

# Rules for the Longines Rankings



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## LONGINES RANKINGS/JUMPING - CALCULATION FOR 2024 LISTS

### 1. Generals

The list for the Longines Rankings takes into account the points obtained by Athletes over a twelve month period beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December.

The list for the Longines Rankings is produced by the FEI Headquarters.

The list for the Longines Rankings is updated weekly but is released on the first week of each month only. The updated version during the month is not published or distributed, except for specific purposes (FEI World Cup™ invitations, selection for Top Ten Final etc).

The list for the Longines Rankings begins on 1 January each year with the carryover of the total number of points which have been accumulated during the previous year until 31 December. At the end of each month, the points earned during that month are added to the list. The points from the same month the previous year are dropped from the list. For the purpose of calculating the monthly Longines Rankings, where an Event starts in one month and finishes in the following month, all Longines Ranking Competitions of the Event will be regarded as having taken place in the month when the first Competition of the Event took place (for example, if an Event is held from 30 April – 2 May where the first Competition of the Event takes place on 30 April, all Longines Ranking Competitions of the Event will be deemed to have taken place in the month of April and the monthly Longines Rankings will be calculated accordingly).

Unless exceptional circumstances apply, the methodology used for the calculation of the Longines Ranking is reviewed on a yearly basis with any potential revisions taking effect on 1 January of the following year.

Aside from other applicable provisions, Organisers of CSI2\* Events that wish to include Competitions counting for the Longines Rankings must invite a minimum of 50 Athletes.

### 2. Points obtained at Games and Championships

Points obtained at Games and Championships are retained on the list depending on the frequency of the Events. If the Event is held every four years, 25% of the points obtained are dropped after one year, 50% after two years, 75% after three years and the remainder after four years. If the Event is held every two years, 50% of the points obtained are dropped after one year and the remainder after two years.

### 3. Medical or Maternity Leave

#### Medical Leave

3.1 Athletes may request an official FEI medical leave provided that the medical condition is certified in writing by a medical doctor. To request the official FEI medical leave, the Athlete must submit the doctor's certificate and the completed Medical Leave form, available on the FEI website, to the FEI Jumping Department. The Athlete can choose the duration of their medical leave, with the minimum period being six (6) months and the maximum period being twelve (12) months. Applications cannot be submitted retroactively.

3.2 In the Medical Leave Form, the Athlete must indicate the start date and requested end date (the "**Medical Leave End Date**") of the official FEI medical leave. If the Athlete does not specify a Medical Leave End Date in the Medical Leave Form, the minimum period of six (6) months will automatically apply unless the Athlete subsequently informs the FEI Jumping Department otherwise, as per the process set out in Article 3.8 below. Where an Athlete requests an official FEI medical leave, the following rules apply in relation to the Athlete's ranking points.

3.3 In the period during which an Athlete has officially ceased to compete due to an official FEI medical leave, they will retain 50% of the Longines Rankings points earned from the corresponding month of the preceding year until their Medical Leave End Date.

3.4 The minimum length of time for which an Athlete may be granted an official FEI medical leave is six (6) months.

3.5 If the Athlete returns from an official FEI medical leave after less than six (6) months, no points will be retained from the corresponding months of the preceding year and the rankings will be recalculated accordingly.

3.6 The maximum length of time an Athlete may benefit from an official FEI medical leave of absence at one time is twelve (12) months.

3.7 During the period when an Athlete is on an official FEI medical leave, they may not compete in international or national Competitions; the FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly.

3.8 If the Athlete wants to be eligible to compete in international or national Competitions prior to the Medical Leave End Date (as stated in the Medical Leave Form), and the Athlete wants to be eligible for invitations that are issued according to the FEI Online Invitation System for Events taking place as of the new Medical Leave End Date the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Jumping Department at least ten (10) weeks in advance of the new date when they want their medical leave to end. The official FEI medical leave will end on that new date (provided the minimum period of six (6) months has expired).

If an Athlete wants to be eligible to compete in international or national Competitions according to an invitation that is received by the Athlete otherwise than under the FEI Online Invitation System (e.g. OC invitation), the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Jumping Department at least four (4) weeks in advance of the new date when they want their medical leave to end.

The FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly and the Athlete will be eligible to compete in international and national competitions as of the new end date.

3.9 If the Athlete wants to prolong the official FEI medical leave beyond the period originally stated on the Medical Leave Form, the Athlete must apply to the FEI Jumping Department prior to the expiration of the original period of the official FEI medical leave and submit an updated medical certificate to justify the extension request. In no case can the overall period of the official FEI medical leave exceed 12 (twelve) months.

