

Rules

FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy



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PREAMBLE

This booklet sets forth the detailed Rules of the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Jumping for Ponies, which is to be read in conjunction with the pertinent Statutes, General Regulations, Jumping Rules and Veterinary Regulations. It is acknowledged that every Eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In cases where there is not a rule to deal specifically with a particular situation, or if the narrowest interpretation of a relevant rule would result in a clear injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense, fair play and in the overall best interest of the sport, thus reflecting as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules and of the General Regulations.

1. PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL

1.1. Calendar

1.1.1. European Countries with two FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events

If, in Europe, a country is holding two FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events, those cannot be held in the same month.

1.1.2. Europe - authorisation to host an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event

In Europe, only Shows that are held annually may organise an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event.

1.2. Venue for FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events and FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final

The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy is in principle an indoor Series and the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final must be held indoors in a permanently covered arena.

FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events take place at selected International Shows. In Europe FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events must be held either in an indoor sports arena or in a covered exhibition hall.

1.3. Maximum number of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events per country in Europe

1.3.1. Europe – maximum number of Competitions per country

In Europe no country may hold more than two FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events. The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event may be organised in each European country.

1.4. Status of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions and Competitions at the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final

1.4.1. The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition at each qualifying Event is considered a Grand Prix. None of the three Competitions at the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final may be called a Grand Prix.

1.5. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition format – Europe

In Europe, the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition must be organised according to Art. 238.2.2.

1.6. Allocation FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final

1.6.1. Allocating Authority

The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final is allocated by the FEI Board upon recommendation of the FEI Jumping Committee. The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final is allocated one full year in advance. The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final will be at the end of the Calendar year (end November or December).

1.6.2. Withdrawal of Allocated Venue

If, for any reason, the chosen organiser of the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final withdraws, the FEI Board upon the recommendation of the FEI Jumping Committee will re-allocate the Final under the same conditions that prevailed for the original allocation, preference being given to the organiser next in line in accordance with the original vote of the FEI Jumping Committee.

1.6.3. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final - Agreement

The agreement for the organisation of an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final, established by the FEI, is binding.

1.7. Footing Expert and Computer Data Service Company

The organisers of the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final and of all FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy European Events must use the services of an experienced footing specialist and an FEI approved computer data Service Company.

1.8. Nationality of Athlete

The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy is a Series and is as such a unity with respect to the nationality of Athlete. In principle, an Athlete should end the season with the same nationality with which the Athlete started. No exception can be granted unless the proposed change of nationality neither affords an advantage to the Athlete in question, nor places another Athlete at a disadvantage.

2. ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICIALS

2.1. Overall Authority for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy

The FEI Jumping Director has the overall authority for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy.

2.2. Responsibilities of an Organising Committee

The Organising Committee of the Show staging an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event is responsible for the entire organisation of the Event.

2.3. Foreign Judge

The Foreign Judge is appointed by the FEI in agreement with the Organising Committee. It is recommended that the Foreign Judge acts as President of the Jury during the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition.

2.4. Appointment of Officials - FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final

The Foreign Judge is appointed by the FEI.

2.5. Travel and Accommodation expenses for Officials

2.5.1. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Qualifiers

The Organiser of the qualifier covers the travel, accommodation and meals expenses for all officials appointed for the qualifier in accordance with the provisions of JRs Art. 200.6, as well as the meals expenses for the FEI Representative. The FEI covers the travel and accommodation expenses of the FEI Representative attending the qualifiers.

2.5.2. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final

The Organiser of the Final covers the travel, accommodation and meals expenses for all officials appointed for the Final in accordance with the provisions of JRs Art. 200.6, as well as the accommodation and meals expenses for two FEI Representatives. The FEI covers the travel expenses of the two FEI Representatives attending the Final.

3. PARTICIPATION

3.1. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Calendar

3.1.1. Establishing of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Calendar

The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy calendar will be established following the bidding process put in place by the FEI. The FEI Jumping Committee will review all applications received for the qualifiers and the Final and make a recommendation to the FEI Board, which is the authoritative body for allocation of the qualifiers and the Final.

3.1.2. Date Restriction – Regional / Continental Championships

There shall be no FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition 10 days prior to, all days during and one week after the FEI Jumping European Championship for Ponies.

3.2. European FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events

3.2.1. Maximum number of Athletes in European FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions

The maximum number of Athletes in a European FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition is 30.

3.2.2. Duration of Events

In Europe, the Event lasts for two days minimum.

3.2.3. European FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Events – Entry Fee

Normal entry fee for Pony Competitions may be charged at the European FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event.

3.3. Participation of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Pony

The Pony entered for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition or having been ridden in the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition at an Event may not compete in another Competition on that day, neither before nor after the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition.

