

# RULES FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH SERIES

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#### **Preamble**

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations (GRs), the FEI Jumping Rules (JRs), and all other relevant FEI rules and regulations. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstance which is not addressed by these Rules, it is the duty of the FEI Jumping Committee to interpret them and render a Decision in a manner compatible to the fullest extent possible with the other provisions of these Rules, the GRs and any other applicable rules of the FEI, as well as sporting spirit.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the conditions set forth in article 3 herein, the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth season commences with the first FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Competition of the season and finishes with the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Final. The season consists of Regional qualifying Events from which a limited number of teams as determined by the FEI qualify to take part at the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Final to be held preferably in December but this may change depending on the Region in which the Final takes place. The qualification system may vary from Region to Region depending on the state of development of the sport in the Region, as well as difficulties relating to horse transportation and quarantine restrictions. Each Regional qualification system provides eligible NFs in that Region equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Final.

For the purpose of these rules the following categories are considered "Youth": Children, Pony Riders, Juniors and Young Riders.

#### 2. REGIONS

The World is divided into the following Regions for the purpose of qualifying teams for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final:

#### 2.1 Europe

Europe comprises the following NFs: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

# 2.2 North and Central America / Caribbean

North and Central America / Caribbean comprise the following NFs:

Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, USA, Virgin Islands.

# 2.3 South America

South America comprises the following NFs:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

#### 2.4 Middle East

The Middle East comprises the following NFs:

Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

#### 2.5 Asia / Australasia

Asia / Australasia comprises the following NFs:

Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

#### 2.6 Africa

Africa comprises the following NFs:

Algeria, Botswana, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

# 3. FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH SEASON

#### 3.1 Europe General

It is the responsibility of each NF to select its CSIO.

The European FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth calendar consists of selected outdoor Events commencing not earlier than two weeks following the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final unless an exception is granted by the FEI Jumping Committee is established following the bidding process put in place by the FEI. Upon receipt of applications from NFs allocation of qualifiers per Region and of the Final will be decided by the FEI.

CSIO Events at which the Nations Cup Competition does not serve as a qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup<sup>TM</sup> Youth Final are also permitted to be held;.

## 3.2 Europe

In Europe, not more than one <u>outdoor</u> CSIO per category may be held per season in the same country, unless an exception is granted by the Bureau. There <del>has to be minimal must be at least one week between each Youth CSIO</del>FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth qualifier.

The last Competition must finish at least two weeks prior to the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final.

Between each youth CSIO there must be a break of at least one week.

#### 3.2-3 Date Restrictions - Continental Championships

From the Monday of the week preceding and all days during the Continental Championship for Youth it is forbidden to host an FEI  $\underline{\text{Jumping}}$  Nations  $\text{Cup}^{\text{TM}}$   $\underline{\text{Jumping}}$  Youth Event in the same continent as the Championship.

#### 4. DECLARATION OF CSIO EVENTS AND TEAMS FOR THE 2018 SEASON

## 4.1 General

All NFs wishing to participate in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth are required to confirm the following to the FEI by 31 December 2017 at the latest:that enter teams in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth qualifiers in their Region are eligible to seek qualification for the Final.

- That they will take part in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competitions serving as qualifiers in their Region;
- Whether the FEI Jumping Nations Cup<sup>™</sup> Youth Competition at their CSIO will count
  as a qualifier for their Region. Upon receipt of applications from NFs allocation of
  qualifiers per Region will be decided by the FEI. There should be minimal one week
  between each qualifier in a region.
  - CSIO Events at which the Nations Cup Competition does not serve as a qualification for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final are also permitted to be held;
- Pledge that they will, if qualified, participate at the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final.

Following receipt from NFs of the above information, the FEI will confirm the number of qualifying Competitions to count per Region.

Any NF that commits itself in writing to take part at the qualifying Events and any NF that qualifies for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final but does not respect its commitment to take part at the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final or at its designated qualifying Events for any reason, other than Force Majeure (any event or circumstance arising from or attributable to acts, events, omission or accidents which are not reasonably

foreseeable, and which are beyond reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented), loses its points for the entire season.

