

FEI Jumping World Cup™ Rules 2020/2021

Covid-19 By-Laws for the 2020/2021 Season

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The following By-Laws (indicated *in italics*) have been established in light of the repercussions of the Covid-19 pandemic on the FEI Jumping World Cup™ series.

Article 650 - PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL

Art. 650.1. FEI World Cup™ Calendar (See also JRs Art. 200.8.)

1.2. Deadline for submitting dates

The dates of all FEI World Cup™ Western European League Events must be entered in the FEI calendar by 1 October three years prior to the year in which the Event is to take place. The dates of CSI5*-W events shall be approved by the FEI Secretary General two years prior to the year in which the Event is to take place.

The dates of CSI5*-W Events in all other Leagues must be entered in the FEI calendar by 1 October two years prior to the year in which the Event is to take place and shall be approved by the FEI Secretary General two years prior to the year in which the event is to take place.

For all other Leagues, the dates of CSI-W Events of 1* to 4* level to be considered for inclusion in the FEI World Cup™ calendar for the coming FEI World Cup™ season must be entered in the FEI calendar by 1 October the year before the season begins.

The FEI may grant an exception to the deadline established in Art. 650.1.2 for date applications of CSI-W Events of 1 to 4* level in the FEI calendar.*

Art. 650.1.8. Western Europe - authorisation to host an FEI World Cup™ Competition

In Western Europe, only Events that are held annually may organise an FEI World Cup™ Competition.

Art. 650.1.8 is not applicable in case of cancellation of a Western European League Event in the 2020/2021 season due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Art. 650.2. Venue for FEI World Cup™ Competitions and FEI World Cup™ Final

FEI World Cup™ Competitions take place at selected International Events. In Western Europe a CSI-W must have the status of a CSI-5* Event and must be run over at least three days and offer at least two Competitions per day.

The FEI may authorise on a case by case basis a CSI-W in Western Europe to have the status of a CSI4 Event **only** for the 2020/2021 season under the following conditions only:*

- *The overall level of quality of the Event must be maintained like in the past.*
- *Only the overall prize money for the Event may be of CSI4* level. The Event must comply with all other requirements for CSI5* Events as detailed in JRs Annex VI, Art. 1 (CSI Requirements Worldwide) and in JRs Annex VI, Art. 2.1 (Additional Requirements for Europe). All other provisions of the Host Agreement need to be respected.*
- *The FEI World Cup™ Competition may not offer less prize money than was offered at the same Event in the 2019/2020 season and must in any case be in compliance with Art. 654.6. Art. 654.6 also applies with regard to the minimum prize money requirement for the FEI World Cup™ Competition and for the qualifying Competition or the Competition held two days prior to the*

FEI World Cup™ Competition as a replacement for the qualifier.

- *The Grand Prix, if the FEI World Cup™ Competition is not the Grand Prix at the Event, may not offer less prize money than was offered at the same Event in the 2019/2020 season. For the avoidance of doubt the Grand Prix may not offer more prize money than the FEI World Cup™ Competition.*
- *The Organiser may not increase the fees or charge Athletes higher fees or other (new) fees than were charged at their Event in the 2019/2020 season.*
- *For the avoidance of doubt, Art. 650.1.6 applies with regard to date clashes with Western European League Events: CSI5*, CSI5*-W, CSIO5* and CSIO5*-W Events may not clash with FEI World Cup™ Western European League Events unless the Organisers involved are in agreement. Refer also to JRs Art. 200.8.*
- *Any Organiser seeking authorisation to hold their Event as a CSI4*-W must submit full details of the programme for the Event to the FEI. The FEI will review requests on a case by case basis and has the right to not authorise the Event to be held as a CSI4*-W.*

Article 654 – INVITATION SYSTEM

Art. 654.1. Automatically Qualified – Western Europe

1.1. Invitation System – Western Europe

1.1.2. NFs hosting an FEI World Cup™ Competition

Each NF of a country organising an FEI World Cup™ Competition in Western Europe may send one Athlete to each FEI World Cup™ Event in Western Europe.

