



GLOBAL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Rules for the
2025 – GLOBAL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
including the Global Champions (GC) Playoffs rules

1. Teams

- 1.1 **Number of teams:** The number of teams in the Global Champions League ("GCL") is limited to a maximum of twenty (20). The number of teams participating will be communicated before the start of the GCL season.
- 1.2 **Registration:** Teams must be registered before January 27th 2025.
- 1.3 **Team agreement:** A team can only register if it has concluded an agreement with the GCL. The fee is the same for all teams, except if a team registers for more than one (1) GCL season.
- 1.4 **No additional teams:** No team shall be added following the closing of the registration process.

2. Team Composition

- 2.1 **Roster:** Teams register a roster to include a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of six (6) athletes. An athlete can be registered for one team only.
- 2.2 **Athletes from Jumping Longines Rankings:** Teams must register a minimum of two (2) athletes who were ranked within the Top 250 of the Jumping Longines Rankings as per August 31st 2024. These athletes remain eligible under Group 2 of the Global Champions Tour ("GCT") invitation rules, regardless any changes in their ranking during the entire season.
- 2.3 **Athletes under 25:** To encourage the exposure and training of future professional show jumping athletes, the creation of a development squad by each team is encouraged. If a team wishes to register six (6) athletes, one (1) of the six (6) athletes must be 25 years of age *) or younger and not be ranked in the Top 30 in the Jumping Longines Rankings as of August 31st, 2024. Otherwise, a team can register five (5) athletes only.

*) i.e.: reach the age of 25 years between January 1st and December 31st 2025
- 2.4 **Athlete transfer window:** There is one transfer window during the GCL season, the dates of which will be communicated before the start of the season. Each Team can do a maximum of 3 riders change. Whilst transfers during the GCL season are thus possible, each team must at all times during the GCL season comply with the team competition requirements of this Article 2. Horses may be freely transferred between teams during the season.
- 2.5 **Athlete substitution outside a transfer window:** Substitution of an athlete outside the transfer window is only exceptionally possible for medical reasons in case the athlete is unable to compete for a minimum period of 45 days (corroborated by an official declaration of a medical doctor), or in case of sanctions that are not the fault of or could not be reasonably prevented by the team owner.
- 2.6 **Procedure:** Should circumstances – as described under article # 2.5 above – apply, the Team Manager (see article # 3) in question must inform GCL in writing, by means of the official GCL team member substitution request form, about an intended substitution of one of his/her team's athletes; the document must making clear:
 - a. Which of the members of the team in question will be temporarily unable to compete;
 - b. What is the reason for the unavailability of the athlete concerned, corroborated by a certificate issued by a medical doctor or by official documents corroborating the sanction in force (if any);
 - c. Which athlete is due to be added to the team concerned, in order to replace the team member temporarily unfit to compete and/or sanctioned;
 - d. As from which date during the GCL season the substitution is supposed to come into effect.
- 2.7 **Decision:** GCL will inform the Team Manager in question in writing – within three days maximum following the date of receipt of the official GCL substitution request form, provided all information required for a decision has been made available by the GCL Team concerned – whether or not the substitution requested will carry GCL approval. In case of insufficient information for GCL to take a decision, GCL will inform the Team Manager concerned accordingly.
- 2.8 **Rejection:** In case of a rejection of the intended substitution GCL has the obligation to provide a detailed justification for its rejection.
- 2.9 **Reverse of substitution:** An athlete – out for medical reasons or being sanctioned – can come back in the Team, when recovered or in case his/her sanction no longer applies, at any time during the GCL season. The Team Manager must request GCL in writing to reverse the substitution concerned. The moment to apply the reverse must however at all times be in line with the deadlines for entries for the next upcoming GCT/GCL event.

- 2.10 Reply:** GCL will reply within three days maximum following the date of receipt of the GCL reverse of substitution request form, provided all information required for a decision has been made available by the GCL team concerned – whether or not the reverse of substitution requested will carry GCL approval. In case of insufficient information for GCL to take a decision, GCL will inform the Team Manager concerned accordingly.
- 2.11** The athlete substituting the rider temporarily unable to compete, must:
- meet the same criteria (in terms of eligibility as a team member) as those applicable to the athlete he/she will be substituting;
 - leave the team with immediate effect, once the initial athlete (after being recovered or no longer being sanctioned) has again taken his/her position on the team concerned, i.e. following GCL approval of the reverse of substitution.
- 2.12** Should it be established by GCL that the substitution of a team member has been applied based upon incorrect information, all results of the team concerned – to which the substituting rider has contributed as a competing team member – will be considered null and void. Subject to FEI's approval, the team concerned will be disqualified from the GCL competition(s) concerned and will not be entitled to receiving points and prize money at the event(s) in question. This can be done retroactively.

3. Team Manager

- 3.1** The Team Manager is the only spokesman and designated representative of a team;
- 3.2** The Team Manager is the contact person between his/her team and the GCL, host organizers and the officials at each GCL Event;
- 3.3** The Team Manager will have the authority and responsibility to bind the team in relation to all matters, including matters pertaining to horse welfare and the protection of the athletes;
- 3.4** The team manager will be considered as an additional person responsible, in accordance with FEI rules;
- 3.5** The Team Manager will be registered in that capacity with GCL.