It is the responsibility of each NF to select its CSIO.

In Europe, not more than one CSIO per category may be held per season in the same country, unless an exception is granted by the Bureau. There has to be minimal one week between each Youth CSIO.

#### **5. QUALIFYING EVENTS**

The maximum number of qualifying Events worldwide is 20.

#### 5.1 Europe

#### 5.1.1 List of Events

#### 5.1.2 Criteria for Youth CSIO Events

The following criteria must be respected for <u>all FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth</u> Events:

- a) The Nations Cup is the main Competition at the event, with the highest prize money, and must be held preferably on Sunday.
- b) Each FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Event must offer at least CHF 30′000 in prize money, divided among the different categories, Pony Riders, Children, Juniors and Young riders.

The total amount of prize money permitted to be offered at each Event for Pony Riders and for Children is EUR 8'000.

- c) Events must be held over at least three days.
- d) A maximum global entry fee of 350 Euro per Horse/Pony for all CSIO Events may be charged.
- e) Quality and size of stables must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- f) Stable security must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- g) Quality of footing must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- h) Expenses for accommodation/meals for Athletes/Chefs d'Equipe/Officials must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- i) The course must be the same for the first and second rounds.
- j) 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.
- k) Refer to Art. 9 for details relating to FEI wild cards for teams and individuals.

#### **5.<del>1</del>2** Europe

<u>FEI selected qualifying Events in Europe must meet the minimum criteria outlined in Art.</u> 5.1 above.

The total amount of prize money permitted to be offered at each Event for Pony Riders and for Children is EUR 8'000.

#### 5.2-3 Other Regions

FEI selected qualifying Events in other Regions may vary per Region in number depending on the number of CSIOs held in the Region providing they meet the <u>following</u>-minimum criteria <u>outlined in Art. 5.1</u> and any additional requirements as established by the FEI.

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

- a) The Nations Cup is the main Competition at the Event, with the highest prize money, and must be held on Sunday.
- b) Each FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition must offer at least CHF 30′000 in prize money, divided among the different categories, Pony Riders, Children, Juniors and Young Riders. The total amount of prize money permitted to be offered at each Event for Pony Riders and for Children is EUR 8′000.
- c) Events must be held over at least three days.
- d) A maximum global entry fee of 350 Euro per Horse/Pony for all CSIO Events may be charged.
- e) Quality and size of stables must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- f) Stable security must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- g) Quality of footing must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- h) Expenses for accommodation/meals for Athletes/Chefs d'Equipe/Officials must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- i) The course must be the same for the first and second rounds.
- j) 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.
- k) Refer to Art. 9 for details relating to FEI wild cards for teams and individuals.

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 Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Final, qualification will be based on the results of the team competition at the most recent respective Regional or Continental Championships at the time of the Final.

#### 6. PARTICIPATION

#### 6.1 Europe

#### 6.1.1 Participation at Home Event

NFs participating in Division 2 must participate at their home Event providing the home NF organises a qualifying Event.

# 6.1.2 Requests for Invitations

OCs must accept requests for invitations from <u>European</u> Teams providing they have declared their intention to <u>take part in the series</u>seek <u>qualification for the Final</u>.

#### 6.1.3 Number of Events counting for Points

Teams may earn points at all Events but only their four best results will count towards the standings.

#### 6.1.4 Participation of Teams outside their own Region

Teams may participate at CSIOs outside their own Region if invited but may not earn points at these Events.

# 6.1.5 Invitations of Teams and Individuals

For the avoidance of doubt, the current JRs relating to invitation of teams and individuals apply.

#### 6.1.6 Participation in the First and Second Round

Four Athletes per team take part in the first and second rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Competition. Unless eliminated in the first round six teams take part in the

second round. The home team may not return for the second round unless it qualifies among the six teams allowed to return for the second round.

It is allowed to organise an individual competition over the same course of the Nations Cup between the first and second rounds of the Nations Cup Competition.

## **6.2 Other Regions**

NFs must participate at their home Event providing the home NF organises a qualifying Event.

All OCs in other Regions must accept requests for entries from NFs in their own Region, providing they have declared their intention to take part in the series.

