JRs Art. 261.4.1.1:

- The individual medal winners (Athletes) 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 Nations Cup™ Competition, his/her 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 Nations Cup™ Athletes

The 18 best-placed Athletes following rounds one and two of the FEI 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 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. 261.4.1.1:

- The individual medal winners (Athletes) 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 Nations Cup™ Competition his/her qualification place under Art. 8.4.1 will not be given to another Athlete.

8.4.3. Completing the Quota

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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 NATIONS CUP™ COMPETITION

It is obligatory for FEI Nations Cup™ Competitions to be called: Longines FEI 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 Nations Cup™ qualifiers, North American FEI Nations Cup™ qualifiers and the Middle-East FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier.

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.

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 are allocated by the FEI eight weeks before each Event is due to take place. Requests for wild cards are co-coordinated by the FEI Director of Jumping.

11. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE FEI NATIONS CUP™ FINAL 2020

The qualification system for the FEI Nations Cup™ Final may vary from Region to Region and will fall into one of the following categories: [\[updated on 15 April 2020\]](#)

- 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 Nations Cup™ Final are given the opportunity to participate at a fixed number of qualifiers (Europe Division 1); **[as of 2021-2022:** A larger number of qualifiers in the Region at which all eligible NFs from the Region that wish to qualify for the FEI Nations Cup™ Final must participate (Europe Division 1)]

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- For Regions without a FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier, teams are selected through the ~~Nations Cup Longines~~ Ranking. Refer to Art. 7.5 for details ~~on the Nations Cup Ranking~~.

12. FEI NATIONS CUP™ FINAL

12.1. Date

The FEI 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 Nations Cup™ Final

There is a withdrawal fee of Euro 2000 per horse for teams withdrawing following the date for definite entries. The team in question loses its points for the entire season and the right to take part in the FEI Nations Cup™ series the following year.

12.3. Allocation of Quota Places for the FEI Nations Cup™ Final 2020

[updated on 15 April 2020]

- Europe Division 1: ~~7-10~~ *(The 10 Division 1 NFs.)* For 2021: 7 (The seven best ranked NFs on the Division 1 standings following the last Division 1 qualifier) [as of ~~2021~~2022: the six best ranked D1 NFs]
- North and Central America: ~~2-3~~ *(The three North American NFs having declared participation in the 2020 Series.)* For 2021: 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 ~~Nations Cup Longines~~ Ranking ~~two weeks~~one month 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 ~~Nations Cup Longines~~ Ranking ~~two weeks~~one month prior to the Final)
- Africa: 1 (The best ranked African NF on the ~~Nations Cup Longines~~ Ranking one month prior to the Final)
- Euro-Asia: 1 (The best ranked Euro-Asia NF on the ~~Nations Cup Longines~~ Ranking ~~two weeks~~one month prior to the Final)

12.4. Bidding Process

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

12.5. Number of Teams *[updated on 15 April 2020]*

~~Seventeen~~Twenty-one teams, plus the home team ~~if not qualified~~, are allowed to participate in the 2020 FEI Nations Cup™ Final, ~~providing each team has declared its intention to participate and has qualified through the qualifying Events in its Region or Division or through the Nations Cup Ranking, as of 2021: through the Longines Ranking and no longer the Nations Cup Ranking.~~ [**as of for 2021:** ~~sixteen~~sixteen teams, plus the home team ~~if not qualified~~, are allowed to participate in the 2021 FEI Nations Cup™ Final, providing each team has qualified through the qualifying Events in its Region or

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Division or through the Longines Ranking. As of 2022: sixteen teams, plus the home team if not qualified.]

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. Substitution of Qualified NFs *[updated on 15 April 2020]*

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: n/a for 2020. For 2021: substitution to 10th place in the overall standings [as of ~~2021~~2022: substitution to 8th place in the overall standings]
- Middle East: substitution to 4th place in the overall standings
- North/Central America & Caribbean: n/a for 2020. As of 2021: substitution to 4th place in the overall standings
- South America: substitution to 4th position on the ~~Nations Cup~~ Ranking of South American NFs (based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking one month prior to the Final)
- Asia/Australasia: substitution to 4th position on the ~~Nations Cup~~ Ranking of Asian/Australasian NFs (based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking one month prior to the Final)
- Africa: substitution to 3rd position on the ~~Nations Cup~~ Ranking of African NFs (based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking one month prior to the Final)
- Euro-Asia: substitution to 4th position on the ~~Nations Cup~~ Ranking of Euro-Asia NFs (based on the combined points of each NF's best four athletes on the Longines Ranking one month prior to the Final)

If a Region cannot fill its quota, the vacant place(s) will revert to Europe Division 1. [n/a for 2020].

12.8. Competition Format

The FEI 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 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

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this must be his/her declared Nations Cup horse; each Horse may only compete in one Competition per day.

The Competition format is as follows:

12.8.1. First FEI 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.

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

This Competition is run at 400 m/min and consists of 13 obstacles.

