

Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Covid-19 By-Laws for 2021 Season

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The following By-Laws (indicated *in italics* under the respective articles of the LFJNC rules for 2021) have been established in light of the repercussions of the Covid-19 pandemic on the 2021 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ series and will be included in the LFJNC rules published on the website at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules>.

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 2021 season is 14.

4.1. Europe – Division 1

Division 1 Events may not clash with each other.

4.1.1. List of Events

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

4.1.2. Criteria for Division 1 Events

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

- a) Each Division 1 CSIO must be a CSIO5*.
- b) A maximum global entry fee of 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.

*** N/A for 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team (refer to paragraph p below), for which the following By-Law applies: 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 9 in the Competition, (...).**

- 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. ***N/A for the 2021 season, for which the following By-Law applies:***

In addition to the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition, three other Competitions must count for Longines Ranking points (i.e. there must be a total of at least four Longines Ranking Competitions: the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition, the Grand Prix Competition and two Longines Ranking Competitions counting for Longines Ranking Point Group D or higher).

j) Each team must be invited with five Athletes and 15 Horses. **N/A for the 2021 season, for which the following By-Law applies:**

Each team must be invited with five Athletes; at the OC's discretion the teams may be invited with 10 Horses or 15 Horses. The number of Horses per Athlete (minimum two, maximum three) must be the same for all teams and must be indicated in the Schedule.

k) The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 65*.

*** N/A for 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team (refer to paragraph p below), for which the following By-Law applies: The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 70.**

l) Each OC must invite at least five Athletes as individuals from NFs not represented by a team, to be selected from the Longines Ranking in effect eight weeks before the start of the Event (the number of the Longines Ranking list is to be published in the Event Schedule), in descending order until the 30th position. There is no limit on the number of Athletes per NF among these five individuals. If the OC cannot fill the quota of five Athletes from the top 30 on the Longines Ranking, they may invite additional Athlete(s) to fill this quota, while respecting a maximum of two foreign individual Athletes per NF from NFs not represented by a team.

m) OCs have the right to invite a limited number of home/foreign individual Athletes from the home country and countries not represented by an official team. However, the total number of Athletes must not exceed 65*.

*** Refer to the By-Law under paragraph k above for the maximum number of athletes permitted to take part in 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team.**

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.

*** Refer to the By-Law under paragraph k above for the maximum number of athletes permitted to take part in 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team.**

o) Refer to Art. 10.2 for details relating to FEI wild cards for individuals.

p) By-Law applicable for the 2021 season only: Division 1 OCs may request to the FEI to have a team wild card slot for their Event, to be allocated by the FEI, for a non-Division 1 team qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games; the wild card team is in addition to the eight teams to be invited as per Art. 5.1.3 (home team included).

4.2. EEF Series

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

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

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

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

4.3. Other Regions

4.3.1. Number of Events

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

North America

Canada, the USA and Mexico host one qualifier each. ***N/A for the 2021 season, for which Canada and Mexico host one qualifier each.***

The Middle-East

The Middle-East hosts one qualifier. ***N/A for the 2021 season, for which the Middle East hosts no qualifier.***

Qualification of teams from the Middle East Region for the 2021 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final will be 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 (refer to Art. 4.3.3).

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

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

- a) Each CSIO must be a CSIO5*.
- b) A maximum global entry fee of 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. ***N/A for the 2021 season, for which the following By-Law applies:***

In addition to the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition, three other Competitions must count for Longines Ranking points (i.e. there must be a total of at least four Longines

Ranking Competitions: the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition, the Grand Prix Competition and two Longines Ranking Competitions counting for Longines Ranking Point Group D or higher).

- j) Each team must be invited with five Athletes and 15 Horses. **N/A for the 2021 season, for which the following By-Law applies:**

Each team must be invited with five Athletes; at the OC's discretion the teams may be invited with 10 Horses or 15 Horses. The number of Horses per Athlete (minimum two, maximum three) must be the same for all teams and must be indicated in the Schedule.

- k) The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part is 65.

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

Effective as of the 2021 season:

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

In Regions that do not have a qualifying Event or in a Region where all eligible NFs do not have equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Nations Cup™ Final, 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 of the year in question.

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5. PARTICIPATION

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5.1.3 Number of Teams per Event in Division 1

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

*** N/A for 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team (refer to Art. 4.1.2, paragraph p above), for which the following By-Law applies: Nine teams are permitted to take part: Division 1 teams, and Non-Division 1 teams depending on the number of assigned Division 1 teams, and the FEI wild card team. (...)**

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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.*

*** N/A for 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team (refer to Art. 4.1.2, paragraph p above), for which the**

following By-Law applies: Four Athletes per team take part in the first round of the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition. Unless eliminated in the first round, nine 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.

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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.

7.2. Europe Division 1

For Division 1 teams, points are distributed according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case Division 1 teams are placed equal with any other team during any of the FEI 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. **N/A for the 2021 season, for which the following By-Law applies:**

For Division 1 teams, points are distributed according to the team's classification among Division 1 teams in the Competition. For the purpose of point distribution the results of teams not from Division 1 are not taken into account. 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. In case a Division 1 team is 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 place in question are distributed in full to the Division 1 team.

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. **N/A for the 2021 season, for which the Middle East hosts no qualifier. Refer to Art. 4.3.1.**

7.4. North America

For North America, points are distributed according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case teams from the same Region are placed equal with any other team during any of the FEI 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.

N/A for the 2021 season, for which the following By-Law applies:

For North America, points are distributed according to the team's classification among eligible North American teams in the Competition. For the purpose of point distribution the results of teams from other Regions are not taken into account. In case an eligible North American team is placed equal with another eligible North American 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. In case an eligible North American team is 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 place in question are distributed in full to the eligible North American team.

The number of Events to count for points for North America is three. **N/A for the 2021 season, for which the number of Events is two.**

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7.7 Cancellation of a Qualifying Competition

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

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

7.8 Prize Money

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

The prize money is distributed as follows:

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

*** N/A for 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team (refer to Art. 4.1.2, paragraph p above), for which the following By-Law applies:**

Only teams (nine) 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	9 th
9 teams									
	32 %	20 %	16 %	12 %	8 %	5.5 %	4 %	1.5 %	1 %

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.

*** N/A for 2021 Division 1 Events having been allocated a ninth team by the FEI as a wild card team (refer to Art. 4.1.2, paragraph p above), for which the following By-Law applies:**

All official team members (maximum 45 – nine 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.

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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*, the EEF Nations Cup Semi-Finals and Final, the Eurasian League Final and the FEI Nations Cup™ Final.

*** N/A for the 2021 season, for which the following By-Law applies (refer to Art. 4.1.2, paragraph p): Division 1 OCs may request to the FEI to have a team wild card slot for their Event, to be allocated by the FEI, for a non-Division 1 team qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games; the wild card team is in addition to the eight teams to be invited as per Art. 5.1.3 (home team included).**

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