



# LONGINES LEAGUE OF NATIONS™ RULES 2024

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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 provide an interpretation to the FEI Secretary General who will 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**

- 1.1 The Longines League of Nations™ (“**LLN**”) is an FEI Named Series in the discipline Jumping established for the Top Teams in the discipline Jumping representing Nations. The selection of Athletes of the Teams representing their Nation is the exclusive responsibility of the relevant National Federation.
- 1.2 The LLN season starts with the first Qualifier of the LLN season and finishes with the Longines League of Nations™ Final (“**LLN Final**”). The season runs over one calendar year and consists of four LLN Qualifying Events and the LLN Final to take place preferably at the end of September or early October but this may change depending on the Region in which the Final takes place.
- 1.3 The dates and venues of the LLN Qualifying Events and the LLN Final are decided by the FEI Board in consultation with the National Federation of the relevant Event, the FEI Jumping Committee and FEI Headquarters. A bidding process will provide equal opportunities to National Federations and Event Organisers to apply to host an Event of the LLN.

## **2. QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS**

- 2.1 Subject to Article 2.4 below, the best 10 Teams of the Longines League of Nations Ranking established based upon the Longines Ranking Jumping (“**Longines Ranking**”) will be qualified to participate at the LLN Qualifying Events.
- 2.2 The Longines League of Nations Ranking will be established based upon the regular monthly Longines Ranking that is published after the conclusion of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final 2023. As from 2024, the Longines League of Nations Ranking will be based upon the regular monthly Longines Ranking that is published after the conclusion of the LLN Final of the respective season (each a “**Qualification Ranking**”).
- 2.3 The Qualification Ranking used for qualification for the LLN will be calculated based on the combined points of each NF’s 6 best Athletes of which at least 1 must be an U25 Athlete on the Longines Ranking.
- 2.4 From the 2025 LLN Season onwards, the winner of the LLN Final of the preceding LLN Season will be automatically qualified for the LLN of the following season regardless of that NF’s ranking in the relevant Qualification Ranking and the remaining nine places will be allocated to the nine best ranked teams in the Qualification Ranking (excluding the LLN Final winner).

This clause shall not apply if the Home Nation wins the LLN Final but had not qualified for the LLN Final via the LLN Standings.

### **3. DECLARATION OF TEAMS**

- 3.1 All NFs qualified to participate in the upcoming season of the LLN are required to officially confirm in writing the following to the FEI by a date to be established by the FEI:
- (a) That they will take part with a team in all LLN Competitions at the four LLN Qualifiers of the Longines League of Nations™ and the LLN Final (if qualified); and
  - (b) The name of the Chef d'Equipe of the team.
- 3.2 In case a NF does not want to participate in the upcoming season of the LLN or does not provide a written confirmation as mentioned above by the date established by the FEI, the NF will be replaced by the next best ranked NF not yet qualified on the applicable Qualification Ranking. This procedure will continue until 10 NFs have confirmed their participation and provided the written confirmation referred to in paragraph 3.1 above.
- 3.3 Any NF that commits itself in writing to participate at the LLN Qualifiers and any NF that qualifies for the LLN Final but does not respect this commitment for any reason, other than due to 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), will not be allowed to participate at the remaining Qualifier(s) and LLN Final of the current LLN season and will not be allowed to participate in the LLN the following year regardless of their ranking in the Longines League of Nations Ranking and Article 2 (*Qualification of Teams*) shall be interpreted accordingly. A fine of 100.000€ will be imposed. If any transport subsidy has been paid to the NF, such transport subsidy must be reimbursed in full. The FEI, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether or not the reason for non-participation will be considered as Force Majeure. If the FEI decides that that the reason for non-participation was due to Force Majeure, the NF is eligible to participate in the subsequent LLN Event(s) of the LLN Season (if applicable) and the LLN Final (if qualified) and the sanctions outlined above will not apply. The NF will not receive any points for the LLN Event(s) that they did not participate in.

