



FEI World Cup™ Reining Rules 2015-2016

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1. Introduction / General

1.1. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Rules and Regulations including but not limited to the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Rules for Reining, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes.

2. Worldwide Competition Zones

2.1. The FEI World Cup™ Reining will be conducted in up to five (5) international Regions:

2.1.1 **North America – East.**

2.1.2 **North America – West.**

2.1.3 **South America.**

2.1.4 **Europe – North.**

2.1.5 **Europe – South.**

Please refer to the list per Region published on the FEI website.

3. FEI World Cup™ Reining Qualifying Events

3.1 Each of the five (5) Regions will hold one (1) FEI World Cup™ Reining Qualifying Event within the Region and within the qualifying period annually.

3.2 Application condition for FEI World Cup™ status:

3.2.1 Organisers and National Federations that wish to host a FEI World Cup™ Reining Final shall sign a Host agreement with the FEI.

3.2.2 FEI World Cup™ Reining Qualifying Events are required to pay annually a hosting fee of a determined amount (see Guidelines). A portion of the annual fee will be used towards the prize money for the FEI World Cup™ Reining Final. Another portion of that annual fee will be used to cover the administrative costs for the FEI World Cup™ Reining program.

4. Qualification Process for the FEI World Cup™ Reining Final

- 4.1 All athletes who attend the FEI World Cup™ Reining Final must meet the following minimum cumulative requirements:
 - 4.1.1 Must have achieved 3-star athlete status; and
 - 4.1.2 Must have competed in at least one of the FEI World Cup™ Reining Qualifying Events; and
 - 4.1.3 Must have competed in at least two (2) separate CRI3* in the country of residence. The FEI Reining Technical Committee has the discretion to grant waivers; and
 - 4.1.4 Must be one (1) of the named athletes representing a nation as nominated by their National Federation; and
 - 4.1.5 Must be fully compliant with all other FEI Rules & Regulations.

- 4.2 In order for a National Federation to nominate athletes to the FEI World Cup™ Reining Final, the following requirements and guidelines will apply:
 - 4.2.1 The nominating nation must have held at least four (4) CRIs within the previous calendar year. (CRI 1*, CRI2*, CRI3* each count as separate CRIs).
 - 4.2.2 Nations will nominate their FEI World Cup™ Reining Final athletes based on their ranking order in the FEI Ranking List standings at the time of nomination.
 - 4.2.3 Each region will send a maximum of ten (10) athletes to the FEI World Cup™ Reining Final, with a maximum of three (3) Athletes per NF. In the event that a nation is divided into two (2) regions, the nation will send three (3) athletes from each region; six (6) in total.
 - 4.2.4 .

- 4.3 In principle, the qualifying period shall start on the 1st January and shall continue until the date of the Nominated Entry Deadline for the current FEI World Cup™ Reining Final.

- 4.4 In principle the FEI World Cup™ Reining Final shall be held annually between the months of September through April.

- 4.5 Wild cards in the FEI World Cup™ Reining Final may be granted with the approval of the FEI. .

5. The FEI World Cup™ Reining Final

- 5.1 The FEI World Cup™ Reining Final will be a two-go-round competition. The format will be as follows:

- 5.1.1 **Day One** – Opening Round of FEI World Cup™ Reining Final, starting order determined by random draw, open to the top fifty (50) placed athletes;

Day Two – Rest Day

Day Three – FEI World Cup™ Reining Final, open to the top 20 placed athletes from the Opening Round plus ties.

The non-qualified Athletes (up to a maximum of 30 athletes,) may compete in a consolation run.

- 5.1.2 The FEI World Cup™ Reining Final (Day Three) is a “clean slate” round with no composite scores from previous rounds to count.

5.2 The allocation of the Final will be approved by the FEI Bureau according to the General Regulations.

6. Officials for the FEI Reining World Cup Final:

Ground Jury: At the Final, a total of five (5) members of the Ground Jury is required and their qualifications shall be as set out in the table below:

	Number	FEI Judge	Level
*President Ground Jury	1	yes	4
*Members Ground Jury	4	yes	4
*Equipment Judge	1	yes	4
*Technical Delegate	1	yes	4
*Chief Steward	1	yes	3
Stewards	2	Yes	2
Appeal Committee	3	One can be national level	3
FEI Vets	See FEI Veterinary Regulations	yes	

*The Officials with a * are appointed by the FEI

7. Scoring and ties – as per FEI Reining Rules published on the FEI Website.