### **Maternity Leave**

3.10 Athletes may request an official FEI maternity leave provided that the maternity is certified in writing by a medical doctor. To request the official FEI maternity leave, the Athlete must submit the doctor's certificate and the completed Maternity Leave Form, available on the [FEI website](#), to the FEI Jumping Department. The Athlete can choose the duration of their maternity leave, with the minimum period being three (3) months and the maximum period being twelve (12 months). Applications cannot be submitted retroactively.

3.11 In the Maternity Leave Form, the Athlete must indicate the start date and requested end date (the "**Maternity Leave End Date**") of the official FEI maternity leave. If the Athlete does not specify a Maternity Leave End Date in the Maternity Leave Form, the maximum period of twelve (12) months will automatically apply unless the Athlete informs the FEI Jumping Department otherwise, as per the process set out in Article 3.17 below. Where an Athlete requests an official FEI maternity leave, the following rules apply in relation to the Athlete's ranking points.

3.12 In the period during which an Athlete has officially ceased to compete due to an official FEI maternity leave, they will retain 50% of the Longines Rankings points earned from the corresponding months of the preceding year until their Maternity Leave End Date.

3.13 The minimum length of time for which an Athlete may be granted an official FEI maternity leave is three (3) months.

3.14 If the Athlete returns from an official FEI maternity leave after less than three (3) months, no points will be retained from the corresponding month of the preceding year and the rankings will be recalculated accordingly.

3.15 The maximum length of time an Athlete may benefit from a maternity leave of absence at one time is twelve (12) months.

3.16 During the period when an Athlete is on maternity leave, they may not compete in international or national Competitions; the FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly.

3.17 If the Athlete wants to be eligible to compete prior to the Maternity Leave End Date (as stated in the Maternity Leave Form) and the Athlete wants to be eligible for invitations that are issued according to the FEI Online Invitation System for Events taking place as of the new Maternity Leave End Date, the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Jumping Department at least ten (10) weeks in advance of the new date when they want their maternity leave to end and the official FEI maternity leave will end on that date (provided the minimum period of three (3) months has expired).

If an Athlete wants to be eligible to compete in international or national Competitions according to an invitation that is received by the Athlete otherwise than under the FEI Online Invitation System (e.g. OC invitation), the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Jumping Department at least four (4) weeks in advance of the new date when they want their maternity leave to end and the official FEI maternity leave will end on that date (provided the minimum period of three (3) months has expired).

The FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly and Athlete will be eligible to compete in international and national competitions as of the new end date.

3.18 If the Athlete wants to prolong the official FEI maternity leave beyond the period originally stated on the Maternity Leave Form, the Athlete must apply to the FEI Jumping Department prior to the expiration of the original period of the official FEI maternity leave. In no case can the overall period of the official FEI maternity leave exceed 12 (twelve) months.

#### 4. Calculation of prize money

In order for a Competition to count for the Longines Rankings, the prize money distribution charts published in the Draft Schedules must be respected. The value of the first prize, in cash and/or in kind, may not exceed one third (rounded for calculation purposes to 33%) of the total value of prize money and prizes in kind offered for the Competition. For Competitions in which the retail value of the prize in kind for the winner **EXCEEDS** 33% of the total value of prizes offered for the Competition, only 33% of the total value of the prizes offered for the Competition is taken into consideration for 1<sup>st</sup> place for the purpose of determining whether the Competition counts for the Longines Rankings and into which point group it should be placed (AA/A/B/C/D). Therefore, the prize money provided for Athletes placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> is considered to represent 67% of the total prizes offered for the Competition and must be distributed according to the percentages laid down in the prize money distribution Chart 2 (33% to the winner). In order to achieve this, the total value of the prizes offered for the Competition must be recalculated based on the premise that if the first prize represents 33%, the prizes provided for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> represent 67% of the total value of prizes offered for the Competition (100% = 33%+67%). The calculation is to be made as follows:

The amount of prize money offered for Athletes placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> is multiplied by 100 and divided by 67. The amount obtained through this calculation is the "recorded" value (100%) of the Competition for Longines Rankings purposes.