Teams may take part at CSIO Events outside their own Region but may not earn points at these Events.

OCs must invite teams of four or five Athletes.

For the avoidance of doubt, the current JRs relating to invitation of teams and individuals apply.

Four Athletes per team take part in the first and second rounds of the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Competition. Unless eliminated in the first round, six teams take part in the second round. The home team may not return for the second round unless it qualifies among the six teams allowed to return for the second round.

#### 7. POINT SYSTEM

#### 7.1 Points

Points may only be obtained by eligible teams in their own Region. In order to determine the list of NFs that qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Final, the following point system will be used for all qualifying Competitions:

Placing P	oints
1 <sup>st</sup>	100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	90
3 <sup>rd</sup>	80
4 <sup>th</sup>	70
5 <sup>th</sup>	60
6 <sup>th</sup>	55
7 <sup>th</sup>	50
8 <sup>th</sup>	45
9 <sup>th</sup>	40
10 <sup>th</sup>	35
11th and beyond	: 30

In accordance with the invitation system established for each Region/Division, the pPoints obtained by NFs in the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth qualifier(s) in their own Region are added together in order to establish Regional/Division standings for each Region.

#### 7.2 Europe

Points are distributed according to the team's classification in the Competition. In case teams are placed equal with any other team during any of the FEI Jumping Nations  $Cup^{TM}$  Youth Competitions, the points set forth in article 7.1 above for the places in question are added and divided equally among the teams concerned, team(s) thereby obtaining its/their portion of the points. The second decimal place is rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

Teams may earn points at all <u>FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth</u> Events <u>in their own Region</u> but the maximum number of results to count per team is four.

Teams may participate in Youth CSIOs outside their Region, and in Youth CSIOs that are not included in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth series, but may not earn points at any of these Events.

#### 7.3 Other Regions

For other Regions, 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 Jumping Nations Cup<sup>TM</sup> Youth Competitions, the points set forth in article 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.

The number of Events to count for points for other Regions is four if between four and eight qualifiers are held in any given Region. In case there are less than four qualifying Events in any given Region, all count for points.

#### 7.4-2 Overall Classification Tie Breaker

In case of a tie for any place on the overall Regional classification, teams are separated by:

- giving preference to the team with the greater number of first place classifications;
- in case there is still a tie the number of second place classifications will count and if necessary the number of third place classifications and so on until the tie is broken.

If after applying this method there is still a tie for any place at the conclusion of the last Event of the season, preference will be given to:

- the team with the greater number of clear rounds among the scores counting (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team) from each Competition throughout the season;
- if there is still a tie the scores counting (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team) for each team from each Competition will be added together and preference will be given to the team with the lowest overall score.

In case of a tie for a qualification place from Regions with only one qualifying Event, the following method will be used to break the tie:

- the team with the greater number of clear rounds among the scores counting in the Competition (i.e. maximum three scores per round per team);
- if there is still a tie the combined times of each team's best three athletes in the first round if the teams concerned have taken part only in the first round or both rounds if the teams concerned have taken part in the second round (i.e. the times of the three Athletes whose result counted in each round) will be used to break the tie, preference being given to the team with the lowest combined time.

#### 8. TITLE OF THE FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH COMPETITION

It is obligatory for FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competitions to be called: FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth.

#### 9. WILD CARDS

# 9.1 FEI Wild Cards for Teams Europe and Other Regions

The FEI has the right to nominate one or more wild card teams for each CSIO Event in all Regional qualifiers outside Europe in order to ensure that all teams have equal opportunity to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final.

Requests for wild card invitations from NFs are screened by:

- CSIO representative;
- FEI Headquarters representative.

In case of a dispute, the OCs' and the Chefs d'Equipe representatives will be consulted prior to a decision being taken by the FEI.

#### 9.2 FEI Wild Cards for Individuals

The FEI has the right to nominate a maximum of two individuals as wild cards for all CSIOs. The individual wild cards may only be allocated to individuals from NFs not represented by a team.

# 9.3 Requests for FEI Wild Cards

Requests for all <u>FEI</u> wild cards must be made at least nine weeks before the Event in question is due to commence. Wild cards are allocated by the FEI eight weeks before each Event is due to take place. Requests for wild cards are co-coordinated by the FEI Director of Jumping.