In case of cancellation of a 2020/2021 Western European League Event due to the Covid-19 pandemic the NF of the country of the cancelled event retains the right to send one Athlete to each of the other FEI World Cup™ Events in Western Europe.

Annex F – RULES FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE

1. General

The North American League will consist of minimum 8 Events in North America (defined as Canada, Mexico and USA), each of which has minimum CSI4* status.

1.1 The North American League Events will be allocated by the FEI Board upon recommendation of the Jumping Committee based on a bidding process established by the FEI for a three-season period.

1.2 Events will be allocated with regard to appropriate geographic distribution and with at least one Event allocated to Canada and Mexico each. If there are no suitable Events in Canada and/or Mexico, the Jumping Committee may recommend allocation to another Event in the USA.

The FEI may authorise an exception to Annex F, Art. 1 for the 2020/2021 season due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid-19 By-Laws for Qualification for the 2021 Final updated 15 December 2020

Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the FEI Jumping World Cup™ calendar for 2020/2021, the following By-Laws for qualification for the 2021 Final have been established for Leagues in which all qualifiers have been cancelled, for Leagues with fewer than three qualifiers remaining in the 2020/2021 calendar prior to the start of the League, and/or for Leagues in which Covid-19 travel restrictions may prevent the participation of some NFs included in the League. These By-Laws may be further updated depending on the evolution of the situation in the various Leagues.

1. Leagues cancelled

For Leagues in which all qualifying Events for the 2020/2021 season are cancelled, an FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking, established according to the rules below, will be used to determine the respective qualifications.*

Rules for the FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking

The FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking to be used to determine qualification for the 2021 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final will be established based on results obtained in competitions counting for the Longines Rankings during the time period in effect for the Longines Ranking of 28 February 2021 (refer to the Covid-19 Mitigation Policy for the Longines Rankings, effective as of 1 April 2020). For the purpose of qualifying for the 2021 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final the number of competitions to count for the FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking during the aforementioned time period will be limited to 15 (fifteen).

In case of Athletes with equality of points at the conclusion of the FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking period, the Athlete with the highest number of placings in the top category of Longines Rankings competitions (Point Group AA) will be given preference; if there is still equality of points the Athlete with the highest number of placings in the second highest category of Longines Ranking competitions (Point Group A) will be given preference, and so on until the tie is broken.

The FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking takes into account the points obtained by the combination in competitions counting for the Longines Rankings during the time period in effect for the Longines Ranking of 28 February 2021 inclusive based on the number of starters who finish the competition according to the following point scale:

Number of starters who have <u>finished</u> the competition	Scale of points
30 or more	100%
25 - 29	95%
20 - 24	90%
15 - 19	80%
10 - 14	70%
5 - 9	60%
4 or less	No points

The FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking is produced by the FEI Headquarters.

* **NB:** The above does not apply to Leagues that include only one NF, *or to* the North American League, for which the rules establish a specific qualification quota per NF

for the Final (see point 2.3 below). The above also does not apply to the South African League, for which the rules establish that the winner of the League each season qualifies for the Final of the following season; therefore the winner of the South African League 2019/2020 season is qualified for the 2021 Final.

2. Incomplete Leagues: Leagues with fewer than three qualifying Events in the 2020/2021 calendar prior to the start of the League

Leagues in which the cancellation of one or more qualifying Events due to Covid-19 resulted in fewer than three qualifiers remaining in the 2020/2021 calendar prior to the start of the League are designated as incomplete Leagues. However, the results of the remaining one or two qualifier(s) in the 2020/2021 calendar may be used to establish the League standings under the following conditions only:

2.1 Incomplete Leagues that include more than one NF

For incomplete Leagues that include more than one NF, but in which Covid-19 travel restrictions prevent the participation of some NFs from the League in the one or two qualifier(s) in the calendar, the League will not be cancelled but FEI World Cup™ points will be allocated for the qualifier(s) concerned only if Athletes from at least three countries from the League participate. The League standings will be established taking into account only the qualifier(s) in which at least three NFs from the League participate. Should it be impossible to establish League standings due to participation of fewer than three NFs from the League in the only qualifier(s) included in the 2020/2021 calendar, the FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking described in point 1 above will be used to determine qualification for the Final.

