

FEI Children's International Classics 2016 - Series

Article 1 Principles

1. The FEI Children's International Classics may be organised by any member NF of the FEI.
2. There are three tours, Gold, Silver and Bronze, of different standards. Children may participate in qualifying events with horses or ponies in all three tours. Athletes may only compete on horses in the Final.
3. Each tour consists of 2 competitions run over different courses designed by a Course Designer designated by the FEI.
4. Each of the two competitions consists of 2 rounds run under Table A. In case of equality of penalties after the second round of either competition, the time of the second round will decide. Both rounds must be jumped on the same day.
5. The complete competition consists of four rounds. The final score for each athlete is the total penalties of the four rounds and the total of his/her time in the two second rounds. If the totals of times are equal, the fastest time in the second round of the second competition will decide.
6. Gold Tour competitions must be organised at outdoor events between 1 January and **06 November 2016**. Silver and Bronze Tour competitions must be organised at outdoor events between 1 January and **04 December 2016**.
7. Horses must be at least six years old.

Article 2 Participation

1. A country may host and have Athletes participate in each of the three tours.
2. Tours
 - 2.1. Gold Tour: For children with more experience, age according to the Rules for Jumping Events Annex XII, Art. 3 (from the start of the year in which they reach 12 until the end of the year in which they reach 14).
 - 2.2. Silver Tour: For the promotion of the sport in countries organising this kind of competition for the first time, or for countries that have in their own rules and regulations established competitions for children under 12 years of age. Children may participate in this category until the end of the year in which they reach 14.
 - 2.3. Bronze Tour: As for the Silver Tour, but for children with less experience.
 - 2.4. A child can only participate in one of the three tours in the same year.
3. The NF of the organising country may enter as many Athletes as it wishes in each of the three tours.
4. An Athlete domiciled in a foreign country may compete in the competition for the country in which he/she is domiciled.
5. Athletes from abroad may compete under the conditions as laid down in Art. 101 of the FEI General Regulations. The NF organising the qualifier must inform the FEI in writing of the nationality of all athletes competing in its qualifiers.
6. Athletes participating in additional competitions outside their own country can only have the scores of their first attempts in competitions 1 and 2 count for the worldwide standings.
7. Athletes may ride two or more horses in the competition but the score of only one horse may count for points. This horse must be declared before the first competition begins and must be communicated in writing to the FEI. This horse must be ridden as first horse in each first round. The results obtained with the second horse will not count towards the worldwide standings.
8. An Athlete eliminated in one competition may start in the other competition.
9. A draw for each competition will take place to decide the starting order of the first round.

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10. The order of starting in the second round for horses competing for points will follow the reverse order of penalties incurred in the first round. Other horses will start at the end also in reverse order of penalties incurred in the first round.

11. A team classification will exist for the competition.

- A team of four athletes must be selected before the first competition commences. Names of horses and Athletes must be sent by fax or e-mail to the FEI Headquarters before the first competition begins.
- Participating countries may enter a team in each category.
- A team keeps the same Athletes and horses throughout the two competitions.
- The score of the best three Athletes in each round will be added together to give a team score.
- Team members eliminated receive 20 penalties more than the lowest placed athlete in the same round.
- Team members eliminated in any round may compete in the following round.

If, during the overall classification a tie exists for either first, second or third place, classification will be decided according to the times of the best three team Athletes in the second round of the second competition. If a further tie exists, the times of the best three Athletes in the second round of the first competition will be the deciding factor.

Article 3 Organisation

1. Each NF is directly responsible for the organisation and judging of the two competitions.
2. In all three tours, each of the competitions is to be judged by an FEI Judge (minimum Level 2) from abroad or from the home NF.
3. The Judge must act at the same time as FEI Technical Delegate and make sure that all details in the courses are in accordance with the published course plans.
4. The NF is also responsible for organising a proper Horse Inspection with a National or FEI Veterinary Delegate.