4. GCL Events

- 4.1 Length of 2025 GCL season:** The 2025 season consists of maximum 19 GCL Events (each a "GCL Event"). The number and dates of the GCL Events will be communicated before the start of the season and in any event before January 27th 2025.
- 4.2 Dates:** The GCL Events take place at the same Shows as those of the GCT.
- 4.3 Mandatory participation:** Teams must compete at each GCL Event. The team manager will declare which two (2) or three (3) athletes will represent the team at the latest one (1) week before the horse inspection of the GCL Event concerned. Only National Federations can process Entries of Athletes and Horses.
- 4.4 Composition:** At each GCL Event at least one (1) athlete must come from either the Top of the Longines FEI ranking in descending order (GCT Rules – Group 1) or from the Top 250 of the Jumping Longines Rankings as of August 31st, 2023 as defined under article 2.2. in these rules. However, subject to an application and the approval of the FEI, and only in the event an athlete from the Group 1 or Top 250 cannot participate in a GCL Event because he has been entered by his NF/Chef d'Equipe for a CSIO, an FEI Championship or the Olympic Games on the same dates, then the athlete can be replaced by another athlete of the team who does not fulfil this Group 1/Top 250 requirement.
- 4.5** If one of the three athletes of a GCL Team entered for a GCL Event is unable to compete at the GCL Event for veterinary or medical reasons or because the athlete in question is required to act as a last minute replacement in his National Federation's Nations Cup Team at a CSIO, the GCL team concerned will still be able to compete with two athletes only, i.e. without a reserve athlete.

5. Competition Format and Scoring

- 5.1 Type of Competition:** In 2025, GCL Events consist of two competitions (each a "GCL Competition"), minimum height of 1.50m and a maximum height of 1.60m, both according to Table A against the clock, with a time allowed (according to article 238-2.1 | FEI Rules for Jumping Events).

Speed: Depending on the size of the competition arena and/or additional local circumstances at the competition venue, the official schedule for each separate GCL/GCT event will specify, whether the speed required for the two GCL Competitions will either be 350 m/min., 375 m/min. or 400 m/min.

Planning: The two GCL Competitions at each GCL/GCT event will take place before the LGCT Grand Prix. As per GRs (Art, 109.12): "Subject to the unanimous agreement of the President of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and President of the Veterinary Committee in consultation with the Organiser, a Competition (either before or during) can be postponed and/or cancelled, not only due to force majeure, catastrophic occurrences, extreme weather conditions but also for non-compliance with FEI Rules and in specific situations where the welfare or safety of the Horses, Athletes, Officials or the public is compromised."

- 5.2 Team placing:** The final result of the teams is decided by adding the penalties of both team athletes of the first and second GCL competition. In case that after both GCL Competitions two or more teams tie on penalties, the aggregate times of both riders of the second GCL Competition will decide. In case there is still a tie, the aggregate times of both riders per team of the first and second GCL Competition will decide.
- 5.3 Individual athletes:** In addition to the team athletes, individual athletes (participating in the GCT Event taking place on the same date period) will be allowed to participate in both GCL Competitions. The prize money for each GCL Competition will be distributed amongst the team and individual athletes, based upon the individual classification of each separate GCL Competition.
- 5.4 Individual placing:** According to total penalties (i.e. penalties for faults at obstacles and/or penalties for exceeding the time allowed) and – in case of equality of penalties – according to the time incurred during the round. In case of equality of penalties and time for the first place, there will be no jump-off; the athletes concerned will be placed equal first.
- 5.5** Teams can change athletes and/or horses between the two GCL Competitions at the same GCL Event, provided the riders and horses have been duly entered for that particular GCL Event.
- 5.6 Prize money:** The prize money for the GCL Teams shall be based upon end-of-season standings ("**Standings Prize Money**"), upon points awarded during the season ("**Points Prize Money**").
- 5.7 GCT Grand Prix qualification:** The qualifying competition for the GCT Grand Prix, taking place at the same GCT/GCL event is incorporated in the second GCL Competition. The best 40 athletes (including ties) of the individual classification of the second GCL competition will be automatically qualified for the GCT Grand Prix. For further details regarding the Grand Prix qualification procedure, please refer to article 4 of the GCT rules.
- 5.8 Starting order of the GCL Team athletes:** The Team Manager shall inform the GCL organising committee which 2 athletes will compete in any given GCL Competition as the two team athletes, and in what competition order they will start, at the latest by the deadline stipulated by the FEI approved schedule for the Event concerned.
- 5.9 Exception:** Should circumstances so dictate, the Ground Jury may allow the athletes of each team to change their mutual starting order within the GCL team, as follows:
- Basically there will be no change of the starting order of the athletes within the team, once a team member (or both team members) have entered the arena. However, the Ground Jury may allow a change of the starting order within the team;
 - Changes applied to the starting order within the team on its own initiative – i.e. without obtaining previous Ground Jury approval – will incur the team's elimination from the GCL Competition in question.
 - Before eliminating the Team concerned, the Team Manager will first be granted the opportunity to explain the reason(s) for changing the starting order of the athletes within the team to the Ground Jury. The GJ will subsequently decide whether the elimination will be upheld or will be reversed.
- 5.10 Substitution:** Substitution of a horse or an athlete after being declared can only occur until sixty (60) minutes prior to the beginning of the GCL Competition in case of exceptional circumstances or for medical and/or veterinary reason (with official declaration of the medical doctor or veterinarian).
- Substitution can only be made for the athletes or horses that the Team Manager has declared for the GCL Event; horses must have successfully passed the Event's horse inspection.
- 5.11 Last minute substitution:** Notwithstanding the above, stipulated under article 5.10 – should circumstances so dictate – the FEI Veterinary Delegate at the Event, respectively the events official Medical Doctor may declare a horse respectively athlete unfit to compete during the warm-up, i.e. during the period of 60 minutes or less before the horse and/or athlete will be due to compete in any of the GCL Competitions.