# 10. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH FINAL

The qualification system for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final may vary from Region to Region and will fall into one of the following categories:

- One qualifier for the entire Region at which all eligible NFs from the Region may participate, the OC does not have the right to refuse an entry from an eligible NF;
- A (limited) number of qualifiers in the Region at which all eligible NFs may participate, the OCs do not have the right to refuse an entry from an eligible NF;
- A larger number of qualifiers in the Region where eligible NFs from the Region that wish to qualify for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup<sup>™</sup> Youth Final are given the opportunity to participate at any number of qualifiers;
- For Regions without a FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition, teams are selected according to the results in the team competition at their Regional or Continental Championship.

#### 11. FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ YOUTH FINAL

#### 11.1 Date

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final is organised preferably during the month of December but this may change depending on the Region in which the Final takes place.

#### 11.2 Allocation of Quota Places for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final

Europe 6

North and Central America: 2

South America: 1Middle East: 1

Asia: 1Africa: 1

#### 11.3 Bidding Process

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final is allocated by the Bureau following consideration of bids received from OCs/NFs.

# 11.4 Number of Teams

Twelve teams plus the home team if not qualified are allowed to participate in the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final <u>for each category</u>, <del>providing it has declared its intention to participate and has participated in the qualifying Events in its Region or Division or is selected through its Regional or Continental Championship</del>.

#### 11.5 Number of Athletes

Each team is allowed to participate with five Athletes with two Horses/Ponies per Athlete. No individual Athletes may be invited in addition to the team members except for the home team.

Maximum 10Additional individual Athletes may be invited with one Horse/Pony each from NFs not represented by a team, maximum two per NF. This number includes home and foreign Athletes.

# 11.6 Substitution of Qualified NFs

In case a qualified team withdraws from the Final, substitutions will be made insofar as possible from the same Region in descending order of the overall standings of the Region or Division as follows:

Europe : substitution to  $10^{th}$  place in the overall standings Middle East: substitution to  $4^{th}$  place in the overall standings

North/Central America & Caribbean: substitution to 4<sup>th</sup> place in the overall standings

South America: substitution to  $4^{th}$  position in the overall standings Asia/Australasia: substitution to  $4^{th}$  position in the overall standings

Africa: substitution to 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the overall standings

If a Region cannot fill its quota, the vacant place(s) will revert to Europe.

# 11.7 Competition Format

The FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final consists of three Competitions. Each team competes in two of the three Competitions.

All three Competitions are conducted at the following maximum height:

Ponies: 1 m 30Children: 1 m 30Juniors: 1m 40

• Young Riders: 1 m 45

Each team's five Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations for the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Final must be declared prior to the start of the first Competition of the Event at a time to be decided by the FEI and the OC. Between the declaration of the Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations and one hour before the start of the first Competition of the Event, Horses/Ponies may be substituted only in case of illness or accident, with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and the approval of the Ground Jury. Following that no further changes may be made to the Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations. Each Athlete may only ride one Horse/Pony per Competition and this must be his declared Nations Cup Horse/Pony; each Horse/Pony may only compete in one Competition per day. In addition to the three FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competitions, a Grand Prix Competition must also be held for each category.

The Competition format is as follows.

# 11.7.1 1st Day: First FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition

All teams take part in the First Competition with four Athletes per team, the starting order of teams is established by a draw. On the day preceding the First Competition at a time to be decided by the FEI and the OC, Chefs d'Equipe must declare their four Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations for this Competition, including their starting order; these are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations. In case

of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse/Pony between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse/Pony combination may, upon presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury, be replaced by the fifth Athlete/Horse/Pony combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

Teams that are equal on penalties for <u>eighth sixth</u> place in this Competition are separated by the times of the best three Athletes in each team.

This Competition is run at 375 m/min for Juniors and Young Riders, and at 350 m/min for Pony Riders and Children, and consists of 13 obstacles.