### **Replacement of an NF**

- 3.4 A reserve list will be established for each Qualification Ranking, consisting of the three next best ranked NFs on the applicable Qualification Ranking not already qualified for the following LLN Season (the "**Reserve List**").
- 3.5 If a NF that initially confirmed its participation pursuant to Article 3.1 above withdraws from an LLN Season prior to the third LLN Qualifier of that Season, that NF will be replaced by the highest ranked NF on the Reserve

List (the "**First Reserve**"). The NF that has withdrawn will be removed from the LLN Standings.

- 3.6 Upon being offered the place in the LLN Season, the First Reserve must officially confirm in writing to the FEI by a date to be established by the FEI:
- (a) That they will take part with a team in all LLN Competitions at the remaining LLN Qualifiers of the Longines League of Nations™ and the LLN Final (if qualified); and
  - (b) The name of the Chef d'Equipe of the team.
- 3.7 If the First Reserve informs the FEI that it does not accept the place in the LLN Season or does not provide the confirmation referred to in Article 3.6 above, the FEI will offer the LLN place to the second ranked NF on the Reserve List (the "**Second Reserve**") and the process set out in Article 3.6 above shall apply *mutatis mutandi*.
- 3.8 If the Second Reserve informs the FEI that it does not accept the place in the LLN Season or does not provide the confirmation referred to in Article 3.6 above, the FEI will offer the LLN place to the third ranked NF on the Reserve List (the "**Third Reserve**") and the process set out in Article 3.6 above shall apply *mutatis mutandi*.
- 3.9 If the Third Reserve informs the FEI that it does not accept the place in the LLN Season or does not provide the confirmation referred to in Article 3.6 above, no further reallocation of the LLN place will be made.
- 3.10 If there are multiple withdrawals from a LLN Season prior to the third LLN Qualifier of a LLN Season, the process set out in this Article 3 shall apply to replace the withdrawn teams provided that replacements can only be made with the 3 NFs on the Reserve List.
- 3.11 A team that joins the LLN Season from the Reserve List as per the process set out above shall start on zero points in the LLN Standings.
- 3.12 A NF that withdraws after the third LLN Qualifying Event will not be replaced.

#### **4. LLN COMPETITION AT QUALIFYING EVENTS**

- 4.1 At the LLN Qualifying Events the LLN Competition must take place on the most important day of the Event and at the optimum time to provide maximum exposure (broadcast and spectators). The FEI must pre-approve in writing the proposed day and time according to a deadline to be established by the FEI. All LLN Qualifying Events must provide a Grand Prix Competition with minimum 300.000€ prize money and there must be at least one day between the Grand Prix and the LLN Competition.
- 4.2 An Organiser may hold other Event(s) at the Show in combination with the Longines League of Nations Event subject to the prior written approval of the FEI and subject to the Organiser having provided the FEI with the full overview and timetable of the other Event(s).