Example: A Competition is listed in the Schedule with a total value of prizes of EUR 97'000, of which a car with a retail value of EUR 47'000 is offered to the winner and EUR 50'000 cash is

provided for Athletes placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. The recorded value (100%) of the Competition for Longines Rankings purposes is equal to the value of the prizes provided for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> places (50'000) multiplied by 100 and divided by 67:  $100\% = 50'000 \times 100 \div 67 = \text{EUR } 74'626.86/\text{rounded to } 74'625$  (instead of 97'000). The recorded value of the car is considered to be 33% of this amount:  $33\% \text{ of } 74'625 = 24'626.25/\text{rounded to } 24'625$  (instead of 47'000). As the recorded value of the Competition exceeds EUR 28'200 it may count for the Longines Rankings and it falls into point Group C: EUR 56'800 – 105'499. The EUR 50'000 prize money is distributed among the Athletes placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> according to the percentages listed in prize money distribution Chart 2, using the recorded value of the Competition (EUR 74'625) as the basis for calculating the percentages.

**NB:** The above applies to cases in which the retail value of the prize in kind for the winner greatly exceeds 33% of the total value of prizes offered for the Competition; a certain degree of flexibility will be applied if the value of this prize in kind represents approximately 33%. Should the retail value of the prize in kind for the winner be less than 33%, additional prize money must be provided to meet the required percentage.

## 5. Point System

Competitions are divided into groups depending on their level. *Refer to Section 9.*

For Individual Competitions (see 9.1), Athletes obtain points related to their placing in the Competitions. The scale of points differs from one group to another. *Refer to Section 9.3.*

For Competitions in point groups AA and A (except at European/World Championships, Pan-Am/Olympic Games and FEI World Cup™ Final), points will be distributed based on the number of Athletes-rankedstarters in the competition according to the following points scale:

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

For Longines League of Nations™/Nations Cup Competitions (see 9.2), Athletes obtain points related to their results. If they obtain four penalties or less in at least one of the rounds, they earn points. This also applies to Team Competitions at Championships and Games. *Refer to Section 9.4.*

For Olympic Games, FEI World Championship, Pan-American Games, European Championship (Seniors), FEI World Cup™ Final and Asian Games, the first three placed Athletes in the overall individual classification obtain bonus points in addition to the points obtained during the Competitions. *Refer to Section 10.*

The 16 best placed Athletes-Athlete/Horse combinations (plus the Athletes-combinations tying for the last place to count) will obtain points in all individual Competitions counting for the ranking. Points won by Athlete/Horse combinations Athletes-who are tied are added up and divided equally among them. Two decimals are kept. The second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

Athletes placed more than once in the first 16 obtain points for their best placing only.-The number of results to count per Athlete per Competition is limited to one (their best placing).

## 6. Competitions

Competitions excluded: Special Competitions, **meaning show Competitions or Competitions** for which participation is based on personal invitations or for which not all Athletes at the Event

have the chance to qualify (such as Top Ten, Masters, rotating Horses, Competition in Groups with Winning Round), Knock-out, Puissance, Six-bar, Relay, Top Score, Fault & Out, Hit & Hurry, Take Your Own Line and any Competition in which the number of Horses that may be entered per Athlete is not the same for all Athletes. Team Competitions other than Longines League of Nations™/Nations Cup are also excluded, unless the Competition is open to all Athletes at the Event, an individual classification is established for the Competition and the prize money distribution is based on the individual classification; in such cases points are distributed according to the individual classification.

There will be no limit on the number of Competitions per Event which count for the Longines Rankings provided they meet the criteria of a group. However, no Event may hold more than one Competition in point group AA. If an Organising Committee wishes to hold more than one Longines Ranking Competition with prize money of EUR 308'600 / USD 339'460 or more, only one of these Competitions may count for point group AA; the others must be placed in point group A, providing they meet the minimum height requirements of point group A. In such cases the OC must designate in the Schedule which competition is to count for point group AA. The AA Competition must be conducted either as a one or two round Competition with a jump-off or as a two-round Competition without a jump-off.

## 7. Number of results to count

The number of results to count per Athlete per year for the Longines Rankings is limited to the best 30. The number of results to count per Athlete per day is limited to one (the Competition in which the Athlete earned the most points).

## 8. Horse/Athlete Combination Ranking List

In accordance with the above rules a ranking list for the Horse/Athlete Combination is established each year. If one of the two elements forming the combination changes during the year, the points start again from scratch. This list begins for each combination with zero point on 1 January and finishes on 31 December (only the points of the current year are taken into account; there is no carryover of previous championships or Games points).

## 9. Definition of Point Groups

### 9.1 Individual Competitions

The minimum height of all Competitions counting for points is 1.45 m. (NB: exception for the first and last Competitions of Regional or Continental Games or Championships as mentioned under point group E\*)

Individual Competitions counting for points must meet the minimum height requirements for the respective point groups. If the minimum height requirement for any given point group is not met, the Competition will be retrograded to the next point group providing it meets the height requirement for that group (e.g. if the prize money meets the requirements for point group A but the height of the Competition is 1.50 m., the Competition will be placed in point group B).