3.4. Number of International Competitions per FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event

There should be minimum 2 competitions. One Warm Up Competition 1m20- 1m25 Table A against the clock, no jump off - FEI 238.2.1, preferable on Saturday morning, or on Friday evening. The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition, Table A against the clock with one jump off - FEI 238.2.2, preferably on Sunday just before or after the Seniors' Grand Prix or FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competition of the Event, or on Saturday evening at prime time.

3.5. Prize Money FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions

The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition must have the highest prize money for Pony classes at each Event. In Europe the minimum prize money has been established as follows:

- FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition on Sunday (or Saturday evening): EUR 4'000 prize money or prizes in kind of equivalent value.

NB: In accordance with FEI Jumping Rules Annex XI, Rules for Pony Riders, the total prize money that may be offered at Events for Pony Riders may not exceed EUR 8'000.

3.6. Number of Ponies per Athlete in FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions

An Athlete may ride maximum one Pony in each of the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions.

4. INVITATION SYSTEM

4.1. Automatically Qualified – Europe

4.1.1. Invitation System – Europe

In Europe, the following are invited to each European FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event and where indicated have the automatic right to compete in the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition:

4.1.1.1. Top five countries in the most recent FEI Jumping European Championship for Ponies

Each of the top five countries, plus any countries tied for 5th place in the overall Team classification of the most recent FEI Jumping European Championship at the time of the qualifier may select two Athletes.

Unused starting places in paragraph 1.1.1 go to paragraph 1.1.4 if the total number is less than 30.

4.1.1.2. NFs hosting an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event

Each NF of a country organising an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event in Europe that is not in the top five countries of the European Championship may send two Athletes to each FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Event in Europe.

Unused starting places in paragraph 1.1.2 go to paragraph 1.1.4 if the total number is less than 30.

4.1.1.3. Five additional home Athletes

Five additional Athletes from the home NF are invited to the home Event, nominated by the NF.

4.1.1.4. OC Wild Cards

For the remaining places the Organising Committee has Wild Cards available to invite additional Athletes.

4.2. FEI Wild Cards

4.2.1. Allocation of FEI Wild Card

Two FEI Wild Cards are at the disposal of the FEI Jumping Director.

Unused starting places in paragraph 2.1 go to paragraph 1.1.4 if the total number is less than 30.

Total = max 30

5. COMPETITION FORMULA

5.1. Formula for FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions

All FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions must be run according to Art. 238.2.2.

The formula of Art. 238.2.2 is to read as follows: Table A Competition against the clock with one initial round and one jump-off against the clock. Athletes with equality of penalties for first place in the initial round take part in a jump-off against the clock.

The remaining Athletes are classified according to their penalties and time in the initial round.

5.2. Warm Up Competition for FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions in Europe

All Warm Up Competitions must be run according to Art. 238.2.1, Table A against the clock, no jump off.

5.3. Starting Time for FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions in Europe

5.3.1. Warm Up Competition

In Europe the Warm Up Competition for FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition must be held preferably on Saturday. If Friday is desired, it should not be before 18:00 or a formal application giving a valid reason must be presented to the FEI.

5.3.2. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition

In Europe the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition must be held preferably on Sunday before or after the main Senior's Grand Prix or FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competition. If Saturday is desired, a formal application giving a valid reason must be presented to the FEI.

5.4. Starting Order in FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions

5.4.1. Warm Up Competition

The starting order for all Warm Up Competitions must be established by a draw.

5.4.2. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition

The starting order for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition is the reverse order of the result of the Warm Up Competition.

5.5. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition Speed and Height

Each FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition is run at a speed of 350m/min. The height of the obstacles can be anything between 1.20 m and 1.35 m. The spread should be proportionate to the height and not more than 1.45 m (1.60 m for the triple bars).

5.6. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition Time Recorded

The time has to be recorded in 1/100 of a second.

5.7. Status of Course Designer

The courses for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions must be designed by Course Designers chosen from the FEI list of at least Level 3 Course Designers and must have experience in Pony competition.

6. FEI JUMPING PONIES' TROPHY POINTS

6.1. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Point System

6.1.1. Number of Athletes attributed points

FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy points are awarded to Athletes only (not Athlete/Pony combinations) for each FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition. Points are awarded to the 16 best placed Athletes.

6.1.2. Equality of points

Points won by Athletes who are tied are added and divided equally. Fractions of 0.5 or more are rounded up; fractions of less than 0.5 are rounded down.

6.1.3. Competitions with less than sixteen Athletes

If there are less than 16 Athletes starting the initial course of an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition, the scale of points will be reduced accordingly. Only Athletes who have completed the initial round will get points.