If applicable, the FEI Veterinary Delegate and/or Medical Doctor will advise the Ground Jury accordingly. At the Ground Jury's discretion, the Manager of the team in question, as well as the Event's Sports Director, will be informed that the horse and/or athlete concerned will not be allowed to compete. Subsequently, the Ground Jury President – at his/her sole discretion and considering all relevant circumstances – may:

- a. allow the GCL Team concerned to replace the horse (that has been officially declared unfit to compete) by another horse, provided that the new horse has been officially entered for the event by one of members of the GCL Team in question and has passed the initial horse inspection or the reinspection successfully and provided that all conditions of the schedule for the Event concerned will be respected;
- b. allow the team concerned to replace the athlete (that has been declared unfit to compete) by another member of the GCL Team concerned, provided that the new athlete has been officially entered for the event and he didn't already compete as an individual rider in the 2nd GCL Competition);
- c. if deemed necessary, adjust the starting order within the GCL Team concerned and/or the starting order of the teams in the GCL Competition in question, in order to allow the replacing horse and/or athlete a fair amount of time for warm up / preparation purposes, before competing.

5.12 First GCL Competition starting order:

The starting order of the teams in the first GCL Competition will be established according to a separate draw, either manual or by computer.

The individual athletes start before the team athletes. The starting order of the individual athletes will be established by a separate draw, either manual or by computer. There will be a break between the finish of the last individual athlete and the start of the first team athlete.

Starting order of the athletes: riders of each Team are competing consecutively (one directly after the other; i.e. first in the arena is the first rider of the first Team, second in the arena is the second rider of the same team, and so on).

5.13 First GCL Competition Team scoring and placing: The team result is established by adding the penalties and time of the 2 team athletes. The team with the lowest aggregate penalties will be placed first. Teams tying on aggregate penalties will be separated by the total time of the two team athletes. The fastest total time will have precedence over the second fastest and so on.

5.14 Second GCL competition qualification: A team qualifies for participation in the second GCL Competition if both team athletes have completed the first GCL Competition at the event concerned.

5.15 Individual classification: an individual classification, based upon the combined individual results of team and individual athletes, shall be established to distribute the prize money for the First GCL Competition.

5.16 Second GCL Competition starting order: The individual athletes start before the team athletes. The starting order of the individual athletes will be established by a separate draw. There will be a break between the last individual athlete and the first team athlete.

The starting order of the teams in the second GCL Competition will be according to the reverse order of the classification of the first GCL Competition at the event concerned. Teams tying on penalties and time after the first GCL Competition will retain to their starting order of the first GCL Competition at the event in question.

5.17 Starting order of the athletes: Riders of each GCL Team are competing consecutively (one directly after the other; i.e. first in the arena is the first rider of the first Team, second in the arena is the second rider of the same team, and so on).

5.18 Second GCL Competition team scoring: The team result is established by adding the penalties and time of the 2 athletes per GCL Team.

5.19 Individual classification: An individual classification based upon the combined individual results of all team and individual athletes shall be established to distribute the prize money of this Second GCL Competition.

5.20 GCL Event results: The final ranking of the teams at a GCL Event is based on: (a) the total penalties of both athletes in both GCL Competitions; and (b) the aggregate time of both athletes in the second GCL Competition. In case there is a tie for the first, second or third place, the penalties and time of both athletes in both GCL competitions will count. If there is still a tie after this, the teams in question shall remain tied.

Prize money for Teams is only distributed at the end of the season according to article 6.2.

5.21 Points: Points are awarded at each GCL Event as follows:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	30	11	11
2	25	12	10
3	21	13	9
4	19	14	8
5	17	15	7
6	16	16	6
7	15	17	5
8	14	18	4
9	13	19	3
10	12	20	2

Points won by teams who tie for any place are aggregated and then divided equally among the teams in question. The score must be correct to 2 decimal places; the second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

5.22 Elimination/Retirement: The elimination of an athlete during any GCL Competition or an athlete retiring from his/her GCL Competition results in the elimination of the team in question. For the avoidance of doubt, the athletes on the team can continue as individual athletes at the GCT-GCL Event concerned. The eligibility of the eliminated/retired athlete to continue to compete as an individual athlete at the GCT Event shall however be determined according to both GCT and FEI rules.

A GCL Team eliminated/retired from the first GCL Competition may neither earn points nor prize-money for the event concerned and takes the last place in the classification of the first GCL Competition.

A GCL Team eliminated/retired from the second GCL Competition takes the last place in the classification of the second GCL Competition. In the final GCL classification of the Event concerned, a GCL Team eliminated/retired from the second GCL Competition will be placed before a GCL team eliminated/retired from the first GCL Competition.

5.23 Disqualification: The disqualification of a horse and/or athlete from a GCL Event – if competed on the team during the first and/or second GCL Competition – during any of the two GCL Competitions, incurs the disqualification of the team in question and results in zero points and no prize money being awarded to that team at the GCL Event concerned.

