



THE 2023 FEI VAULTING WORLD CUP™ FINAL RULES

1. Introduction / General

- 1.1. These Rules must be read in connection with the FEI Rules and Regulations such as but not only the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Vaulting Rules, the FEI Vaulting Guidelines, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes.

2. The Qualification system for the Final

- 2.1. Qualification and Standing ranking points for the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final (the "**Final**") are earned at CVI3*, CVIO4*, FEI Championships and Master Class events (for Master classes see specific eligibility criteria described below) ("**WCupQ**") held between the 1st January and the 31 December of the year preceding the Final.

- 2.2. All CVI3*, CVIO4* and FEI Championships will automatically qualify as WCupQ.

- 2.3. To obtain FEI World Cup™ Qualifiers status for Master Class events (a "**WCupQ**"), the following criteria shall apply:

The deadline to apply for a FEI World Cup Qualifier status is 10 weeks before the Event.

- 2.3.1. At least two (2) Judges must be foreign to the Host Country.
 - 2.3.2. Invitations shall be extended to a minimum of six (6) NFs.
- 2.4. Individual: Provided they meet the eligibility criteria set out in Article 4.1.3 below, the highest ranked Athletes on the FEI Vaulting Individual World Cup™ Standings (the "**Standings**") ~~at the date of the nominated entries on 31 December of the year preceding the Final~~ will qualify for the Final from each of the following regions:
 - Africa, Asia, Oceania – 1 Individual Female and 1 Individual Male slot available
 - North America, South America – 2 individual Female and 2 Individual Male slots available
 - Europe – 4 Individual Female and 4 Individual Male slots available subject to Article 4.1.3 below
 - 2.4.1. The individual winners of the previous Final, 1 Female and 1 Male Vaulters are automatically qualified, in addition to the slots allocated by region.

- 2.4.2. Any unused slots will be reallocated by the FEI to the next highest ranked athlete on the FEI Vaulting World Cup Standing list **from that region, regardless of gender**. If a region does not allocate all of the slots, then the slots will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete on the FEI Vaulting World Cup Standing list, regardless of region.
- 2.5. Pas-de-Deux: The four (4) highest ranked Pas-de-Deux of the FEI Vaulting Pas-de-Deux World Cup Standing list at the date of the nominated entries will qualify for the Final regardless of the region, subject to Article 4.1.3 below.
- 2.5.1. The Pas-de-Deux winner of the previous Final is automatically qualified, in addition to the slots allocated by region.

3. Standings

- 3.1. Athletes will earn points for the Standings as per the following process: The three highest scores will be taken into account. For Individuals, this is the Free Test plus Technical Test from a WCupQ divided by 2. For Pas-de-Deux, this is the overall score from a WCupQ. The Athletes/Pas-de-Deux with the highest number of points will be ranked first and so on.
- 3.2. In the event that two or more Athletes/Pas-de-Deux have equal points at the end of the qualification period, the available position in the Final will be given to the Athlete/Pas-de-Deux with the highest placing(s) achieved during the qualification period, any further ties will be decided by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee.
- 3.3. The Standings will be calculated and published on a monthly basis on the FEI Website.

4. The FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final

- 4.1. The Final will be open to:
- 8 Individual Female Vaulters
 - 8 Individual Male Vaulters
 - 5 Pas-de-Deux
- 4.1.1. The number of qualified Athletes listed above includes the winners of each category in the previous Final.
- 4.1.2. A maximum of four Individual Athletes (Two Female and two Male – exceptions may be granted by the FEI upon written request) per nation excluding the winners of past season can take part in the Final and a maximum of two Pas-de-Deux per nation, excluding the winners of past season. This number may be reviewed by the FEI Vaulting Committee if deemed necessary.
- 4.1.3. To be eligible to compete at the Final, Qualified Individual Athletes must have achieved at least one (1) qualification score of seven (7.0) at a WCupQ, during the qualification time frame. For Individuals, this is the Free Test plus the Technical Test for the WCupQ divided by 2. There is no minimum eligibility requirement for Pas-de-Deux.
- 4.2. The Format of the Individual Finals:
- 4.2.1. The Individual Female and Male Finals are held over two Competitions per category :
- Competition 1: Technical Test

- Competition 2: Free Test

Time limit: 1 minute 10 seconds

The Final score is the average score obtained from Competition 1 and 2.

4.3. The format of the Pas-de-Deux Final:

4.3.1. The Pas-de-Deux Final is held over two Competitions:

- Competition 1: Free Test
- Competition 2: Free Test

Time limit: 2 minutes

The Final score is the average score obtained from Competition 1 and 2.

4.4. Starting order:

4.4.1. The starting order of Competition 1 shall be by draw in groups of three, based on the Standings. The lowest placed in the Standings will be drawn first and start in the first group; the highest placed Athletes in the Standing and the winners of the previous Final will be drawn last and start in the last group.

4.4.2. The starting order of Competition 2 shall be in the reverse order of the ranking after Competition 1.

4.4.3. Ties: in case of a tie, the artistic score decides. If still tied, the technical score will decide. If still tied the performance score will decide.

4.4.4. The Trot Round is not required and will not be judged.

5. The Officials at the Final

5.1. The Ground Jury is appointed by the FEI, the other Officials are appointed by the OC and approved by the FEI. At least four different nations must be represented on the Ground Jury.

5.2. The OC is responsible for appointing a Chief Steward with experience in Vaulting.

6. The Entry Fee/Prize Money

6.1. An OC can, if they wish, charge an entry fee per Athlete up to a maximum of Euro 50.

6.2. The total Prize Money at the Final must be at least Euro 8'000.

7. Organisation Requirements for the Final

7.1. The OC shall cover the accommodation and meals expenses of the Vaulters and Lungers.

7.2. The expenses shall be covered from the day before the Horse Inspection, until the day after the end of the Event.

- 7.3. Travel fee of Vaulters, Lungers and Horses will be agreed by the FEI with the relevant Organiser.
- 7.4. Should the OC not cover the expense of stabling, the maximum charge per Horse should be Euro 100 in total, covering the stabling expenses from the day before the Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Event, if the Event ends after noon.
- 7.5. When possible, a suitable changing area should be available near the competition and/or warm-up arenas.
- 7.6. There should be a printed running order for the Horse Inspection.
- 7.7. All Vaulters and Lungers are invited to the draw.
- 7.8. The press centre must remain open or accessible until at least one hour after the prize giving ceremony.