

ANNEX V CSI INVITATION RULES

Invitation Rules for CSI3*/CSI4* Events in Europe

The list of the Longines Rankings established **two** months prior to the event is to be used for the selection of riders. The Organising Committee must print in the schedule the number of the list which applies for the invitation of athletes, as well as the total number of athletes to be invited.

Section 1 Athletes at top of the list of the Longines Rankings

The top 25 athletes (for CSI4*) / the top 15 athletes (for CSI3*) on the list of the Longines Rankings must be invited; substitutions for the top 25 (for CSI4*) or top 15 (CSI3*) athletes must be made in descending order of the Longines Rankings. The maximum number of athletes from any foreign NF in this section must be limited to five.

Section 2 Home Athletes

The number of home athletes who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining home athletes to be invited. The number of home athletes must neither exceed 50% nor be less than 35% of the total number of athletes invited. The NF/OC decides on the exact percentage for this section, which must be printed in the schedule. If the home nation does not fill its quota, the remaining places are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 3.

Depending on the number of home athletes competing internationally, the number of home athletes may be increased to 60% of the total number of athletes at the event. This may only be done upon receipt of a request from the NF concerned and may or may not be granted at the discretion of the Director of the FEI Jumping Department.

Section 3 Foreign Athletes

3.1 The number of foreign athletes who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining foreign athletes to be invited. 50% of the remaining foreign athletes must be selected in descending order of the list of Longines Rankings to the 300th position for CSI-4* or to the 600th position for CSI3* and 50% may be selected from any position on the list, or may be unranked.

3.2 At least 7 foreign NFs must be represented (This includes NFs represented by athletes in **Section 1**).

3.3 If a NF is invited to send athletes but decides not to participate, the Organising Committee selects another NF in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes under section 3.1.

Section 4 OC Wildcards

The OC is free to invite 15% for CSI4*) or 20% for CSI-3* of the total number of athletes as wildcards. These athletes must be selected from the top 600 on the list of the Longines Rankings. These invitations (for foreign and/or home athletes) should be under the same conditions as for other participants and must in no way be directly or indirectly connected with a financial contribution for participation at any international Jumping event. At the same time, it is also unacceptable for riders to ask for an appearance fee.

Section 5 FEI Invitations for foreign athletes or home athletes domiciled outside the home country

The FEI has the right to nominate two athletes by the deadline date established for nominated entries. The maximum number of times an athlete can be nominated during the same season for this group is three. Vacant places under this section are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 4.

OCs of CSI3*/CSI4* events that are part of "Tours" (multiple events held on consecutive weekends at the same venue) must respect the Invitation Rules for their category; however, if due to lack of space not all entries can be accepted, OCs may state in the Schedule that preference will be given to athletes who enter the entire Tour.

SUMMARY OF INVITATION SYSTEM FOR CSI-3* & CSI-4* EVENTS IN EUROPE

To be printed in Schedule: total number of invited athletes, the percentage of home athletes to be invited (min. 35% - max. 50%) and the number of the list of the Longines Rankings which applies.		
(list established 2 months prior to event)	CSI-4*	CSI-3*
1) Invite athletes at top of the Longines Rankings up to N° (max. 5 athletes per foreign NF) <i>The number of home/foreign athletes who accept this invitation will determine the number of remaining home/foreign athletes to be invited in Sections 2 & 3.</i>	25	15
2) Remaining home athletes:	open to ranked or unranked athletes	
3) Remaining foreign athletes to be invited in descending order after invitations under Section 1: (min. 7 foreign NFs in Sections 1 & 3)	50% within top 300; 50% open (ranked or unranked athletes)	50% within top 600; 50% open (ranked or unranked athletes)
4) O.C. Wildcards maximum	15% within top 600	20% within top 600
5) FEI Invitations	2	2

The following fines will be imposed on Organising Committees not respecting the above procedure: 1st offence CHF 20'000.-; 2nd offence CHF 40'000.- ; at the 3rd offence, the event will not be permitted to take place. These fines will be payable directly by the Organising Committees concerned to the FEI.