2.2 Incomplete Leagues that include only one NF

For incomplete Leagues which involve only one NF, the League will not be cancelled and the results of the remaining one or two qualifier(s) in the 2020/2021 calendar may count for the League standings, which will be used to determine qualification for the 2021 Final.

2.3 North American League

Further to the cancellation of six of the eight North American qualifying Events prior to the start of the 2020/2021 season the League will be cancelled; the two remaining qualifiers in the 2020/2021 calendar will not count for qualification for the 2021 Final and may therefore be organised as stand-alone CSIs. As the North American League rules establish a specific number of qualification places per NF for the Final, the NFs included in the North American League (CAN, MEX and USA) will be responsible for selecting their Athletes to fill their respective qualification quotas for the 2021 Final:

- Seven USA Athletes from East USA (USEF Zones 1-7).
- Three USA Athletes West USA (USEF Zones 8-12).
- Two Canadian Athletes.
- Two Mexican Athletes.

3. Leagues with a sufficient number of qualifiers but in which Covid-19 travel restrictions may hinder the participation of some NFs in the League

3.1 Central European League

As per FEI World Cup™ rules Art. 656.4.4, in the FEI World Cup™ Central European League, points can only be given if Athletes from at least three countries participate. The standings for each Sub-League (Northern and Southern) will be established taking into account all qualifying Events in which at least three Central European League NFs participate (host country included).

In addition, should CEL NFs be prevented from participating in CEL qualifying Events due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, the FEI Jumping Committee may consider allowing additional CEL Athletes to be invited for the Central European League Final according to specific criteria to be established.

4. Substitutions for Leagues unable to fill their quota for the 2021 Final

In case any Leagues are unable to fill their quota place(s) for the 2021 Final for any reason, the Jumping Committee may consider allowing substitutions to be taken from other Leagues according to specific criteria to be established.

FEI World Cup™ rules affected by the above Covid-19 By-Laws (Covid-19 By-Laws are indicated *in italics*)

Article 657 - QUALIFICATION FOR THE FEI WORLD CUP™ FINAL

1. Qualification per League

Qualified for the Final are:

1.1. Western Europe

Eighteen Western European Athletes with the highest total points in the Western European League. *N/A for the 2020/2021 season for which the following applies: 22 Western European Athletes, selected by the respective NFs, as detailed under Art. 657.1.5.1 (refer to page 6).*

1.2. North America

Athletes obtain FEI World Cup™ points for their country of citizenship, i.e. USA, Canada or Mexico, regardless of where they are domiciled in North America. *N/A for the 2020/2021 season, for which the following applies:*

Each of the NFs included in the North American League (CAN, MEX and USA) will select the Athletes to fill their respective quotas:

1.2.1. Seven USA Athletes from East USA (USEF AHSA Zones 1-7).

1.2.2. Three USA Athletes West USA (USEF AHSA Zones 8-12).

1.2.3. Two Canadian Athletes.

1.2.4. Two Mexican Athletes.

1.3. Extra Athletes

Any Athlete (extra Athlete) from another League, or who is a citizen of a nation not part of a League, domiciled in a country of the League in which he/she is participating, having gained at least as many points as the last qualified Athlete in that League (prior to substitution) is qualified for the Final in the League in which he/she has competed. For the North American League, an Athlete who is a citizen of a nation not part of the North American League or from another League, and who is domiciled in USEF Zones 1-7 or eastern Canada, respectively in USEF Zones 8-12, western Canada or Mexico, must obtain at least as many points as the last qualified East USA, respectively West USA, Athlete (prior to substitution) to qualify for the Final as an extra Athlete. Art. 657.1.3.