For the avoidance of doubt, the non-disqualified athlete on the team can continue as individual athlete at the GCT Event taking place on the same date period. The eligibility of the disqualified athlete to continue to compete as an individual athlete at the GCT Event shall be determined according to both GCT and FEI rules. Disqualification – in accordance with FEI rules and regulations – may also be retroactive.

5.24 Team not starting: A GCL Team not starting at all, in the first GCL competition will not be entitled to prize money and will not receive any points for the GCL Event concerned.

A GCL Team not starting in the second GCL competition, due to medical or veterinary reasons and with Ground Jury permission only, will be placed in the final classification after the GCL Teams having completed both GCL competitions at the GCL Event in question and will be entitled to receive prize money and points according to its placing.

A GCL Team not starting in the second GCL competition without Ground Jury approval will not be entitled to receive points or prize money at the event concerned.

6. GCL Overall Classification and Purse

6.1 GCL overall classification: The GCL overall classification is based on each team's points earned at each GCL Event. In the event of a tie on total points for any position at the end of the season, the team with the greatest number of 1st place finishes is ranked ahead of any other team tied for the same number of points. If there is still a tie, the team with the greatest number of 2nd place finishes is ranked ahead of the other team and so on until all teams with the same number of points have been separated.

6.2 Prize money: The amount of the prize money for the GCL overall classification, and its breakdown per ranking place, will be as follows.

For the 2025 season the total purse available will be announced before 31 January 2025, to be divided into 'Points Prize Money' (a.) and 'Standings Prize Money' (b.):

- a. The Points Prize Money will be 3.000.000 Euro, to be divided based on the following points system per GCL Event:

1 st team	30 points	11 th team	11 points
2 nd team	25 points	12 th team	10 points
3 rd team	21 points	13 th team	9 points
4 th team	19 points	14 th team	8 points
5 th team	17 points	15 th team	7 points
6 th team	16 points	16 th team	6 points
7 th team	15 points	17 th team	5 points
8 th team	14 points	18 th team	4 points
9 th team	13 points	19 th team	3 points
10 th team	12 points	20 th team	2 points

Every point will equal the total prize money purse announced before 31 January 2025, divided by the total number of points available per GCL event divided by the total number of GCL events that took place during the 2025 season.

Points won by teams who tie for any place are aggregated and then divided equally among the teams in question. The score must be correct to 2 decimal places; the second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

- b. The Standings Prize Money and its breakdown will be € 8.500.000, in total, to be divided as follows¹:

1 st team	€ 2.000.000	11 th team	€ 200.000
2 nd team	€ 1.400.000	12 th team	€ 200.000
3 rd team	€ 1.000.000	13 th team	€ 200.000
4 th team	€ 750.000	14 th team	€ 160.000
5 th team	€ 600.000	15 th team	€ 140.000
6 th team	€ 430.000	16 th team	€ 140.000
7 th team	€ 350.000	17 th team	€ 100.000
8 th team	€ 300.000	18 th team	
9 th team	€ 300.000	19 th team	
10 th team	€ 230.000	20 th team	

6.3 Top three finishers: The top 3 teams of the GCL overall classification must be present at the last GCL Event before the GC Playoffs to receive their prize in person and to be available to participate in the press conference. Teams to be represented at least by their athletes participating in the last GCL Event. The other athletes of the teams concerned, the team owners and the team managers will be invited. No prize money will be given to teams or athletes who do not present themselves at the prize giving ceremony, if required to do so.

7. Season Awards

7.1 At the end of the GCL regular season (i.e. following the last GCL Event before the GC Playoffs) there will be awards for:

- The owner of the best horse;
- The breeder of the best horse;
- The best overall rider;

¹ Prize money confirmed to the FEI by the deadline of 31 January 2025

d. The best Under-25 rider (not ranked in the Top 30 of the Longines Jumping ranking on August 31st 2024.

7.2 The classification for the Season Awards will be based upon a point system, applicable to every GCL competition; points will be allocated as follows:

1 st place: 70 points	3 rd place: 65 points	5 th place: 62 points
2 nd place: 67 points	4 th place: 63 points	6 th place: 61 points

and so on, down to the last place. U-25 riders and their horses will have a separate calculation, as far as their allocation of points is concerned. The calculation will consist only of rounds when the rider has ridden for a GCL team - not as an individual.

7.3 Points will be allocated based upon the position of the rider/horse in the individual classification of each separate GCL Competition. In case of athletes/horses tied for any position, the points linked to the positions involved will be added and divided by the number of athletes/horses involved in the tie.

7.4 Athletes/horses eliminated/disqualified or having retired from a GCL Competition will not receive points at all.

7.5 In the event of a tie on total points for any position at the end of the GCL season, the rider/horses having obtained the greatest number of 1st place finishes will be ranked ahead of any other rider/horse with the same number of points. If there is still a tie, the rider/horse with the greatest number of 2nd place finishes, will be ranked ahead of the other rider(s)/horse(s) with the same number of points and so on until all riders/horses with the same number of points, have been separated.

8. Miscellaneous

8.1 Every conceivable eventuality cannot be provided for in these GCL rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury to make a decision in a sporting spirit, based on common sense and fair play, by approaching as near as possible the intention of these rules.