## **LLN Qualifying Events: LLN Competitions: Format and Participation in the First and Second Round**

- 4.3 The LLN Competition is run over two rounds, with identical courses. Both rounds are run according to Table A against the clock. Both rounds of the LLN Competition must take place on the same day with a maximum break of approximately one hour between rounds.
- 4.4 The starting order of the first round of the first LLN Competition of the Season will be the reverse order of the Qualification Ranking for the LLN Series; from the 2025 season onwards the winner of the LLN Final of the preceding LLN Season (if eligible to participate in the LLN Season) will go last. For the subsequent LLN Competitions, the starting order of the first round will be the reverse order of the LLN Standings established after the previous LLN Competition. If the Home Nation is not automatically qualified for the LLN Series via the Qualification Ranking, the Home Nation will go first in the starting order. Where a NF has been replaced by a NF on the Reserve List after the previous LLN Competition, the Reserve NF shall go before the other NFs on the LLN Standings.
- 4.5 Four (4) Athletes per team take part in the first round of the LLN Qualifier. If a team only has 3 combinations who are fit to compete, the team is permitted to take part with three (3) Athletes. The classification of the first round is established according to the combined Penalties of each team's three (3) best Athletes in the first round. Unless teams are eliminated, disqualified, have retired or withdrawn in the first round, the best eight (8) teams take part in the second round with three (3) Athletes each and will start in reverse order of the classification after the first round. The Chef d'Equipe must declare the starting order of their three (3) Athletes in the second round during the break between the two rounds and no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the second round. If there is a tie for the eighth place after the first round, the time of the tied teams' three (3) best Athletes in the first round will be used to break the tie. If the teams are still tied, the tied teams shall progress to the second round. The teams carry forward their penalties from the first round into the second round. No substitution of Horses is permitted between the first and second round or between the second round and the jump-off (if applicable).
- 4.6 The overall classification after the second round is established according to the combined Penalties of each team's three best Athletes of the first round and all of the team's three Athletes in the second round. In case there is a tie on Penalties for first place after the second round, there will be a jump-off against the clock with one (1) Athlete per team. The break between the end of the second round and the jump-off shall be no longer than 15 minutes. Any of the 4 team Athletes can participate in the jump-off, as selected by the Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe must confirm the Athlete that will participate in the jump-off no later than ten minutes before the start of the jump-off. In case there is a tie for any other place following the second round, the time of the teams' three (3) Athletes in the second round will be used to decide the team classification.

### **Elimination/Retirement**

- 4.7 If two or more Athletes of a team are eliminated or retire or are disqualified, in the first round, the whole team is eliminated from the LLN Competition.
- 4.8 If one Athlete of a team is eliminated or retires or is disqualified in the second round, the whole team is eliminated from the second round.
- 4.9 If a team is qualified to take part in the second round, an Athlete who was eliminated or retired in the first round may start in the second round and/or the jump-off (if applicable).

### **Technical Specifications**

- 4.10 During the Competition, the current competing Athlete information, penalties and time, as well as the provisional classification of the LLN Competition must be visible from the competition arena and from the warm-up arena.
- 4.11 The number and dimensions of the obstacles and the length of the course must be within the following limits\*. The course must include a water jump.

Number of obstacles	12
Min./max. height (metres)	1.45/1.60
At least 2 vertical obstacles with a height of (metres)	1.60
At least six other obstacles with a height of (metres)	1.50
At least 2 spread obstacles with a minimum height / spread of (metres)	1.50/1.70
Max. spread (metres)	2.00
Max. spread of triple bar (metres)	2.20
Min./max. spread of water jump (metres) (refer to JRs Art. 211.1)	3.80/4.00
Min./max. length of the course (metres)	450/650
Speed (m/min.)	400

\* NB: Competitions at 5\* Events on the list of qualifying Events for the Olympic Games, World and/or Continental Championship must also comply with the mandatory requirements established in JRs Annex VIII, Art. 4.

### **Participation**

- 4.12 At LLN Events, NFs are invited to send teams with four Athletes, each with two horses. Additional horses can be invited for specific competitions but on an equal basis for all Athletes. If not qualified for the LLN Series via the Qualification Ranking the Home Nation is allowed to participate with a team under the same conditions as the other LLN teams but will not earn any points for the LLN Series.
- 4.13 The definite entries for those teams apply as follow:
- 4.13.1 For a LLN Qualifying Event organised in Europe, the definite entries date must be set to the Monday of the week preceding the week of the LLN Qualifying Event, unless otherwise

specified in the Event Schedule (and agreed in advance by the FEI).

4.13.2 For a LLN Qualifying Event organised outside of Europe, the definite entries date must be set to the Monday two weeks preceding the week of the LLN Qualifying Event unless otherwise specified in the Event Schedule (and agreed in advance by the FEI).