Article 4 The Course

1. The course of the first round of each competition will consist of between ten and twelve obstacles including two doubles or one double and one treble. There will be no water jump but obstacles that include a water ditch may be used.
2. The course of the second round of each competition will consist of between eight and ten obstacles including one double or one treble.
3. The courses will be designed by experienced FEI Course Designers, designated by the FEI Jumping Committee. The courses for the Gold and Silver Tours will be identical; only the height/width of the obstacles and the speed will be reduced for the Silver Tour. The courses for the Bronze Tour will be different from the Gold and Silver Tours, in view of the reduced size of the arena (65m x 45m).
4. The person responsible for building the courses at the Event should hold at least the qualification of a national course designer.
5. The following maximum dimensions apply to the three tours:

The width of obstacles must not exceed the height by more than 10 cm, except for the triple bar:

	MAX HEIGHT/ WIDTH		TRIPLE BAR SPREAD	SPEED
	1st round	2nd round		
Gold Tour	1.10m/1.20m	1.20m/1.30m	1.50 m	350 m/min
Silver Tour	1.05m/1.15m	1.10m/1.20m	1.30 m	325 m/min
Bronze Tour	1.00m/1.10m	1.00m/1.10m	- - -	325 m/min

6. The size of the arena (90m x 45m for the Gold and Silver tours; 65m x 45m for the Bronze Tour) must either be marked out on the ground or railed off.

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Article 5 Prizes

1. Organising Committees are free to provide prizes in kind for each competition.
2. The FEI will award certificates to the three best placed athletes of each participating nation. Only Athletes who have completed all 4 rounds on their first horse will receive a certificate. These certificates will be posted out to NF only after all 3 categories of the competition have taken place.

Article 6 Registration

1. Preliminary applications including places and dates to host qualifying events must be transmitted to the FEI by **15th December 2015** in order to publish the calendar on line. Applications received after **30th June 2016** will not be accepted and no additions will be made to the calendar after this date.
2. The Results must be submitted by the National Federation, to the FEI (marijn.dubbeldam@fei.org) immediately after the competition. The NF must use the special results sheets available on the FEI website to return their results. Results will not be accepted in any other format. The FEI Judge must submit his/her report to the FEI (marijn.dubbeldam@fei.org) also immediately after the event along with one copy of the event programme.
3. Athletes must be registered with the FEI in the current year (this is free of charge for athletes under the age of 18) and horses must be entered in the FEI database in order to have an FEI ID; however yearly registration of the horses is not compulsory.

Article 7 Results

1. The FEI will publish the results of each event on the FEI website, and will publish the final individual and team standings on the website once all categories are complete. The names of the Gold Tour Athletes having qualified for the Final will be published on the website once all 16 foreign Athletes have confirmed their participation.

FEI Children's International Classics 2016 - Final

The Gold Tour qualifiers will culminate in a Final.

1. Venue

The Final may be held either indoors or outdoors.

2. Age of Participants

This Final is open to Children from the year in which they reach the age of 12 until the end of the year in which they reach 14 years of age.

It is the responsibility of NFs to ensure that their Athletes are of the correct age. Proof of age will be requested and verified before the event commences (if the Final is held in the year after the qualifying competitions Athletes that have qualified but who are no longer of the correct age at the time of the Final will be permitted to take part in the Final, that is those born in 2002).

3. Participation

3.1 Thirty-two Athletes will be qualified to participate in the Final: 16 Athletes from the host country (or host region – to be defined in consultation with the OC and FEI – should there not be enough suitable Athletes from the host country) and 16 foreign Athletes.

3.2 The 16 foreign Athletes selected to participate are the best placed 10 Athletes on the Gold Tour final standings list on the 7th November 2016, plus the best Gold Tour Athlete from each FEI Group not already represented in the best 10.

If the total number of foreign competitors cannot be filled according to the above system, competitors will be selected in descending order of the final overall individual classification (maximum 2 participants per foreign NF).

3.3 The FEI will notify foreign Athletes of their qualification through their NF.

3.4 The host country is responsible for the selection of its own Athletes.

3.5 With the exception of the host country (or host region), no country shall be represented by more than 2 Athletes.

4. Travel

The FEI will subsidise the travel costs (economy class) of qualified foreign Athletes. Foreign Athletes will be responsible for purchasing their own flight ticket, but the FEI must give its approval of ticket costs prior to the purchase of the ticket. Notification of approval for the purchase of tickets will be given by the FEI to the NFs of foreign Athletes.