8.2 Should there remain any omissions in the GCL rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

8.3 For the prize giving ceremonies of all competitions, riders are required to follow the OC's instructions and protocol. According to Art. 248.5 of the Jumping Rules *"Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses. The Ground Jury, however, for safety reasons, may make exceptions. If a prize winner fails, without plausible excuse to take part at the prize giving ceremony, the Ground Jury, at its discretion, may decide to allow the OC to withhold the Athlete's prize. Therefore, the OC must publish in the Schedule and programme the number of prize winners required to take part in the ceremony."*

GC 2023 | PLAYOFFS

9. General

- 9.1** The 2025 GCL is expected to consist of maximum 19 GCL Events and the GC Playoffs (CSI 5*) to be held in Prague (CZE) from November 19th up to and including November 23rd 2025. GCT reserves the right to change the venue in case of force majeure, subject to FEI approval.
- 9.2** The 2025 GC Playoffs will take place during one weekend, on the occasion of which a 'team quarter-final', a 'team semi-final' and a 'team final' will be organized.
- 9.3** The 2025 GC Playoffs will be held as a CSI 5*. There may also be a CSI 3* Event (or lower) held in conjunction with the 2025 GC Playoffs at the same venue. Horses entered for the 2025 GC Playoffs will not be permitted to take part in the CSI 3* (or lower) Event.
- 9.4** Participation at the CSI 5* GCL Playoff competitions will be limited to athletes registered with qualified teams only, plus individual riders qualified for the Super Grand Prix who have not been selected as a GCL team member for the GCL Playoffs, plus 5 individual riders selected by the Home National Federation with a maximum of 2 horses each, who will be invited only to compete in the 3 individual classes (see art 12).
- 9.5** The total prize-money for the 2025 GC Playoffs will be 10.000.000 Euro². The prize money of the CSI 5* 2025 GC Playoffs and of the CSI 3* (or lower) will be in accordance with the FEI rules.
- 9.6** A horse will not be allowed to participate in more than one competition per day.
- 9.7** Unless indicated otherwise in the rules for the GC Playoffs (article 9 up to and including article 12), all rules and regulations, stipulated by article 1 up to and including article 8 of this document, will apply to the GC Playoffs as well.

10. Invitations

- 10.1** ³Number of GCL teams invited: Sixteen (16), with minimum three (3) and maximum four (4) athletes, with maximum six (6) horses per team. Each athlete may bring a maximum two (2) horses.

In the event that one of the qualified teams withdraws from participation in the Playoffs, the team ranked 17th may replace it.

Replacement may be permitted until midnight on Friday, 7th November 2025.

Please refer to article 9 of the rules for the LGCT rules for the details on the total number of horses and athletes permitted at the GC Playoffs, based on their individual involvement in the event.

- 10.2** Maximum number of athletes: announced before 31 January 2025, plus individual riders qualified for the Super Grand Prix who have not been selected as a GCL team member for the GCL Playoffs, plus 5 individual riders selected by the Home National Federation with a maximum of 2 horses each, who will be invited only to compete in the 3 individual classes (see art 12).
- 10.3** The deadline for the substitution of a GCL team athlete duly entered, due to compete as one of the three or four member of the GCL team in question in the GC Playoffs, is one (1) hour before the GC Playoffs official horse inspection. Once this deadline has expired under no circumstances athletes entered for the GC Playoffs can be substituted.
- 10.4** If a GCL Team has entered three (3) athletes for the GC Playoffs only, the deadline for adding a fourth (4th) athlete to compete – on behalf of the GCL Team in question – at the 2025 GC Playoffs expires at the date for definite entries for the GC Playoffs, as stipulated by the official FEI approved schedule. Once this deadline has expired, under no circumstances athletes can be added to compete at the GC Playoffs.

11. Format GC Playoffs | Team Competitions

11.1 First Day – Warm-up

Training Session for GCL horses in the competition arena, 60 or 90 seconds per horse, approximately 8 obstacles, with a height up to 145cm. The training session will be open as well for GCT Super Grand

² Prize money confirmed to the FEI by the deadline of 31 January 2025

³ Updated and approved by the FEI Board on 06.05.2025

Prix horses and all Individual athletes competing at the event.

11.2 Second Day – First Team Competition | GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final

This competition's results will not count for the allocation of points for the Longines Jumping Rankings.

Eligibility

The 2025 GCL Quarter-Final will be open to 12 teams, i.e. the teams placed 5th to the last team on the GCL 2025 overall team standings prior to the GC Playoffs, with 3 athletes per team. The best placed four teams on the GCL 2025 overall team standings prior to the GC Playoffs are excluded from taking part in this competition (GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final). These four (4) teams will be automatically qualified for the 2nd Team Competition, the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final.

For the avoidance of doubt, should unforeseen circumstances or force majeure prevent a team – qualified for participation in the 2025 GC Playoffs – from competing, the team concerned will not be replaced.

Format

- This competition is run over one round, against the clock
- FEI JR - Article: 238.2.1 | Table A
- Jump-off: As a tie breaker in case of equality on points and time for the last place providing qualification for the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final only
- Maximum number of horses per rider: 1
- Obstacles Height: minimum 155cm | maximum 160cm
- Speed: Either 350 m/min or 375m/min | to be confirmed in the FEI approved schedule

Prize money

Team total prize money: 1.350.000 Euro⁴

Breakdown of prize money per team: breakdown will be announced before 31 January 2025

1st	€ 170.000
2nd	€ 160.000
3rd	€ 150.000
4th	€ 130.000
5th	€ 120.000
6th	€ 110.000
7th	€ 100.000
8th	€ 90.000
9th	€ 90.000
10th	€ 80.000
11th	€ 80.000
12th	€ 70.000

Starting order

The teams will start in reverse order of their placing in the GCL 2025 overall team standings, prior to the Playoff Event.