4.13.3 In the definite entries, the NF must specify the 4 Athletes and 8 Horses from which the team to compete in the LLN Competition will be chosen. Unless there are exceptional circumstances and subject to the prior written approval of the FEI, only these Athlete/Horse combinations are eligible to participate in the LLN Competition.

4.14 The FEI will be in charge of communicating and announcing the definite entries, including the selected athletes representing each NF for each LLN Qualifying Event. National Federations and Organisers may only publicly communicate, announce or issue any release about the selections after the FEI's official announcement.

4.15 The Athletes selected by their NF to participate in the LLN Qualifying Event are referred to as the "**LLN Athletes**".

#### **Declaration of Starters**

4.16 On the day before the LLN Competition by a deadline to be established by the FEI and the Organiser and confirmed in the Event Schedule, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing to the Organiser their four (4) Athlete/Horse combinations (all of whom must have been on the definite entries) for the LLN Competition, including their starting order.

#### *Individual Athletes*

4.17 The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part at the LLN Event is sixty five (65).

4.18 In order to reach this quota the Organiser can invite additional individual Athletes to the LLN Event (the "**Individual Athletes**") within the following parameters:

4.18.1 The Organiser cannot invite Individual Athletes from NFs participating in the LLN Competition (except in the case of Athletes from the home NF).

4.18.2 The Organiser must specify in the Event Schedule the maximum number of Individual Athletes from the home NF.

4.18.3 The number of Individual Athletes per NF not represented by a LLN team cannot exceed two (2). This limitation does not apply to Individual Athletes from the home NF.



- 4.18.4 The Organiser must specify in the Event Schedule the maximum number of Horses per Individual Athlete.
- 4.18.5 The FEI is entitled to two (2) individual Wildcards, provided those Athletes would not be pre-qualified for the Grand Prix at the LLN Event (as per Article 261.4.1<sup>1</sup> of the FEI Jumping Rules).
- 4.18.6 To ensure the number of Athletes pre-qualified for the Grand Prix does not exceed 50:
- 4.18.6.1 If the Home Nation is not automatically qualified for the LLN Event via the Qualification Ranking, the Organiser cannot invite more than six (6) Individual Athletes who would be pre-qualified for the Grand Prix (as per Article 261.4.1 of the FEI Jumping Rules).
- 4.18.6.2 If the Home Nation is automatically qualified for the LLN Event via the Qualification Ranking, the Organiser cannot invite more than ten (10) Individual Athletes who would be pre-qualified for the Grand Prix (as per Article 261.4.1 of the FEI Jumping Rules).

4.19 An Individual Athlete from the home NF cannot be substituted into the home NF's LLN team. Individual Athletes are only entitled to participate in non-LLN Competitions at the Event.

### Prize Money

4.20 The Prize Money of the LLN Competition at LLN Qualifying Events is 700.000€. Taxes will be deducted as per the approved FEI Schedule.

4.21 700.000€ will be distributed to the teams according to following breakdown:

4.21.1 If there are 10 teams taking part in the LLN Competition:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
€ (in 1000s)	230	150	110	70	42	31	21	17	15	14

4.21.2 If less than 10 teams take part in the LLN Competition, the remaining prize money shall be divided equally among the participating teams.

4.21.3 If there are 11 teams taking part in the LLN Competition:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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<sup>1</sup> Typo corrected on 23 October 2023 (previous reference was 216.4)

€ (in 1000s)	230	145	105	70	42	31	21	17	14	13	12
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4.22 A team which is eliminated, disqualified, has retired or withdrawn from the first round of the LLN Competition is not entitled to receive prize money or points for the LLN Competition. The prize money otherwise payable to such team(s) shall be divided equally among the other teams. A team that does not progress to the second round but has not been eliminated, disqualified, retired or withdrawn in the first round will be classified in the final classification and is entitled to receive prize money accordingly.

4.23 A team which is eliminated, disqualified, has retired or withdrawn from the second round of the LLN Competition shall be ranked lowest of the teams that participated in the second round.

