

# Rules

## FEI Jumping Children's Classics



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## 1. PRINCIPLES

- 1.1. The FEI Jumping Children's Classics may be organised by any member NF of the FEI.
- 1.2. There are three Tours, Gold, Silver and Bronze, of different standards. Athletes may participate in qualifying Events with Horses or Ponies in all three Tours. The Gold Tour qualifies for the FEI Jumping Children's Classics Final which will be organised on borrowed Horses.
- 1.3. Each Tour consists of two Competitions run over two ~~consecutive~~ days and four different courses designed by a Course Designer designated by the FEI.
- 1.4. Each of the two Competitions consists of two rounds run under Table A, Art. 273.3.3.2. 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.
- 1.5. 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 their 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.
- 1.6. Gold Tour Competitions must be organised at outdoor Events between 1 January and 31 October ~~2024~~ 2025. Silver and Bronze Tour Competitions must be organised at outdoor Events between 1 January and 31 December ~~2024~~ 2025.
- 1.7. Horses/Ponies must be at least six years old.

## 2. PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. A country may host and have Athletes participate in each of the three Tours.
- 2.2. Tours
  - 2.2.1. Gold Tour: For Athletes and Horses with more experience, age of Athletes according to the Rules for Jumping Events Annex XII, Art. 3.1 (from the start of the year in which they reach 12 until the end of the year in which they reach 14).
  - 2.2.2. 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 Athletes under 12 years of age. Athletes may participate in this category until the end of the year in which they reach 14.
  - 2.2.3. Bronze Tour: As for the Silver Tour, but for Athletes and Horses with less experience.
  - 2.2.4. An Athlete can participate in all three Tours with different Horses in the same year.
  - 2.2.5. Per round or Competition the Gold Tour must be held before the Silver and Bronze Tour.
- 2.3. The NF of the organising country may enter as many Athletes as it wishes in each of the three Tours.
- 2.4. An Athlete residing outside their country of Nationality may compete in the Competition for the country in which the Athlete is residing. They may also be members of their host country's team(s).
- 2.5. Foreign Athletes not residing in the organising country may compete under the conditions as laid down in Art. 101 of the FEI General Regulations. They cannot be members of the host country's team(s). The NF organising the qualifier must inform the FEI in writing of the nationality of all Athletes competing in its qualifiers.

- 2.6. 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.
- 2.7. Athletes may ride more than one Horse in each Tour but the score of only one Horse per Tour may count for the worldwide Tour standings. The Horse(s) competing for the worldwide standings must be declared before their first Competition begins and must be communicated in writing to the FEI. The Horse(s) must be ridden as first Horse in each round. The results obtained with the non-declared Horse(s) will not count towards the worldwide standings.
- 2.8. An Athlete/Horse combination that has been eliminated or has retired in ~~one~~ the first Competition may start in the ~~other~~ second Competition of the same Tour.

An Athlete/Horse combination that has been eliminated or has retired during the first round of any Competition may not take part in the second round of that Competition.

- 2.9. A draw for each Competition will take place to decide the starting order of the first round.
- 2.10. The order of starting in the second round for Horses competing for the worldwide standings 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.
- 2.11. A team classification will exist for the Competition.

- A team of three or four Athletes ~~must~~ may be selected before the first Competition commences. Names of Horses and Athletes must be sent by e-mail to the FEI Headquarters before the first Competition begins. For team Athletes who compete with more than one Horse in a Tour, only the declared Horse (see article 2.7) can be selected for the team.
  - 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. Teams of three Athletes will not have a drop score per round.
  - Team members eliminated/retired receive 20 penalties more than the lowest ~~placed~~ ranked Athlete in the same round towards the team result.
- ~~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.

- 2.12. If the FEI Jumping Children's Classics and the FEI Jumping World Challenge are organised at the same venue on the same dates, Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in both competitions but may not take part with the same horse if both competitions are organised on the same days.

### 3. ORGANISATION

- 3.1. Each NF is directly responsible for the organisation and judging of the two Competitions.
- 3.2. In all three Tours, each of the Competitions is to be judged by an FEI Jumping Judge (minimum Level 2) from abroad or from the home NF.