The starting order of the athletes within each team will be at the discretion of the Team Manager and must be provided in writing to the show office within 60 minutes following the conclusion of the warm-up session on the first day.

Riders of each team will be competing consecutively (one directly after the other; i.e. first in the arena is the 1st rider of the 1st team on the starting list, second in the arena is the 2nd rider of the same team, followed by the 3rd athlete of that team. Subsequently, the first rider of the second Team on the starting list and so on).

The starting order in the jump-off (if any) will be equal to the starting order of the teams concerned in the first round of the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final.

Placing

The classification of the teams will be established according to the total penalties of the 3 athletes per team, as well as according to their aggregate times, i.e. in case of equality of total penalty points per team only. The team with the lowest total penalty points and (in case of equality of total penalty points) with the shortest total time of the three athletes, will be placed first.

Athletes eliminated, retiring or not completing their round for any reason during the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final will – contrary to the provisions of article 5.22 – receive the result of the most severely

⁴ Prize money confirmed to the FEI by the deadline of 31 January 2025

penalised athlete of all other riders competing in the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final + 20 penalty points in addition; the total established accordingly will be added to the results of the remaining riders of the team in question. If the athlete eliminated or having retired has him-/herself been the most severely penalised of all athletes in the competition, before being eliminated or retiring, 20 penalty points will be added to his/her score.

In order to be placed in the final result of the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final, at least two out of three athletes per team must finish their round with a valid result (i.e. not being eliminated, not being disqualified or not having retired during the round). Teams that are not placed will not receive prize money, and any remaining prize money will be distributed in equal parts among the placed teams.

Tie breaker

In case of teams being placed equal on the last place providing qualification for the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final (on aggregate penalties and on aggregate times of the 3 athletes per team) in the final ranking of the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final, there will be a jump-off on penalty points and time, in which one rider – due to be designated by the Team Manager – per team will participate. If there is still a tie following the first jump-off, there will be a second jump-off in which two new athletes (one from each team) – due to be designated by the Team Manager – will participate and so on, until the tie will be broken. If there is a tie for the other places in the final ranking of the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final, the teams concerned will remain tied.

Qualification for the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final

The eight (8) best placed teams from this competition qualify for the second team competition (GCL Super Cup Semi-Final). Under no circumstances, a team eliminated in the GC Super Cup Quarter Final can go forward to the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final.

The teams placed 9th up to and including 12th in the final ranking of the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final will not be allowed to further compete in the 2025 GC Playoffs. The athletes of the teams concerned may however compete in the individual competitions on the third and fourth day.

11.3 Third Day – Second Team Competition | GCL Super Cup Semi-Final

This competition's results will not count for the allocation of points for the Longines Jumping Rankings

Eligibility

The 2025 GCL Super Cup Semi-Final will be open to twelve (12) teams, i.e. to:

- a. the teams placed 1st up to and including 8th in the final classification of the GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final, with 3 athletes per team; the composition of these teams may vary from their line up during the 2025 GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final;
- b. the teams placed 1st up to and including 4th in the GCL overall team standings prior to the 2025 GC Playoffs, with 3 athletes per team.

Team substitution

Should unforeseen circumstances or force majeure prevent a team, qualified for participation in the 2021 GCL Super Cup Semi-Final, from competing, the team concerned will not be replaced.

Format

- This competition is run over one round, against the clock
- FEI JR - Article: 238.2.1 | Table A
- Jump-off: As a tie breaker in case of equality on points and time for the last place providing qualification for the GCL Super Cup Final only
- Maximum number of horses per rider: 1
- Obstacles Height: minimum 155cm | maximum 160cm
- Speed: Either 350 m/min or 375m/min | to be confirmed in the FEI approved schedule

Prize money

Team total prize money: 2.000.000 Euro⁵

Breakdown of prize money per team: breakdown will be announced before 31 January 2025

1st	€ 250.000
2nd	€ 220.000
3rd	€ 200.000
4th	€ 180.000
5th	€ 170.000

⁵ Prize money confirmed to the FEI by the deadline of 31 January 2025

6th	€ 160.000
7th	€ 150.000
8th	€ 140.000
9th	€ 140.000
10th	€ 130.000
11th	€ 130.000
12th	€ 130.000

Starting order

The eight (8) teams mentioned sub 10.3 a. above will start first, in reverse order of their placing in the final classification of the 2025 GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final. In case of a tie, the teams concerned will retain to their starting order for the 2025 GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final.

Subsequently, the four (4) teams mentioned sub 10.3 b. above will start in reverse order of their placing in the GCL 2025 overall team standings, prior to the 2025 GC Playoffs.

The starting order of the athletes within each team will be at the discretion of the Team Manager and must be provided in writing to the show office before the deadline stipulated in the FEI approved schedule for the 2025 GC Playoffs expires.

Riders of each team will be competing consecutively (one directly after the other; i.e. first in the arena is the 1st rider of the 1st team on the starting list, second in the arena is the 2nd rider of the same team, followed by the 3rd athlete of that team. Subsequently, the first rider of the second Team on the starting list and so on).