5. Borrowed Horses

This event will be organised with borrowed Horses. Each host Athlete will provide 2 Horses. Horses must be at least six years old. A draw will be carried out for each participant of the host country to determine which of his/her Horse he/she will ride.

6. The Draws:

Four draws will be required; one for the Starting Order, one for the Horses, one for the Teams and one for the substitute Horses. The first draw should be to pair the Athletes with the Horses. It is the OC's responsibility to provide the balls with names of Athletes and Horses and the numbers, as well as the bowls for the draw. All Athletes and their representatives must be present for the four draws. The exact time of the draws will be established by the OC and communicated to all involved. The draws must take place well in advance of the first training session.

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6.1 Draw for Horses

This Draw will take place in two separate stages. The first stage will determine with which of the 2 Horses each host Athlete will compete. The names of the host Athletes should be listed alphabetically and the names of their 2 Horses prepared. A separate draw for each Athlete will take place. The names of both Horses are placed in a bowl and the President of the Ground Jury or the FEI Director Jumping (to be determined by the FEI prior to the event) picks one name. This will be the Horse with which the home Athlete will compete. The remaining Horse's name should be placed in a separate bowl ready for the second stage of the draw.

For the second stage of the draw two bowls are required. All of the names of the remaining horses (that have not been drawn by the home athletes) will be placed in one bowl. The names of the foreign Athletes will be placed in another bowl. The President of the Ground Jury or the FEI Director Jumping (to be determined by the FEI prior to the event) picks an Athlete's name from one bowl and a representative from the OC or the host NF picks a Horse's name from the other bowl until all Horses and Athletes have been drawn.

6.2 Draw for the order of starting

Once the draw for the Horses has been completed the second draw will take place. This time, the host Athletes' names are placed in one bowl and the odd numbers from one to thirty-two are placed in the other bowl. The top placed foreign Athlete in the final rankings picks an Athlete's name from the bowl and a host Athlete (to be chosen by the OC/NF) picks a number from the other bowl until all names and numbers have been drawn. The same is repeated for the foreign Athletes, but this time the even numbers from one to thirty-two are placed in a bowl. Once all Athletes have been drawn the starting order for the first Qualifying Competition is established.

6.3 Draw for the teams

The names of all host Athletes are placed in one bowl and the names of the foreign Athletes in another. The top placed foreign Athlete in the final rankings picks one name from the host Athlete bowl followed by the President of the Ground Jury or FEI Director Jumping (to be determined by the FEI prior to the event), then a host Athlete (as for the draw of the starting order) picks one name from the foreign Athlete bowl followed by the OC or NF representative. Four Athletes make up one team, 2 host Athletes and 2 foreign Athletes. The process is repeated until all 8 teams are created. The OC will give each team a name.

6.4 Draw for substitute Horses

This draw will determine the order of the substitute Horses should a substitution be needed. The names of all substitute Horses are placed in one bowl and the numbers corresponding to the number of substitute Horses are placed in the other bowl. The President of the Ground Jury or FEI Director Jumping (to be determined by the FEI prior to the event) picks one name from the substitute Horse bowl and a representative from the OC or the host NF picks a number from the other bowl until all names and numbers have been drawn.

6.5 Substitution of horses

The OC must provide at least 5 Horses in the case of injury or illness or in the case of incompatibility between Horse and Athlete. Injury and illness must be verified by the FEI Veterinary Delegate. Horses may only be substituted in agreement with the Ground Jury. Once the decision has been taken to substitute a Horse it is not possible for the Athlete involved to switch back to his/her originally drawn Horse. In the case of substitution of Horse after the 1st Qualifying Competition, points scored in this Competition may not be carried forward and the Athlete in question will start with zero points in the 2nd Qualifying Competition with the substitute Horse. If a substitution is made between the 2nd Qualifying Competition and the Final Competition the Athlete in question may no longer take part in the Final Competition but must start in the Farewell Competition. A second substitution involving the same Athlete is not allowed.

7. Dress

Dress is in accordance with the rules for International Jumping Events. It is compulsory for participants to wear long boots.

8. Training Sessions

8.1 There will be two 30-minute stewarded training sessions in the practice arena: the first on the day of the Draw, the second on the day of the official Warm-up.

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8.2 Both 30-minute training sessions are compulsory.