### **Grand Prix**

4.24 All LLN Athletes entered for the Event are pre-qualified for the Grand Prix.

## **5. LLN STANDINGS AND QUALIFICATION FOR THE LLN FINAL**

5.1 At every LLN Competition at LLN Qualifiers following points are allocated to the placed teams:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
points	100	90	80	70	60	55	50	45	40	35

5.2 If the Home Nation is not automatically qualified for the LLN Event via the Qualification Ranking and finishes in the top 10 of the Classification at a LLN Qualifying Competition, the Home Nation's result shall be disregarded for the purpose of allocating LLN points. For example if that Home Nation finishes in first place in the LLN Competition, the NF that finished in second place will receive 100 points, the NF that finished in third place will receive 90 points and so on.

5.3 The LLN Standings is the ranking established by adding the points earned at each of the LLN Qualifying Competitions. After each LLN Qualifying Competition the LLN Standings will be updated. If a LLN Qualifying Competition is cancelled or cannot be completed, the results from the other LLN Qualifying Competitions will be used to determine the Final Standing.

5.4 After the last LLN Qualifying Competition of the Season the Final Standings are established to determine the teams qualified for the LLN Final. The teams' results in all LLN Qualifying Competitions count towards the Final Standing.

5.5 The eight best teams of the Final Standing are qualified for the LLN Final.

5.6 In case of a tie for the eighth place the NF that has won the most LLN Competitions during that LLN Season, will qualify for the LLN Final. In case after applying this mechanism the tie continues, the NF with the most second places will be qualified and so on until the tie is decided. In case the tie cannot be broken, the team with the higher ranking in Longines League

of Nations Ranking preceding the last LLN Qualifier will qualify for the Final. If there is still a tie after applying the foregoing tiebreakers, the FEI will hold a draw.

- 5.7 In case a team qualified for the Final does not participate for any reason, the sanctions as per Article 3 above will apply and this team will be substituted by the next team from the LLN Standings.
- 5.8 If not qualified for participation at the LLN Final, the Home Nation of the LLN Final will be allowed to participate at the LLN Final.
- 5.9 If the Home Nation has not earned qualification for the LLN Final via the LLN Standings, the Home Nation will not be eligible to obtain any Olympic team quota place (if applicable) at the LLN Final.

## **6. LLN FINAL COMPETITION AT THE LLN FINAL**

- 6.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the FEI, at the LLN Final the LLN Final Competition must take place on Sunday afternoon. Both rounds of the LLN Final Competition must take place on the same day with a maximum break of one hour between rounds.
- 6.2 An Organiser may hold other Event(s) at the Show (in combination with the LLN Final) subject to the prior written approval of the FEI and subject to the Organiser having provided the FEI with the full overview and timetable of the other Event(s).
- 6.3 The OC of the LLN Final must provide a Grand Prix Competition with minimum 300.000€ prize money and there must be at least one day between the Grand Prix and the LLN Competition.

### **LLN Final: Format and Participation in the First and Second Round**

- 6.4 The LLN Final is run over two rounds, with identical courses. Both rounds are run according to Table A against the clock. Both rounds of the LLN Final must take place on the same day with a maximum break of one hour between rounds.
- 6.5 The starting order of the LLN Final will be the reverse order of the LLN Standings established after the last LLN Qualifying Competition. If the Home Nation is not automatically qualified for the LLN Final via the LLN Standings, the Home Nation will go first in the starting order.
- 6.6 Four (4) Athletes per team take part in the first round of the LLN Final. The classification of the first round is established according to the combined Penalties of each team's three (3) best Athletes in the first round. Unless a team/teams are eliminated, disqualified, have retired or withdrawn in the first round, all eight (8) teams take part in the second round with three (3) Athletes each and will start in reverse order of the classification after the first round. The Chef d'Equipe must declare the starting order of their three (3) Athletes in the second round during the break between the two rounds and no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the second round. The teams carry forward their penalties from the first round into the second

round. No substitution is permitted between the first and second round or between the second round and the jump-off (if applicable).