6.2. Scale of points:

If 16 or more Athletes have started the initial course	Points	Number of Athletes in the initial course												
		15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
1 st	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6
2 nd	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	3
3 rd	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	2	1
4 th	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
5 th	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6 th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7 th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8 th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
9 th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
10 th	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
11 th	6	5	4	3	2	1								
12 th	5	4	3	2	1									
13 th	4	3	2	1										
14 th	3	2	1											
15 th	2	1												
16 th	1													

6.3. Number of Competitions counting for FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Points per Athlete

6.3.1. Number of Competitions counting for points

Only the best 50%, rounded up to the next whole number, of the possible results count for qualification for the Final.

6.3.2. Exceptions to the Competition scale of points

If the number of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competitions is six or less, the following exceptions to the scale of points to count may be authorised:

- 6 Competitions 4 to count
- 5 Competitions 4 to count
- 4 Competitions 3 to count
- 3 Competitions 2 to count

6.3.3. Number of Competitions to count for FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy points in case of Event cancellation

If, after the adoption of the calendar, an Event is cancelled, the following applies:

6.3.3.1. If the cancellation is known before the start of the first Event: the number of results to count will be adjusted if necessary;

6.3.3.2. If the cancellation takes place after the first Event has taken place, the original number of results will count;

6.3.3.3. If following a cancellation only two qualifying Events remain, the Series can be run, in which case both results count for qualification for the Final.

7. QUALIFICATION FOR THE FEI JUMPING PONIES' TROPHY FINAL

7.1. Qualification per League

Qualified for the Final are:

7.1.1. Europe

Twenty European Athletes with the highest total points in the final standings.

7.1.2. Extra Athletes

Any non-European Athlete (extra Athlete) participating in qualifying Events in Europe, having gained at least as many points as the last qualified European Athlete (prior to substitution) is qualified for the Final.

7.1.3. Substitution of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy qualified Athletes

In case not all qualified Athletes in the final standings can go to the Final, the following applies:
Europe 20 places, extra Athletes excluded, substitution up to 30th place in the final standings, extra Athletes included.

7.1.4. Equality of Points

In case of a tie for the winner or the last qualified Athlete in the final standings, Athletes will be separated by the number of wins, second places etc.

7.1.5. Wild Cards Host Country

The country holding the Final may nominate in consultation with the FEI Jumping Committee one home Athlete otherwise not qualified for the Final if the host country does not have a qualified Athlete.

7.1.6. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final Entries

In principle, each Athlete qualified for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final may enter one Pony.

7.1.7. Defending FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Champion

The holder of the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy (Defending Champion) is allowed to enter the next Final as an extra Athlete, entering one Pony of their choice, providing the next Final takes place not later than two years after the last Final.

7.1.8. Pony Qualification

Athletes starting in the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final must participate with a Pony on which they, during the season, have completed at least one FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Competition.

8. FEI JUMPING PONIES' TROPHY FINAL

8.1. Formula

8.1.1. Number of Ponies per Athlete

An Athlete may enter and ride one Pony in the three Final Competitions.

At the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final Athletes start with zero points.

8.1.2. Duration

The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final is held over four days with a total of three Final Competitions. If the Final lasts four days, day three is a rest day.

8.1.3. Competition Schedule

The Competition schedule as well as the formula for the three Final Competitions are binding and are laid down as follows:

8.1.3.1. Training Session

Athletes must be provided with at least one opportunity to ride in the Competition arena prior to the first Final Competition.

A training session, with obstacles of approximately 1.20 m in height, must be held. This session is open to all Ponies at the Event. There will be no time allowed, no paying audience, no prize money, no saluting and no classification.

8.1.3.2. First Final Competition - First day

Table C over a Table A course. Art. 239 and 263. Maximum height: 1.30 m. No jump-off in case of equal time. (It is not intended that this course should have the character of a Table C "Speed and Handiness", but rather a type Table A course with bigger fences. The sole purpose for using Table C scoring is to give a skilful Athlete with an unlucky knockdown an opportunity to obtain a reasonable placing.)

8.1.3.3. Second Final Competition - Second day

Table A, against the clock. One round against the clock and one jump-off only against the clock. Art. 238.2.2, Height: 1.30 m-1.35 m. Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the first Final Competition are permitted to take part in this Competition.

8.1.3.4. Rest day – Third day

8.1.3.5. Third Final Competition - Fourth day

Table A, over two rounds, first round not against the clock, second round against the clock, Art. 273.3.3.2. Height 1.30 m - 1.35 m. The two rounds are approximately equal in the number of

obstacles and length of the course, the second round having an increased level of difficulty. Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the initial round of the second Final Competition are not permitted to take part in this Competition. There will be no prize money offered for the third Final Competition itself, the prize money will be distributed in the overall classification.

