

Rules for the FEI Children's International Classics 2014

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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 **03 November 2014**. Silver and Bronze Tour competitions must be organised at outdoor events between 1 January and **30 November 2014**.
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 International Judge or by an FEI International Candidate Judge (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 **1st December 2013** in order to publish the calendar on line. Applications received after **30th June 2014** 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. Riders 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 Category A athletes having qualified for the Final will be published on the website once all 16 foreign athletes have returned their Entry Forms confirming their participation.