N/A for the 2020/2021 season if no League standings are established for the League concerned.

1.4. Qualification of Finalists from other Leagues

1.4.1 Number of Finalists from other Leagues

The number of finalists from other Leagues will be determined by the FEI Jumping Committee according to the overall standard of their own League.

1.4.2 South African League

The winner of the South African League will qualify for the Final of the following season, i.e. the League winner of the 2019/2020 season will qualify for the 2021 Final. The Horse(s) with which the qualified Athlete participates at the Final must have completed at least one FEI World Cup™ Competition in which the Athlete was eligible to earn points, as the nominated FEI World Cup™ Horse, during the season in which the Athlete qualified (refer to Art. 657.1.10).

1.5. Substitution of FEI World Cup™ qualified Athletes

In case not all qualified Athletes accept their qualification place for the Final, the following applies:

1.5.1 Western European

18 places, extra Athletes excluded, substitution up to 27th place in the final standings, extra Athletes included. *N/A for the 2020/2021 season for which the following applies:*

22 places, selected by the respective NFs, as follows:

- *The 10 best ranked Western European League Athletes on the 2019/2020 WEL overall standings, excluding the Defending Champion who automatically qualifies (Art. 657.1.9), will qualify their NF for a quota place. If there are two Athletes from the same NF among the 10 best ranked Athletes on the 2019/2020 WEL overall standings, that NF will earn two quota places.*

<u>Top 10 ranked Athletes of the 2019-2020 WEL standings, excluding the Defending Champion, earn a quota place for their NF</u> (Total quota places from WEL 2019/2020 standings: 10)	BEL GER GER FRA IRL BEL ITA NED NOR GBR	The respective NFs to select the Athlete(s) to fill their allocated slot(s).
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- *Each WEL NF organiser of an FEI World Cup™ Event, regardless of any Events cancelled during the 2020/2021 season due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be allocated one quota place.*

WEL NFs organisers of an FEI World Cup™ Event (Total quota places NFs of WEL events: 11)	BEL ESP FIN FRA GBR GER ITA NED NOR SUI SWE	The respective NFs to select the Athlete to fill their allocated slot.
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- *In addition, the host country of the 2020/2021 Final will be allocated one quota place.*

Host NF (One quota place)	SWE	NF to select the Athlete to fill the allocated slot.
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1.5.2 North America

14 places, extra Athletes excluded, as follows: *N/A for the 2020/2021 season for which the following applies:*

14 places, selected by the respective NFs, as follows:

- 7 USA Athletes - East USA (USEF Zones 1-7)
- 3 USA Athletes – West USA (USEF Zones 8-12)
- 2 CAN Athletes
- 2 MEX Athletes

Substitution in descending order of the final North American League standings, extra Athletes included in descending order of the final North American League standings, extra athletes included. *N/A for the 2020/2021 season for which the CAN, MEX and USA NFs will select the Athletes to fill their respective quotas.*

1.5.3 Central Europe

3 places, extra Athletes excluded; substitution up to 4th place in the final standings, extra Athletes included

1.5.4 South America South (consists of ARG, BRA, CHI and URU)*

2 places, extra Athletes excluded; substitution up to 4th place in the final standings, extra Athletes included.

1.5.5 Australia

2 places, extra Athletes excluded, substitution up to 3rd place in the final standings, extra Athletes included. *N/A for the 2020/2021 season for which the following applies:*

2 places, extra Athletes excluded, selected by the AUS NF

1.5.6 Central America and Caribbean Islands, Japan, South America North (South America North consists of BOL, COL, ECU, PER + VEN)*, New Zealand, China, South East Asia, Central Asia and South Africa

1 place, extra Athletes excluded, substitution up to 2nd place in the final standings, extra Athletes included. *N/A for incomplete Leagues in the 2020/2021 season if League standings cannot be established, in which case the following will apply:*

1 place, selected from the FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking (refer to rules on page 3) of NFs included in the League concerned, substitution up to 2nd place in the Combination Ranking.