- 6.7 The overall classification after the second round is established according to the combined Penalties of each team's three best Athletes of the first round and all of the team's three Athletes in the second round. In case there is a tie on Penalties for first place after the second round, there will be a jump-off against the clock with one (1) Athlete per team. The break between the end of the second round and the jump-off shall be no longer than 15 minutes. Any of the 4 team Athletes can participate in the jump-off, as selected by the Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe must confirm the Athlete that will participate in the jump-off no later than ten minutes before the start of the jump-off. In case there is a tie for any other place following the second round, the time of the teams' three (3) Athletes in the second round will be used to decide the team classification.

### **Elimination/Retirement**

- 6.8 If two or more Athletes of a team are eliminated or retire or are disqualified in the first round, the whole team is eliminated from the LLN Final Competition.
- 6.9 If one Athlete of a team is eliminated or retires or is disqualified in the second round, the whole team is eliminated from the second round.
- 6.10 If a team is qualified to take part in the second round, an Athlete eliminated or retired in the first round may start in the second round and/or the jump-off (if applicable).

### **Technical Specifications**

- 6.11 During the Competition, the current competing Athlete information, penalties and time, as well as the provisional classification of the LLN Competition must be visible from the competition arena and from the warm-up arena.
- 6.12 The LLN Final Competition is conducted at a maximum height of 1.60 m and a speed of 400 m/minute. The course must include a water jump.
- 6.13 The number and dimensions of the obstacles and the length of the course must be within the following limits\*:

Number of obstacles	12
Min./max. height (metres)	1.45/1.60
At least 2 vertical obstacles with a height of (metres)	1.60
At least six other obstacles with a height of (metres)	1.50
At least 2 spread obstacles with a minimum height / spread of (metres)	1.50/1.70
Max. spread (metres)	2.00
Max. spread of triple bar (metres)	2.20
Min./max. spread of water jump (metres) (refer to JRs Art. 211.1)	3.80/4.00
Min./max. length of the course (metres)	450/650

Speed (m/min.)	400
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\* NB: Competitions at 5\* Events on the list of qualifying Events for the Olympic Games, World and/or Continental Championship must also comply with the mandatory requirements established in JRs Annex VIII, Art. 4.

### **Participation and Entries**

- 6.14 At the LLN Final, the qualified NFs and the Home Nation if not qualified via the LLN Standings are invited to send teams with minimum four and maximum five Athletes, each with maximum two horses. Additional horses can be invited for specific competitions but on equal basis for all Athletes.
- 6.15 The Home Nation if not qualified for the LLN Final via the LLN Standings is allowed to participate with a team under the same conditions as the other teams (except that the Home Nation is not eligible to earn any Olympic Quota place if it has not qualified for the LLN Final via the LLN Standings).
- 6.16 For the LLN Final, the definite entries date must be set to the Monday of the week preceding the week of the LLN Final. In the definite entries, the NF must specify the 5 Athletes and 10 Horses from which the team to compete in the LLN Final Competition will be chosen. Only these Athlete/Horse combinations are eligible to participate in the LLN Final Competition.
- 6.17 The FEI will be in charge of communicating and announcing the definite entries, including the selected athletes representing each NF for the LLN Final. National Federations and Organisers may only publicly communicate, announce or issue any release about the selections after the FEI's official announcement.

#### *Individual Athletes*

- 6.18 The maximum number of Athletes permitted to take part at the LLN Final Event is sixty five (65).
- 6.19 In order to reach this quota the Organiser can invite additional individual Athletes to the LLN Final Event (the "**Individual Athletes**") within the following parameters:
- 6.19.1 The Organiser cannot invite Individual Athletes from NFs participating in the LLN Final Competition (except in the case of Athletes from the home NF).
- 6.19.2 The Organiser must specify in the Event Schedule the maximum number of Individual Athletes from the home NF.
- 6.19.3 The number of Individual Athletes per NF not represented by a LLN team cannot exceed two (2). This limitation does not apply to Individual Athletes from the home NF.
- 6.19.4 The Organiser must specify in the Event Schedule the maximum number of Horses per Individual Athlete.