(For details on the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy overall classification, refer to Art. 8.4)

8.1.3.6. Declaration for the Third Final Competition

Declaration for the third Final Competition of the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final must be made no later than 30 minutes after the publication of the standings after the 2nd Final Competition.

8.1.3.7. Eligible for the first round of the third Final Competition

The 15 best-placed Athletes (plus ties) from the provisional classification following the second Competition are allowed to compete in the first round of the third final Competition. Qualified Athletes unable to start will not be replaced. Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the initial round of the second Final Competition cannot qualify for the third Final Competition.

8.1.3.8. Eligible for the second round of the third Final Competition

The 10 best-placed Athletes (plus ties) from the provisional classification following the first round are allowed to start in the second round of the third Final Competition.

8.1.3.9. Starting time of the third Final Competition

The third Final Competition may not start later than 15.00 hours (3pm), to end before 18.00 hours (6pm).

8.2. Limitation on participation of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Pony

Ponies competing in an FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final Competition may only compete in one Competition on that day.

8.3. Point System for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final

8.3.1. First two Final Competitions

In the first two Final Competitions points are given to all Athletes having finished the initial round.

8.3.2. Point System

The winner of each Competition gets one point more than the number of starters in the first final Competition. The second placed gets two points less than the winner, the third placed three points less than the winner, and so on.

8.3.3. Athletes eliminated or retiring

Athletes who have been eliminated or have retired in the initial round of the first two Competitions do not get points.

8.3.4. Equality of points among Athletes

Points won by Athletes who are tied are added up and divided equally. Fractions of 0, 5 and more are rounded up; fractions of less than 0, 5 are rounded down.

8.3.5. Transformation of points to penalties

After the second Final Competition, FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy points are transformed into penalties. The Athlete with the highest number of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy points after two Competitions will have 0 penalties. For all other Athletes the number of penalties will be calculated by multiplying with the coefficient of 0.50 the difference between their number of FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy points and the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy points of the leading Athlete after two Competitions.

8.3.5.1. In this procedure all decimals are rounded down.

8.4. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final Overall Classification

8.4.1. Classification

The overall winner will be the Athlete with the lowest number of penalties after the three Final Competitions. An Athlete who qualifies for the second Final Competition but who does not start in that Competition cannot be ranked higher than Athletes who started in both the first and second Final Competitions.

8.4.1.1. If Athletes are tied for first place after the three final Competitions, there will be a jump-off against the clock over a reduced course of at least six obstacles.

In case of equality of penalties and time in this jump-off a second jump-off, against the clock, will be held over the same course.

Athletes not in the jump-off but tying on penalties will be separated for the purpose of the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final overall classification by their time in the second round of the third Final Competition.

8.5. Starting Order

The starting order for the three Final Competitions is established as follows:

8.5.1. FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final First Competition

The starting order in the first Final Competition is based on a draw in one group.

8.5.2. Starting order second and third FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final Competitions

In both the second and the third Final Competitions, the starting order is the reverse order of merit after the first final Competition, after the second final Competition, or after Round A of the third final Competition.

8.5.2.1. Athletes who tie with the same number of points (after the first Final Competition) or penalties (after the second Final Competition or after Round A of the third Final Competition) will retain the same starting order among themselves as in the previous Competition or round whichever is appropriate.

8.6. Prize money FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final

The prize money has been established and shall be distributed as follows:

First Final Competition – EUR 1'000

1 st	250
2 nd	200
3 rd	150
4 th	100
5 th	70
6 th	55
7 th	40
8 th	30
9 th	30
10 th	25
11 th	25
12 th	25

Second Final Competition – EUR 2'000

1 st	500
2 nd	400
3 rd	300
4 th	200
5 th	140
6 th	110
7 th	80
8 th	60
9 th	60
10 th	50
11 th	50
12 th	50

Overall classification FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final – EUR 5'000

1 st	1'250
2 nd	1'000
3 rd	750
4 th	450
5 th	350
6 th	250
7 th	175
8 th	125
9 th	125
10 th	100
11 th	100
12 th	100
13 th	75
14 th	75
15 th	75

8.7. Time Recorded

The time has to be recorded in 1/100 of a second.

8.8. Pony Inspections

All Athletes must present their own Pony at the first Pony Inspection, if held on the day preceding the first Final Competition, and at the second Pony Inspection which must be held after the second Final Competition and prior to the Third competition.

Refer to FEI Veterinary Regulations Chapter IX, articles 1080-1085 for details relating to the regulatory height of Ponies and Pony measurement.

9. MEDICATION CONTROL

Medication control is compulsory at the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Final.

10. AUTHORISATION OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES

The FEI Jumping Director has the authority to allow reasonable exceptions to the above rules.