

## FEI Group VII Series with Finals



### 1. FEI Group VII Finals

Open for all Group VII riders and horses qualifying from a series of selected events organized by Group VII National Federations or organising committees during equestrian season starting from season 2024-2025.

Young Riders and Junior (until they reach the age of 18) and Children from an NF outside Group VII but domiciled in a Group VII country are allowed to participate in the Group VII series and Finals for Young Riders, Juniors and Children providing they represent a Group VII NF and are administered for the qualifying events and Finals by the NF of the country in which they are domiciled.

Athletes not domiciled in a Group VII country may take part in the qualifying events of the Group VII series for Young Riders, Juniors and Children but cannot qualify for the Final.

#### 1.1 Athletes' Levels

**Young Riders**            16 until 21 years old

Open for all Athletes from the beginning of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 16, until the end of the calendar year in which she/he reaches their 21st birthday providing their 21st birthday falls in the same year of the Final.

**Juniors**                    14 until 18 years old

Open for all Athletes from the beginning of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 14, until the end of the calendar year in which she/he reaches their 18th birthday providing their 18th birthday falls in the same year of the Final.

**Children**                  12 until 14 years old

Open for all Athletes from the beginning of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 12, until the end of the calendar year in which she/he reaches their 14th birthday providing their 14th birthday falls in the same year of the Final.

#### 1.2 Horses' categories

##### Young horses

7 years old    Open to horses that reach the age of 7 years in the year of the Final.

6 years old    Open to horses that reach the age of 6 years in the year of the Final.

#### 1.3 Finals

1.3.1 The Finals for all athletes and young horses will preferably take place at the same venue. The Finals are held over a minimum of 3 days between the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March at the latest each year.

1.3.2 The Schedule of FEI Group VII Finals is the responsibility of the Group VII Technical Committee - Jumping department in collaboration with the Finals' Organising Committee and Group VII Technical Committee member to be appointed as Sport Director. The Schedule is approved by the FEI.

## **FEI Group VII Finals**

- The FEI Group VII Finals will take place at Sharjah Equestrian and racing club commencing in 2018 and finishing in 2022. For following years, if no other organiser applies to host the final, it will take place at Sharjah.

- Event organisers can host qualifying events for athletes of each category and for young horses. Qualifiers may start 2 weeks after the FEI Group VII Finals of the previous season.

### **2. Qualifying events for the FEI Group VII Finals (Children, Juniors, Young Riders & Young Horses)**

2.1 All Group VII National Federations may host qualifying events which must be included in the FEI calendar as for CSI Ch, CSI J, CSI Y and CSI-YH.

2.2 Coordination relating to the entry of qualifying events into the FEI calendar is the responsibility of the Group VII technical committee which is also responsible for the Finals. Qualifying events not approved by the Group VII technical committee will not count as qualifiers for the Final.

2.3 All qualifying events must be run according to FEI Rules and Regulations.

2.4 All National Federation members of Group VII can organize up to 3 qualifying events per category (Athletes age category) per season as **CSI Ch, CSI J & CSI Y events**.

2.5 Qualifying events for Young Horses. It is recommended to host this event at CSI-W events in the FEI World Cup Arab League. This will allow CSI-W Athletes to compete with their Young Horses at the same event with their CSI-W horses.

### **3. Riders' levels qualification (Children, Juniors, Young Riders)**

3.1 Athletes must obtain at least 10 points to qualify for the Final (refer to Annex I for point chart).

3.2 Qualifying events can be organized over 2 or 3 days.

The qualifying competition will take place on the last day of the event and must be run according to FEI Article 238 2.2 Table A of the FEI Jumping rules.

3.3 Athletes are allowed to participate with maximum two horses at each qualifying event. If an athlete has two horses, he must nominate the horse that will compete for qualifying points.

This horse must start first in the qualifying competition; the second horse can compete for the competition prize money only.

3.4 Points are given only for Athletes within the age limits of their categories year of the finals

3.5 Any rider who qualifies in both Juniors and Young Riders categories may only participate in one of those categories for the Finals.

### **4. Qualifying competitions heights and speed**

4.1 Children Max. 115 cm, Speed 350 m/min

4.2 Juniors Max. 125 cm, Speed 350 m/min

4.3 Young Riders Max. 135 cm, Speed 350 m/min

### **5. Young horses Qualification for FEI Group VII Final**

5.1 Group VII Young Horses

Qualifying competitions for young horses and the Young Horse Final is open to horses owned by Group VII citizens, the athlete is not required to be a national of a Group VII country.

5.2 All Young Horse qualifying events must have CSI-YH status with qualifying competitions for 5 and 6 year old horses in 2023 and 6 and 7 year old horses in 2024. These events must be run according to FEI rules and regulations. It is recommended to host this event together with a CSIW in the FEI World Cup Arab League.

### **6. Young Horses Qualification to FEI Group VII Final**

- 6.1 The best 30 horses of each category qualify for the FEI Group VII Young Horses Final.
- 6.2 Qualifying events can be run over 2 or 3 days, the qualifying competition must take place on the last day of the event and must run according to FEI Article 238 2.2 Table A of the FEI Jumping rules.
- 6.3 The number of horses which may be entered per athlete for each qualifying event is two.
- 6.4 All CSI-YH events must be run according to the FEI rules and regulations **for** CSI-YH.
- 6.4.1 **Final for 6 year old horses:** Is open to horses starting the qualifying period as 5 year old horses that turn 6 years of age in January the year of the Final.
- 6.4.2 **Final for 7 year old horses:** Is open to horses starting the qualifying period as 6 year old horses that turn 7 years of age in January the year of the Final.

