

8-9 April 2013, IMD, Lausanne (SUI)**Summary of Invitation System to be presented at the 2013 Sports Forum**

The Jumping Committee in consultation with the Alliance of Jumping Organisers (AJO) and the International Jumping Riders Club (IJRC), proposes that the following modifications to the invitation system for CSIs be presented at the Sports forum for discussion:

- The Invitation Rules should not apply to events where the entries are not limited;
- Introduction a Certificate of Capability for OC wildcards at CSI5* and CSI4* events which should also apply to FEI wildcards;
- Provision to allow athletes to be added in descending order;
- CSI5* (worldwide): 80% of the competitors should be invited in descending order on the Longines Rankings (up to 150th place) replacements in descending order, 20% OC Wild Cards;
- CSI4* (in Europe) 75% of the competitors should be invited in descending order on the Longines Rankings (up to 250th place) replacements in descending order, 25% OC Wild Cards;
- CSI3* (in Europe) 70% of the competitors should be invited in descending order on the Longines Rankings (up to 500th place) replacements in descending order, 30% OC Wild Cards;
- CSI2* (in Europe) 50% of the competitors should be invited from the Longines Rankings in descending order and replacements in descending order, OC 50% wildcards. The level of the competitors should be the common responsibility of Organizing Committees and National Federations;
- Consideration to be given to the percentages of home and foreign riders;
- Separate rules for series (FEI World Cup™, FEI Nations Cup™, Global Champions Tour and Riders' Tour) should be maintained;
- Two deadlines should be established:
 - 1st deadline, only athletes from the Longines Rankings can be entered by the NF (5* from top 150, 4* from top 250, 3* from top 500)
 - 2nd deadline, lower ranked athletes may be entered by the NF, if there are not enough higher ranked athletes entered after deadline 1.

Note from FEI HQ: The online entry system, to be implemented for all Events as of 1 July 2012, will greatly facilitate this procedure.

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Current Invitation Rules for CSI3*/CSI4* Events in Europe

The list of the Longines Rankings established **three** 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 riders, as well as the total number of riders to be invited.**

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

The top 25 riders (for CSI-4*) / the top 15 riders (for CSI-3*) on the list of the Longines Rankings must be invited. The maximum number of riders from any foreign NF in this section must be limited to five.

Section 2 Home Riders

The number of home riders who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining home riders to be invited. The number of home riders must neither exceed 50% nor be less than 35% of the total number of riders 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 riders in section 3.

Depending on the number of home riders competing internationally, the number of home riders may be increased to 60% of the total number of riders 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 Riders

3.1 The number of foreign riders who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining foreign riders to be invited. 50% of the remaining foreign riders must be selected from the top 300 for CSI-4* or the top 600 for CSI-3* of the list of Longines Rankings 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 riders in **Section 1**).

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

Section 4 OC Wildcards

The OC is free to invite 15% for CSI-4*) or 20% for CSI-3* of the total number of riders as wildcards. These riders must be selected from the top 600 on the list of the Longines Rankings. These invitations (for foreign and/or home riders) 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 riders or home riders domiciled outside the home country

The FEI has the right to nominate two riders by the deadline date established for nominated entries. The maximum number of times a rider 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 riders 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 riders, the percentage of home riders to be invited (min. 35% - max. 50%) and the number of the list of the Rankings list which applies. (list established 3 months prior to event)	CSI-4*	CSI-3*
1) Invite riders at top of the Rankings up to N° (max. 5 riders per foreign NF) <i>The number of home/foreign riders who accept this invitation will determine the number of remaining home/foreign riders to be invited in Sections 2 & 3.</i>	25	15
2) Remaining home riders:	open to ranked or unranked riders	
3) Remaining foreign riders to be invited after invitations under Section 1: (min. 7 foreign NFs in Sections 1 & 3)	50% within top 300; 50% open (ranked or unranked riders)	50% within top 600; 50% open (ranked or unranked riders)
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.

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Current Invitation Rules for CSI5* Events (Worldwide)

Section 1 Compulsory Invitations

- 1.1 70% of the total number of athletes invited must be from the top 150 on the Longines Ranking list established by the FEI two months prior to the event. The following conditions must be respected. Consequently this percentage may need to be reduced.
 - 1.1.1 Athletes are invited in descending order from the first athlete on the Ranking list.
 - 1.1.2 At least ten foreign NFs must be invited with at least two athletes per NF.
 - 1.1.3 If a NF has only one athlete in the above percentage, the NF in question has the right to enter a second athlete providing that he is within the top 150 on this list.
 - 1.1.4 Organising Committees may limit the number of athletes from a single foreign NF to five. However, they are free to accept more than five athletes from the same NF providing they are within the above percentage and providing the other NFs invited have entered a second athlete.
 - 1.1.5 If the Organising Committee cannot fill its quota from the top 150 on the Longines Ranking list, vacant places will be filled by inviting athletes from 150th place on the Longines Ranking list in descending order.
 - 1.1.6 The total number of athletes to be invited to the event, as well as the date of the Longines Ranking list which applies for invitation of athletes must be printed in the Schedule.
- 1.2 If a NF is invited to send participants but decides not to participate, another NF is selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 1.1.2

Section 2 OC Invitations

Maximum 30% of the total number of athletes invited can be invited as wild cards by the Organising Committee through their NFs (these may consist of foreign and/or home athletes). These athletes can be taken from any position on the Longines Ranking list.

These invitations (foreign and/or home riders) should be under the same conditions as for other participants and cannot be granted in return for a financial contribution.

At the same time, it is also unacceptable for athletes to ask for an appearance fee.

Section 3 FEI Invitations for Foreign athletes or home athletes domiciled outside the home country

The FEI has the right to nominate one athlete for CSI-5* events by the deadline date established for nominated entries. The level of the nominated athlete must be of the required standard for a CSI-5* event. The maximum number of times an athlete can be nominated during the same season for this section is three. Vacant places under this section are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 2.

OCs of CSI5* events that are part of "Tours" (multiple events run on consecutive weekends at the same venue) must respect the Invitation Rules for CSI5* events; 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.

National events

OCs that wish to organize a National event must comply with the FEI rules for National events. These include the restrictions on the number of foreign athletes and the number of NFs represented by athletes.

Sanctions and consequences

If prior to a CSI-5* event it is known that the event will not follow the FEI technical conditions and the FEI Rules for invitation of athletes, the event may be removed from the FEI calendar at the discretion of the FEI.

If sufficient proof can be established after the event that the FEI technical conditions and the FEI Rules for invitation of athletes have not been respected Ranking points may be withdrawn at the discretion of the FEI and CSI status may be refused for the following season.

If the event is an FEI World Cup™ event it may lose its status for the coming season if the conditions for invitations laid down in the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Rules are not respected. For FEI World Cup™ events it is forbidden to accept invitations in return for payment of any kind.

If the event is organized outside the jurisdiction of the FEI, participating athletes will not be allowed to participate at other FEI Events.