- 6.19.5 The FEI is entitled to two (2) individual Wildcards, provided those Athletes would not be pre-qualified for the Grand Prix at the LLN Final Event (as per Article 216.4 of the FEI Jumping Rules).
- 6.19.6 To ensure the number of Athletes pre-qualified for the Grand Prix does not exceed 50:
- 6.19.6.1 If the Home Nation is not automatically qualified for the LLN Final via the LLN Standings, the Organiser cannot invite more than five (5) Individual Athletes who would be pre-qualified for the Grand Prix (as per Article 261.4 of the FEI Jumping Rules).
- 6.19.6.2 If the Home Nation is automatically qualified for the LLN Final via the LLN Standings, the Organiser cannot invite more than ten (10) Individual Athletes who would be pre-qualified for the Grand Prix (as per Article 261.4 of the FEI Jumping Rules).

6.20 An Individual Athlete from the home NF cannot be substituted into the home NF's LLN Final team. Individual Athletes are only entitled to participate in non-LLN Final Competitions at the Event.

### **Declaration of Starters**

6.21 On the day preceding the LLN Final Competition at a time to be decided by the FEI and the Organiser and confirmed in the Event Schedule, Chefs d'Equipe must declare their four (4) Athlete/Horse combinations for the LLN Final Competition, including their starting order; these are to be selected from the team's five declared Athlete/Horse combinations (as per the definite entries). In case of accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse between the declaration of starters for the LLN Final Competition and one hour before the start of the LLN Final Competition, the Athlete/Horse 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 combination of the team in question. In case of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

### **Prize Money**

6.22 The Prize Money of the LLN Final Competition is 1.600.000€. Taxes will be deducted as per the approved FEI Schedule.

6.23 1.400.000€ will be distributed over the teams according to following breakdown:

6.23.1 If there are eight teams in the LLN Final:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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€ (in 1000s)	490	308	224	154	84	63	42	35
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6.23.2 If there are nine teams in the LLN Final:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
€ (in 1000s)	490	302	220	146	82	60	40	32	28

- 6.24 A team which is eliminated, disqualified, has retired or withdrawn in the first round of the LLN Final Competition is not entitled to receive prize money. The prize money otherwise payable to such team(s) shall be divided equally among the other teams.
- 6.25 A team which is eliminated, disqualified, has retired or withdrawn from the second round of the LLN Competition shall be ranked lowest of the teams that participated in the second round.
- 6.26 A Bonus of 200.000€ is awarded for the best individual performance in the LLN Final Competition and is established according to the result in both rounds based on penalties only. In case of a tie on penalties among Athletes the bonus is divided equally between the Athletes.

**Grand Prix**

- 6.27 All five (5) LLN Athletes entered for the LLN Final Event are pre-qualified for the Grand Prix.

**7. SPECIAL BONUSES**

Special Bonuses will be awarded for following categories:

- Best Athlete: 40.000 €
  - o Athlete with most clear rounds (excluding jump-offs) of the Season (Qualifiers and Final). In case of a tie the bonus is divided equally.
- LLN Rookie of the Season : 20.000 € + one CSI 5\* Wild Card for the Athlete
  - o Decided by the FEI Jumping Committee
- Best Chef: 15.000 €
  - o The Chef d'Equipe of the winner of the LLN Final
- Best Grooms: 5.000 € per Groom (x 5)
  - o Grooms of winning team of LLN Final
- Owner Best Horse: Trophy + one CSI 5\* Wild Card for the horse (or for a horse decided by the owner)
  - o The Horse with the most clear rounds after the Qualifiers. In the event of a tie, the Horse whose team is ranked higher in the LLN Standings after the last LLN Qualifiers shall be the winner.