12.8.2. Second FEI Nations Cup™ Competition (Challenge Cup)

The Second Competition is open to the teams placed 9th 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 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 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. 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 of their three best Athletes in the First Competition, and in case of a

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further tie, according to the combined times of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final held the year prior to the Olympic Games, 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 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.

In case of a tie on Penalties for the Olympic team qualification place among teams not taking part in the jump-off, 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 of their three best Athletes in the First Competition, and in case of a further tie, according to the combined times of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final held the year prior to the Olympic Games, 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 13 obstacles in the initial round.

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

12.8.3. Third FEI 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 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. 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 of their three best Athletes in the First Competition, and in case of a further tie, according to the combined times of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final held the year prior to the Olympic Games, when a team qualification place for the Olympic Games is allocated through the Final.]

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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.

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 of their three best Athletes in the First Competition, and in case of a further tie, according to the combined times of their three best Athletes in the First Competition. [Applicable at the Final held the year prior to the Olympic Games, 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 13 obstacles in the initial round.

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

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[The rules below replace the previous EEF qualification system for Division 2.]

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EEF Series and Qualifying System for EEF Series Final

[updated on 15 April 2020]

The EEF Series launch has been moved to 2021 and the EEF Series Rules for the 2021 inaugural season will be published with the 2021 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Rules
Effective for season 2020

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 or Official Team Competition at a CSIO 5* in the current calendar year are not allowed to compete in a Nations Cup competition at an EEF Series Event.~~

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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: SMR; ITA; TUR; GRE; BUL; ROU;
SRB; MKD; ALB; BIH; CYP;
MLT; UKR

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

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

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

1.1. EEF Series Regional Qualifiers (RQs)

Each Region holds two (2) Regional Qualifiers at CSIO2* or 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 May 1st and June 20th of the current year and there must be at least one (1) free week between two (2) RQs in the same Region.

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, 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

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10th	35
11th 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 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 between June 27th and July 11th of the current year and there must be at least one (1) free week between the last RQ in any Region and~~

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~~its respective SF, as above.~~

~~1.2.1. Withdrawal of a team from an EEF Series Semi-Final~~

~~Should a qualified Team for either of the Semi-Finals withdraw from participation at the respective Semi-Final, it will be replaced 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 withdrawn 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 withdrawn team as per the above, up to one (1) quota place will be filled through the Nations Cup Ranking commencing with the first Nations Cup competition following the FEI Nations Cup™ Final of the previous year until two weeks prior to the respective Semi-Final of the current year, otherwise it will remain vacant.~~

~~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~~ *[updated 21 January 2020]*

~~The EEF Series Final is a GSIO4* 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 providing the home team has tried to qualify for the EEF Nations Cup Final.~~

~~The Final takes place between July 18th and August 1st of the current year, unless~~

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~~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 Nations Cup Jumping Final of the current year.~~

~~The winning team in the EEF Series Final will be promoted to the FEI 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. Withdrawal of team from the EEF Series Final~~

~~Should any qualified Team(s) withdraw from participation at the EEF Series Final, it/they will be replaced 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 withdrawn 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 withdrawn team as per the above, the quota place(s) in the Final will remain vacant.~~

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. The first round is run according to Table A not against the clock, and the second round is run according to Table A against the clock. In~~

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~~round two 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 eliminated 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 *[updated 21 January 2020]*

~~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 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 (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 CSIO2* / CSIO3* €75'000 per competition;~~
- ~~- SFs CSIO3* €125'000 per competition;~~
- ~~- Final CSIO4* €200'000;~~

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~~EEF Series OCs may offer additionally €50'000 as prize money to the Athlete(s) with the best performance 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 in accordance with the minimum number required for the star level of the Event as established in 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 CSIO2* and CSIO3* and to 50 Athletes for CSIO4*, and is held on Friday unless an exception is granted by the EEF.~~

~~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, are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix, as well as 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 Grand Prix for the individual Athletes.~~

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

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~~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.~~

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 30'000 (Euro 25'400 for 2020) in prize money for the Grand Prix competition in a CSIO2*.~~
- ~~c) A maximum global entry fee of 550 Euro per Horse and 300 Euro per Young Horse (if a CSIYH is included in the Schedule) for all CSIO Events may be charged.~~
- ~~d) Each Event must 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.~~

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- ~~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 from their own Region have been invited.~~
- ~~j) Number of Athletes, including team Athletes, at EEF Series CSIOs is maximum 80.~~
- ~~k) Maximum number of teams that may be invited by the OC to each EEF Series RQ is thirteen (13). OCs must invite teams of five (5) Athletes, the fifth (5th) athlete 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 para k) above, Individual Athletes may be invited in accordance with JRs Art. 249.5 and 249.6.
For the avoidance of doubt, JRs Art. 264.5.4 applies to all EEF Series CSIOs.~~
- ~~m) Refer to Art. 10 of the FEI Nations Cup™ rules for details relating to FEI wild cards for teams and individuals.~~

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