The starting order in the jump-off (if any) will be equal to the starting order of the teams concerned in the first round of the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final.

Placing

The classification of the teams in the 2nd Team competition | GCL Super Cup Semi-Final will be established according to the total penalties of the 3 athletes per team and according to their aggregate times, i.e. in case of equality of total penalty points only. The team with the lowest total penalty points and (in case of equality of total penalty points) with the shortest total time of the three athletes, to be placed first.

Athletes eliminated, retiring or not completing their round for any reason during the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final will – contrary to the provisions of article 5.20 – receive the result of the most severely penalised athlete of all other riders competing in the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final + 20 penalty points in addition; the total established accordingly will be added to the results of the remaining riders of the team in question. If the athlete eliminated or having retired has him-/herself been the most severely penalised of all athletes in the competition, before being eliminated or retiring, 20 penalty points will be added to his/her score.

In order to be placed in the final result of the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final, at least two out of three athletes per team must finish their round with a valid result (i.e. not being eliminated, not being disqualified or not having retired during the round).

Tie breaker

In case of teams being placed equal on the last place providing qualification for the GCL Super Cup Final (on aggregate penalties and on aggregate times of the 3 athletes per team) in the final ranking of the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final, there will be a jump-off on penalty points and time, in which one rider – due to be designated by the Team Manager – per team will participate.

If there is still a tie following the first jump-off, there will be a second jump-off in which two new athletes (one from each team) – due to be designated by the Team Manager – will participate and so on, until the tie will be broken.

If there is a tie for the other places in the final ranking of the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final, the teams concerned will remain tied.

Qualification for the GCL Super Cup Final

The six (6) best placed teams in the final classification of the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final will qualify for the third team competition | GCL Super Cup Final on the fourth day. Under no circumstances, a team eliminated in the GC Super Cup Semi-Final can go forward to the GCL Super Cup Final.

The teams placed 7th up to and including 12th in the final classification of the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final will not be allowed to further compete in the 2025 GC Playoffs. The athletes of the teams concerned may however compete in the individual competition on the fourth day.

A team not starting at all in the Second Team Competition | GCL Super Cup Semi-Final, due to force majeure (i.e. at Ground Jury discretion), will be indicated on the competition's result sheet as 'DNS' (i.e. Did Not Start). The team in question will nevertheless be allocated its share of the prize money for the Second Team Competition | GCL Super Cup Semi-Final.

11.4 Fourth Day – Third Team Competition | GCL Super Cup Final

This competition's results will not count for the allocation of points for the Longines Jumping Rankings

Eligibility

The 2025 GCL Super Cup Final will be open to six (6) teams, i.e. the teams placed 1st up to and including 6th in the final classification of the 2025 GCL Playoff Semi-Final, with 3 athletes per team.

The composition of these teams may vary from their line up during the GCL Super Cup Semi-Final; however, the team composition may not be altered between the first and the second round of the 2025 GCL Super Cup Final.

Team substitution

Should unforeseen circumstances or force majeure prevent a team – qualified for participation in the 2025 GCL Super Cup Final – from competing, the team concerned will not be replaced.

Format

- This competition is run over two different rounds, 1st round not against the clock and 2nd round against the clock
- FEI JR - Article: 273-2.1 & 273-3.3.2 | Both rounds Table A
- Jump-off: In case of equality on points and time (total of 1st and 2nd round) for the first place only
- Maximum number of horses per rider: 1
- Obstacles Height: 160cm
- Speed: Either 350 m/min or 375m/min (to be confirmed in the FEI approved schedule)

Team total prize money: 6.500.000 Euro⁶

Breakdown of prize money per team: breakdown will be announced before 31 January 2025

1st	€ 2.500.000
2nd	€ 1.500.000
3rd	€ 1.000.000
4th	€ 750.000
5th	€ 450.000
6th	€ 300.000

Starting order

In the first round, the teams will start in reverse order of their placing in the final classification of the 2025 GCL Super Cup Semi-Final. In case of a tie, the teams concerned will retain their starting order for the 2025 GCL Playoff Semi-Final.

The starting order of the athletes within each team will be at the discretion of the Team Manager and must be provided in writing to the show office before the deadline stipulated in the FEI approved schedule for the 2025 GC Playoffs expires.

Riders of each team will be competing consecutively (one directly after the other; i.e. first in the arena is the 1st rider of the 1st team on the starting list, second in the arena is the 2nd rider of the same team, followed by the 3rd athlete of that team. Subsequently, the first rider of the second team on the starting list and so on).

In the second round, the teams will start in reverse order of their placing (on aggregate penalties only of three riders per team) in the classification of the first round of the 2025 GCL Super Cup Final. In case of a tie on aggregate penalties, the teams concerned will retain their first round starting order.

The Team Manager will not be allowed to change the order of the athletes within his/her team for the second round.

The starting order in the jump-off (if any) will be equal to the starting order of the teams concerned in the second round of the 2025 GCL Super Cup Final.

Placing

The classification of the teams will be established by adding the total penalties of the 3 athletes per team

⁶ Prize money confirmed to the FEI by the deadline of 31 January 2025

in the first and in the second round. The team with the lowest total penalty points and (in case of equality of total penalty points) with the shortest total time of the three athletes in the second round, to be placed first.