8.3 No more than six obstacles with a maximum height of 1m10 may be jumped in total during each training session. Cross poles are not included in this total. Three attempts at jumping an obstacle count as one obstacle jumped. One double or one triple counts as one obstacle.

8.4 The Horse's trainer or any other person, providing he has received the owners' authorisation, may school the horse during the 30-minute training period. If the trainer jumps the horse, the number of times jumped will be deducted from the number of times permitted for the athlete to jump his horse during the training session.

8.5 The official Warm-up in the main competition arena

On the second day the Athletes will have the possibility to familiarize the Horses in the main arena during an official Warm-up. A ten-obstacle course with a maximum height of 1m10 will be placed in the arena; the Athletes each have 90 seconds counted from the time the Ground Jury rings the bell, the obstacles are numbered 1 to 10 but may however be jumped more than once and in a non-specific order. The starting order for this official Warm-up will be established according to the alphabetical order of the Athlete's last name. Dress is informal; boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

8.6 Warm-up prior to each competition

No more than six obstacles may be jumped in total during the warm-up prior to each competition. Cross poles are not included in this total. Three attempts at jumping an obstacle count as one obstacle jumped. Obstacles may not exceed the height of the obstacles in the competition in question.

8.7 Horses must be ridden with the bit in which they are usually worked and presented at the time of the Horse Inspection. The bit may be changed only with the agreement of the owner. The Ground Jury must be informed of any such changes.

9. Starting Order

9.1 1st Qualifying Competition

The order of starting in the 1st Qualifying competition is according to the initial draw (ref. Art. 6.2):

- 1st Host Athlete
- 2nd Foreign Athlete
- 3rd Host Athlete
- 4th Foreign Athlete etc.

9.2 2nd Qualifying Competition

Competitors will commence with start number 17 from the 1st Qualifying Competition (17 to 32, followed by 1 to 16).

9.3 Final and Farewell Competitions

The starting order for the Final and Farewell Competitions will be in the reverse order of points received in the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions. In the event of equality of points for any place, the starting order will be decided by taking into consideration the result in the 2nd Competition of those Athletes concerned.

9.4 Team Classification

Teams of four Athletes will be formed by a draw (ref. Art. 6.3). Teams will be placed according to their score in the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions, excluding the jump-off in the 2nd Qualifying Competition. Each team has one drop score in each round, providing the team has four competitors. In case of a tie on penalties for any place, the times of the best three athletes of each team in the 2nd Qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor.

10. Points System for the Final

The following competitions will be organised during the Final:

<i>90-second official Warm-up</i>		1m10
<i>1st Qualifying Competition</i>	Art. 238.2.1	1m15
<i>2nd Qualifying Competition</i>	Art. 238.2.2	1m15
<i>Farewell Competition</i>	Art. 238.2.1	1m15
<i>Final Competition</i>	Art. 238.2.2	1m20

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10.1 Athletes placed 1st to 16th are qualified for the Final Competition. Those Athletes not qualified for the Final Competitions are to take part in the Farewell Competition.

10.2 The following point system will be used for the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions to determine which Athletes will qualify for the Final Competition. The winner receives points equal to the number of Athletes in the 1st Qualifying Competition, plus one point. The 2nd placed competitor receives points equal to the number of Athletes, minus one. The 3rd placed competitor will receive points equal to the number of Athletes, minus two, and so on:

Example with 32 starters:

1 st	33 points
2 nd	31 points
3 rd	30 points
4 th	29 points etc.

In case of a tie among Athletes for any place in the 1st Competition or 2nd Competition, points are added together, divided by the number of competitors concerned and distributed equally among those in question (fractions up to 0.5 are rounded down, fractions of 0.5 and above are rounded up).

For the 2nd Competition the results of the Jump Off count for the distribution of points. If there is a tie for points among competitors following the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions, the results of the 2nd Qualifying Competition count.

10.3 Any competitors eliminated or retiring during any Competition will not receive points for the competition in which they have been eliminated or from which they have retired.

10.4 The host country (or host region) may not have more than 8 Athletes in the Final Competition.

10.5 For the Final and Farewell Competitions, Athletes start on zero points.

10.6 If the total number of participants is uneven, the number of athletes in the final competition will be increased by one.