3.3. 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.

~~3.3.3.4.~~ For all Competitions organised regardless of the category, it is the responsibility of the Organiser to appoint a minimum of two (2) qualified Stewards, one (1) of these Stewards will be appointed as Chief Steward. The OC must appoint an additional Assistant Steward for

every 10 Horses entered in the Competition. It is the responsibility of each organising NF to make sure they have FEI Stewards in their country, consequently the appointed Chief Steward must be from the list of FEI Stewards, unless there are no FEI Stewards in the country, in which case a derogation to appoint experienced National Stewards may be requested. Derogations will be granted on a case by case consideration and are only meant as a temporary solution.

The Chief Steward reports to the President of the Ground Jury and is responsible for the coordination of the stewarding team, and is appointed to ensure a level playing field and Horse welfare in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations. The Stewards help stakeholders to prevent infractions and irregularities from taking place and intervenes when infractions or irregularities occur. If the appointed Chief Steward is not FEI, then sanctions (Warnings, Yellow Cards, etc.) may only be issued by the President of the Ground Jury.

The Chief Steward is required to send a report to the FEI at the conclusion of the Event.

3-4-3.5. The NF is also responsible for organising a proper Horse Inspection with a National or FEI Veterinary Delegate prior to the start of the first competition.

## 4. THE COURSE

4.1. The penalties will be calculated according to the FEI Jumping Rules, 27<sup>th</sup> Edition (updates effective 1 January 2025).

4-1-4.2. 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.

4-2-4.3. The course of the second round of each Competition will consist of between eight and ten obstacles including one double or one treble.

4-3-4.4. The courses will be designed by experienced FEI Course Designers, designated by the FEI Jumping Committee. The courses for all Tours will be identical; only the height/width of the obstacles and the speed will be reduced for the Silver and Bronze Tour.

4-4-4.5. The person responsible for building the courses at the Event should hold at least the qualification of a national course designer.

4-5-4.6. The following maximum dimensions apply to the three tours:

The width of obstacles must not exceed the height by more than 10 cm, ~~except (20 cm for the triple bar):~~

	Max. Height/Width	Max. Height/Width <del>Triple Bar spread</del>	Speed
	<b>1st round</b>	<b>2nd round</b>	
	<i>Height / Width</i>	<i>Height / Width</i>	
<b>Gold</b>	1.10m / 1.20m	1.20m / 1.30m <del>1.50m</del>	350 m/min
<b>Silver</b>	1.05m / 1.15m	1.10m / 1.20m <del>1.30m</del>	325 m/min
<b>Bronze</b>	1.00m / 1.10m	1.00m / 1.10m <del>1.10m</del>	325 m/min

4-6-4.7. The size of the arena is 65m x 45m and must either be marked out on the ground or railed off.

## 5. PRIZES

5.1. Organising Committees are free to provide prizes in kind for each Competition.

- 5.2. The FEI will, upon request of the NF, 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.

## **6. REGISTRATION**

- 6.1. Preliminary applications including places and dates to host qualifying Events must be transmitted to the FEI by 15 December ~~2023~~ 2024 in order to publish the calendar online. Applications received after 30 June ~~2024~~ 2025 will not be accepted and no additions will be made to the calendar after this date.
- 6.2. The Results must be submitted by the National Federation, to the FEI ([marijn.dubbeldam@fei.org](mailto:marijn.dubbeldam@fei.org)) immediately after the Competition. The NF must use the special FEI Jumping Children's Classics 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 their report to the FEI ([marijn.dubbeldam@fei.org](mailto:marijn.dubbeldam@fei.org)) also immediately after the Event along with one copy of the Event programme.
- 6.3. Athletes must have a FEI ID, however registration with the FEI in the current year is not mandatory.
- 6.4. Horses don't require a FEI ID. All horses must be properly registered within their National Federation and identifiable by diagram. Unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.

## **7. RESULTS**

- 7.1. 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 following each completed category. The names of the Gold Tour Athletes having qualified for the Final will be published on the website once all 16 foreign Athletes have confirmed their participation.