Athletes eliminated, retiring or not completing their round for any reason during the GCL Super Cup Final will – contrary to the provisions of article 5.20 – receive the result of the most severely penalised athlete of all other riders competing in that particular round of the GCL Super Cup Final + 20 penalty points in addition; the total established accordingly will be added to the results of the remaining riders of the team in question. If the athlete eliminated or having retired has him-/herself been the most severely penalised of all athletes in that particular round of the competition, before being eliminated or retiring, 20 penalty points will be added to his/her score.

In order to be placed in the final result of the GCL Super Cup Final's first and/or second round, at least two out of three athletes per team must finish their round with a valid result (i.e. not being eliminated, not being disqualified or not having retired during the round).

If an athlete is eliminated or has retired during the first round of the GCL Super Cup Final, he/she will nevertheless be eligible for participation in the second round. Provided the elimination during the first round was the result of a fall of the horse and/or rider concerned, the clearance/check to compete in the second round must first be obtained from the FEI Veterinary Delegate, respectively from the Event's Medical Services.

Tie breaker

In case of equality of total penalty points over two rounds for any place, the aggregate time of the 3 athletes per team in the second round will be decisive.

In case of teams being placed equal for any place other than the first place (on aggregate penalties and on aggregate time in the second round) the teams concerned will be separated by the aggregate times of their 3 riders in the first and in the second round. If there is a further tie for the places other than the first place, the teams concerned will remain tied.

If there will continue to be a tie for the first place only, there will be a jump-off on penalty points and time, in which one rider – due to be designated by the Team Manager – per team will participate. If there is still a tie following the first jump-off, there will be a second jump-off in which two new athletes (one of each team) – due to be designated by the Team Manager – will participate and so on, until the tie for first place will be broken.

12. Format GC Playoffs | Individual Competitions

12.1 Second Day – First Individual Competition

This competition's results will not count for the allocation of points for the Longines Jumping Rankings

Eligibility

This competition will be open to all horses, not taking part in the first Team competition | GCL Super Cup Quarter-Final on the second day, to be broken down as follows:

- 3 horses per team competing in the first Team competition = 16 teams x 3 horses = 48 horses;
- 6 horses per team of the four teams not taking part in the first Team competition = 4 teams x 6 horses = 24 horses;
- Additional horses (total number to be defined) from athletes qualified for participation in the Longines Global Champions Tour Super Grand Prix + the maximum five Individual Athletes selected by Home National Federation (refer to Art. 9.4 and 10.2).

Format

- This competition is run over one round, against the clock, without a jump-off
- FEI JR - Article: 238.2.1 | Table A, with a time allowed
- Jump-off: None
- Maximum number of horses per rider: 2
- Obstacles Height: 145/150cm
- Speed: Either 350 m/min or 375m/min | to be confirmed in the FEI approved schedule

Prize money

Total Prize money: 40.000 Euro⁷

Breakdown of prize money: According to FEI rules | Chart # 1 to be applied

12.2 Third Day – Second Individual Competition

This competition's results will not count for the allocation of points for the Longines Jumping Rankings.

⁷ Prize money confirmed to the FEI by the deadline of 31 January 2025

Eligibility

This competition will be open to all horses, not taking part in the second Team competition | GCL Super Cup Semi-Final on the third day, to be broken down as follows:

- a. 3 horses per team competing in second Team competition = 12 teams x 3 horses = 36 horses;
- b. 6 horses per team of the four teams not taking part in the second Team competition = 4 teams x 6 horses = 24 horses;
- c. Additional horses (total number to be defined) from athletes qualified for participation in the Longines Global Champions Tour Super Grand Prix + the maximum five Individual Athletes selected by Home National Federation (refer to Art. 9.4 and 10.2).

Format

- This competition is run over one round, against the clock, without a jump-off
- FEI JR - Article: 238.2.1 | Table A, with a time allowed
- Jump-off: None
- Maximum number of horses per rider: 2
- Obstacles Height: 150cm
- Speed: Either 350 m/min or 375m/min | to be confirmed in the FEI approved schedule

Prize money

Total Prize money: 50.000 Euro⁸

Breakdown of prize money: According to FEI rules | Chart # 1 to be applied

12.3 Fourth Day – Third Individual Competition

This competition's results will not count for the allocation of points for the Longines Jumping Rankings

Eligibility

This competition will be open to maximum [number to be confirmed] horses, not taking part in the third GCL Team competition | GCL Super Cup Final on the fourth day, to be broken down as follows:

- a. 3 horses per team competing in third Team competition = 6 teams x 3 horses = 18 horses;
- b. 6 horses per team not taking part in the third Team competition = 10 teams x 6 horses = 60 horses;
- c. Additional horses (total number to be defined) from athletes qualified for participation in the Longines Global Champions Tour Super Grand Prix, unless the same horse has been entered for participation in the Longines Global Champions Tour Super Grand Prix, due to take place on the same day + the maximum five Individual Athletes selected by Home National Federation (refer to Art. 9.4 and 10.2).

Format

- This competition is run over one round, against the clock, with a jump-off
- FEI JR - Article: 238.2.2 | Table A, with a time allowed
- Jump-off: One, in case of equality of penalties for the first place only
- Maximum number of horses per rider: 2
- Obstacles Height: 150cm
- Speed: Either 350m/min or 375m/min | to be confirmed in the FEI approved schedule

Prize money

Total Prize money: 60.000 Euro⁷

Breakdown of prize money: According to FEI rules | Chart # 1 to be applied

⁸ Prize money confirmed to the FEI by the deadline of 31 January 2025