## 7. Qualifying competitions heights

- 7.1 Horses 6 years old: Open to 5-year-old horses starting the qualifying period in 2023, the height of obstacles in qualifying competitions is 110 cm. Upon reaching the age of six as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 the height of obstacles in qualifying competitions increases to 120 cm.
- 7.2 Horses 7 years old: Open to 6-year-old horses starting the qualifying period in 2023, the height of obstacles in qualifying competitions is 120 cm. Upon reaching the age of 7 as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 the height of obstacles in qualifying competitions increases to 130 cm.

## 8. FEI Group VII Final for Children, Juniors and Young Riders

### Athlete age at the Final

Athlete Level	Age from	Age to
Young riders	The Final is open to athletes from the beginning of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 16	until the end of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 21
Juniors	The Final is open to athletes from the beginning of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 14	until the end of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 18
Children	The Final is open to athletes from the beginning of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 12	until the end of the calendar year in which she/he reaches the age of 14

- 8.1 All athlete that have obtained 10 points or more are qualified to take part at Group VII Final in their category.
- 8.2 Athletes are allowed to participate with one horse at the Final.
- 8.3 FEI Group VII Finals are runs over 3 days (penalty points are carried forward until the last day)
- 8.4 Awards are presented to the best 3 placed athletes / horses in each category after three days.
- 8.5 Final competition details for Children, Juniors and Young Riders

Description	Article	Starting order
First Day	238 1.1 One round not against the clock Speed 350 m/min height	Draw

Second day	238 1.1 One round not against the clock Speed 350 m/min	Reverse order of the first day's classification, in case of a tie for any place the starting order established for the first competition applies (who started first go first 2 <sup>nd</sup> day)
Third day medals	273 3.3 Over two rounds First round not against the clock and 2 <sup>nd</sup> round against the clock Speed 350 m/min	Reverse order of overall ranking up to 2 <sup>nd</sup> day, in case of equality of penalties and time in the overall ranking the starting order established for the 1 <sup>st</sup> competition applies (who started first goes first 3 <sup>rd</sup> day) 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of the third day is open to 25% of the number of starters in the competition on the first day, in any case, not less than 10 participants.

- In case of equality of total penalties in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> competitions and the times of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> competitions and the time of the second round of the third competition for any of the first 3 places in the overall classification there will be a jump off against the clock to separate riders tying for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

- A team classification will be established (Art. 265 of the JRs) based on the total penalties of the three best Athletes of each team in the first and second competitions. In case of equality of total penalties of the three best Athletes of each team in the first and second competitions for any of the first three team places, there will be a jump-off against the clock in which the total penalties and time of the best three team athletes in the jump-off will determine the final classification. The penalties incurred in the team jump-off will not count towards the total penalties of athletes in the individual classification.

- The teams must be composed of minimum three and maximum four athletes to be declared at the latest at 18h the day prior to the first competition.

8.6 Participation final competitions for Children, juniors & young riders

8.6.1 Athletes who didn't obtain 10 points to qualify to the final can take a part in the final competition and compete for the daily ranking of the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

8.6.2 Each competition of the championship will have two classifications one classification for the daily ranking and one classification for over all the 3 days championship.

8.6.3 3<sup>rd</sup> day (final day of the championship) for each category will be only for the qualified athletes. Non-qualified riders may not take part in the final day.

8.6.4 For not qualified Athletes to take a part in the FEI group VII finals competitions have to obtain at least one point at qualification standing points.

## 9. Final Young Horses 6 years old & Young Horses 7 years old

### Young horses age

Horses category	Horse age from January until December	Horses age from January until the final
Horses 7 years old	6 year old horses during the qualifying season until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	7 years old at the time of the Final in 2024
Horses 6 years old	5 years old horses during the qualifying season until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	6 years old at the time of the Final in 2024

9.1 The Final is open to the top 30 horses in each category according to the point system.

9.2 Maximum two horses are allowed per Athlete in each Category

9.3 The FEI Group VII Final runs over 3 days (penalty points are carried forward until the last day)

9.4 Awards are presented to the owners of the best 3 horses in each category.

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- In case of equality of total penalties in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> competitions and the times of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> competitions and the time of the second round of the third competition for any of the first 3 places in the overall classification there will be a jump off against the clock to separate riders tying for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Annex I - Points Charts

#### Points chart for the qualifying events (CH, J, Y & Young horses)

Rank	Points
1	11
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

### **Points chart for the qualifying events (Young horses)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Gets points according to the number of starters in the competition, plus one point.

*"E.g. :The number of horses in the competition is **10**, the first place gets **11** points"*

**2<sup>nd</sup> place and the next:** Gets points according to the number of starters in the competition, minus one point.

*"E.g. :The number of teams in the event is **10**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place gets **9** points, the next minus one (**-1**), and the last one gets **1** point"*

- No points are given for elimination or retiring or withdrawing

### **Annex II - Group VII Finals Technical Committee**

Chair FEI Group VII: Mr. Sultan Khalifa Al YAHYAEE

FEI Group VII Jumping Director: Mr. Ashraf Gaber Ellaithy

Member: Mr. Hussam Zummit

### **FEI GROUP VII Finals Qualification 2025**