1.5.7 Arab League

1.5.7.1 Middle East Sub-League: 3 places, extra Athletes excluded, substitution up to 5th place in the final Sub-League standings, extra Athletes included

1.5.7.2 North African Sub-League: 2 places, extra Athletes excluded, substitution up to 5th place in the final Sub-League standings, extra Athletes included

1.5.8 Caucasus-Caspian (consists of ARM, AZE, GEO and IRI), Korea

1 place, extra Athletes excluded, no substitution. *N/A for the 2020/2021 season, for which the following will apply:*

1 place, the best ranked Athlete on the FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking (refer to rules on page 3) of NFs included in the Caucasus-Caspian League, no substitution.

Annex F – RULES FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE

5. Qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Final

The number of Athletes eligible to compete at the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final through the North American League is as follows (Art. 657.1.2-1.3-1.5): *14 places, selected by the respective NFs, as follows:*

- a. Seven USA Athletes from East USA (USEF Zones 1-7)
- b. Three USA Athletes from West USA (USEF Zones 8-12)
- c. Two Canadian Athletes
- d. Two Mexican Athletes
- e. Extra Athletes (*N/A for the 2020/2021 season refer to Art. 657.1.3 on page 5*)

The CAN, MEX and USA NFs will select the Athletes to fill their respective quotas.

Annex E – RULES FOR THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN LEAGUE

FEI Jumping World Cup™ Central European League (CEL) Final Event

- The CEL Final will be allocated two years in advance.
- The CEL Final takes place over four days and includes three FEI World Cup™ Competitions.
 - Day 1: Table C Competition over a Table A course at 1.45m.
 - Day 2: Table A according to Art.238.2.2 at 1.50m
 - Day 3: (only non- FEI World Cup™ Competitions)
 - Day 4: Table A 238.2.2 at 1.55m
- Athletes qualified for the *2020/2021* CEL Final carry the points of their *three* best qualifiers into the final. In addition, points are given as follows in the three Competitions of the CEL Final:
 - 1st Competition: points to the ten best placed: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
 - 2nd Competition: points to the sixteen best placed as per the normal FEI World Cup™ points table;
 - 3rd Competition: double points to the sixteen best placed based on the FEI World Cup™ points table.

If Athletes are placed ex-aequo in any of the three Competitions the points for the relevant placings will be added together and divided equally among the Athletes concerned. In case of a tie on points after the CEL Final, the best result in the 3rd Competition of the final will be the determining factor; in case of further ties the best result of the 2nd Competition is taken into account and so on until a tie no longer exists.

Annex G – RULES FOR THE CHINA LEAGUE

5. Qualification for the FEI World Cup™ Final

One Athlete from the China League (Chinese, Hong Kong or Chinese Taipei Athlete) will qualify for the FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final *through the FEI Athlete/Horse Combination Ranking (refer to rules on page 3) of NFs included in the China League.* There will be substitution to the second place in the *Combination Ranking.*

As the Athlete qualified for the Final will not be able to transport a Horse from China due to quarantine restrictions, he/she must participate at the Final with a Horse based outside of China. In order to comply with the provisions of Art. 657.1.10 this Athlete/Horse combination will be allowed to participate at one FEI Jumping World

Cup™ Event in Western Europe as the FEI wildcard invitation (refer to Art. 654.3) or in a special qualifying Competition authorised by the FEI and must obtain a score of not more than eight penalties in the initial round of the Competition. Notwithstanding the above, this Athlete/Horse combination must also comply with the provisions of 657.1.12.