#### 11.7.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: Grand Prix Competition for all Categories

# <u>11.7.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Day:</u> Second FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition (Challenge Cup)

The Second Competition is open to the teams placed 6<sup>th</sup>—127<sup>th</sup> to last in the First Competition, with four Athletes per team. Chefs d'Equipe must declare their four Athlete/Horse combinations for this Competition at a time to be decided by the FEI and the OC. These combinations are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations and do not have to be the same as the four combinations that took part in the First Competition; they are not required to retain the same order of starting within their team as in the First Competition. In case of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse/Pony between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse/Pony combination may, upon presentation of a certificate from an officially recognized medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury, be replaced by the fifth Athlete/Horse combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

This Competition is run with an initial round not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality of penalties for first place. The starting order in this Competition follows the reverse order of results in the First Competition, in case of a tie on penalties teams retain the same starting order as in the First Competition. Teams retain the same starting order in the jump-off as in the initial round. One All four Athletes per team selected by the Chef d'Equipe from those that have either taken part in the First Competition or in the initial round of the Second Competition is permitted to take part in the jump-off, with the best three scores of each team counting.

Teams not taking part in the jump-off are placed according to the penalties of their best three Athletes in the initial round. Teams with equality of penalties are placed equal and will share the prize money for the place(s) concerned.

All teams start in this Competition on zero penalties.

The Competition is run at 375 m/min for Juniors and Young Riders, and at 350 m/min for Pony Riders and Children, and consists of 13 obstacles in the initial round.

The jump-off if any consists of six to eight obstacles.

If in any category there are <u>seven or</u> eight <u>or less</u>-teams taking part in the first Competition, the second Competition will not be held for the category in question and all teams concerned, if not eliminated in the first Competition, will be permitted to take part in the Final Competition, and will carry forward their Penalties from the First Competition. The prize money of the second Competition (Challenge Cup) will be added to the prize money of the Third Competition (Final Competition) for the category in question.

If in any category there are six or less teams taking part in the first Competition, the second Competition (Challenge Cup) will not be held for the category in question and the prize money of the second Competition will not be redistributed. All teams concerned, if not eliminated in the first Competition, will be permitted to take part in the Final Competition, and will carry forward their Penalties from the First Competition.

# 11.7.<del>3 <u>4</u> 4<sup>th</sup> Day:</del> Third FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Youth Competition (Final Competition)

The Final Competition is open to teams placed 1-6 in the First Competition (or, if in any category there are 8-eight or less teams in the first Competition, the Final Competition is open to all teams concerned, if not eliminated in the first Competition), with four Athletes per team. This Competition is run with an initial round against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality of penalties for first place. Chefs d'Equipe must declare the four Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations for this Competition at a time to be decided by the FEI and the Organising Committee. These combinations are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse/Pony combinations and do not have to be the same as the four combinations that took part in the First Competition; they are not required to retain the same order of starting within their team as in the First Competition. In case of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse/Pony between the declaration of the combinations for this Competition and one hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete/Horse/Pony combination may, upon presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury, be replaced by the fifth Athlete/Horse/Pony combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

The starting order in this Competition follows the reverse order of penalties obtained in the First Competition; in case of a tie on penalties teams retain the same starting order as in the First Competition. Teams retain the same starting order in the jump-off as in the initial round. One All four Athletes per team, selected by the Chef d'Equipe from the Athletes that have either taken part in the First Competition or in the initial round of the Final Competition is are permitted to take part in the jump-off, with the best three scores of each team counting. Teams not taking part in the jump-off are separated by the combined penalties and times of their best three Athletes in the initial round.

If eight or less teams take part in the First Competition, in which case all teams are permitted to take part in the Final Competition, if not eliminated in the First Competition, teams will carry forward the penalties of their best three Athletes in the First Competition. If more than eight teams take part in the First Competition, and the Final is therefore open only to teams placed 1st to 6th in the First Competition, Aall teams start in this the Final Competition on zero penalties.

The Competition is run at 375 m/min for Juniors and Young Riders, and at 350 m/min for Pony Riders and Children, and consists of 13 obstacles in the initial round.

The jump-off, if any, consists of six to eight obstacles.

All teams taking part in the third Competition receive prize money.