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Proposal for the Organization of the Europe Division 2 Nations Cup Series

Several Nations and above all riders have lost a great deal of motivation to compete in Nations Cup competitions in Europe Division 2. Many riders prefer to compete in individual competitions only. In the Baltic and in the Balkan countries Nations Cup competitions came to an end in recent years – despite of a long and successful tradition.

For the time being the situation in Division 2 can be described as a tremendous and complicated problem for reasons of geography, borders, different star level of events, quality of teams, calendar, numbers. So there is an extreme variety of different challenges within Division 2.

In order to contribute to the solutions of these problems and to re-establish a functioning system of Nations Cup competitions in Division 2, the following system is proposed:

I. Regionalization / First qualification

Four regional groups to be created

A	B	C	D
TUR	EST	HUN	NOR
GRE	LAT	SVK	DEN
BUL	LTU	SLO	POL
ROU	RUS	CZE	FIN
CRO	BLR	AUT	LUX
SRB	UKR	POR	

The following requirements

have to be met:



- CSIOs to be held between January and the end of July of same calendar year
- Every CSIO has to invite all NFs belonging to the relevant regional group
- Maximum of 13 teams per show.
- Places not covered by invited NFs of relevant regional group are freely available to the CSIO organizer for invitations to out-of-group NFs
- Teams not belonging to the relevant regional group do not get points
- Minimum CSIOs per regional group : 1
- Maximum CSIOs per regional group : 1 per NF in the relevant regional group
- Minimum 3 * sport level (2* prize level)
- A point-system has to be in place at all CSIOs taking into consideration the * sport level
- Maximum 3 results count – first two teams qualify for “Division 2 Final”
- Group-specific conditions to be decided by the respective regional group, including title sponsor in consultation with EEF and FEI

NB:

Exact composition of regional groups to be discussed every year among the participants, also because of the relegation system. Invitation and last decision by EEF. Coordination of dates at the same meeting.

II. “Division 2 Final” / Second and last qualification

- To be held at the end of July/August, depending on the Championships/OGs of the relevant year
- Location in the middle of Europe
- Division 2 Final is reserved only for qualified Division 2 teams – organizer can invite individuals from other NFs
- Two teams per regional group qualified
- In case of non-participation of a qualified team, same team is replaced by the third team in the same regional group. In case of non-participation of the third team, the number of participating teams has to be filled up with regard to the World Ranking List points of the all Division 2 teams
- Level: Four-Star
- The first 2 teams qualified for the FEI Nations Cup Jumping Final, however only if they have been qualified through the regional groups