Group Minimum Height	Competitions
<b>AA</b> 1.60 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Competitions with a total prize money of EUR 308'600 / USD 339'460 and more (maximum one per Event)</li> <li>▪ Final Competition at Pan-Am Games, European Championship, FEI World Cup™ Final</li> <li>▪ First <b>Individual</b> Competition at Olympic Games</li> </ul>
<b>A</b> 1.55 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All Competitions with a total prize-money of EUR 164'700 / USD 181'170 to EUR 308'599 / USD 339'459</li> <li>▪ Speed Competition at Pan-Am Games, FEI World Championship,</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Championship</li> <li>Speed Competition and 2nd Competition at FEI World Cup™ Final</li> </ul>
<b>B</b> 1.50 m		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Competitions with a total prize-money from EUR 105'500 / USD 116'050 to EUR 164'699 / USD 181'169</li> </ul>
<b>C</b> 1.50 m for CSI3* and higher level; 1.45 m for CSI2*		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Competitions with a total prize-money from EUR 56'800 / USD 62'480 to CHF EUR 105'499 / USD 116'049</li> </ul>
<b>D</b> 1.45 m		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Competitions with a total prize-money from EUR 28'200 / USD 31'020 to EUR 56'799 / USD 62'479</li> <li>All Grand Prix Competitions at CSI/CSIO-Y and CSI-U25, providing the height of the initial round is at least 1.45 m. There cannot be another Longines Ranking competition with higher prize money than the Grand Prix (except for the Nations Cup if at a CSIO-Y).</li> <li>First Competition at Continental Championships for Young Riders providing the height is 1.45 m</li> </ul>
<b>E</b> As per rules		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All FEI World Cup™ Competitions not included above</li> <li>All CSI2* Grand Prix Competitions with at least EUR 6'200 / USD 6'820 in prize money. * There cannot be another Longines Ranking competition with higher prize money than the Grand Prix. * Group E does not apply to events organised in Western Europe, where the minimum amount for a competition counting for the Longines Ranking is EUR 28'200.</li> <li>The first and last Competitions at Regional or Continental Games or Championships not mentioned above, providing the height of first round is 1.40 m</li> </ul>
<b>F</b> As per rules	=2xA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final <u>Individual</u> Competition at Olympic Games</li> <li>Final at FEI World Championship</li> </ul>
<b>G</b>	= Dx1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Final Competition at Continental Championships for Young Riders, providing the height is 1.50 m (point Group D applies if the height is 1.45 m)</li> </ul>

**Note:** In case of payment of the prize money in a different currency to the currencies referred to in the above table, the effective selling bank exchange rate of the Friday preceding the competition must be used. For the avoidance of doubt, the minimum prize money referred to in the above table for the respective Groups reflects the minimum prize money per star level set out in the FEI Jumping Rules in force at the time of the approval of these rules. If the FEI Jumping Rules are amended to change the minimum prize money for a star level, the minimum prize money per category in the above table will be updated and interpreted accordingly.

## 9.2 Team Competitions

Group	Competitions
<b>HH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 5* Longines League of Nations™/Nations Cup Competitions*</li> </ul>
<b>H</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 4* Nations Cup Competitions*</li> <li>All 3* Nations Cup Competitions*</li> </ul>
<b>K</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 2* Nations Cup Competitions*</li> <li>All CSIO-Y Nations Cup Competitions providing the height is at least 1.45 m</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Team Competition at Continental Championships for Young Riders, providing the height is at least 1.45 m</li> <li>▪ Team Competition at Regional, Continental Games or Championships not mentioned below, providing the height is at least 1.45 m</li> </ul>
<b>L</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All 1* Nations Cup Competitions*</li> </ul>
<b>N</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Team Competitions at Olympic Games and World Championship</li> </ul>
<b>O</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Team Competitions at Pan-Am Games, European Championship*</li> </ul> <p>* Group O points are allocated regardless of the Individual classification.</p>

\*Points will be allocated providing the Obstacles and technical requirements are in accordance with the FEI Jumping Rules Article 264.3.1.

### 9.3 Scale of Points

Place	AA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	150	130	100	80	50	30	260	60
2	130	110	80	70	45	25	220	54
3	115	90	70	60	40	20	180	48
4	100	80	60	55	35	15	160	42
5	85	70	55	50	30	10	140	36
6	75	60	50	45	25	5	120	30
7	65	55	45	40	20	4	110	24
8	60	50	40	35	15	4	100	18
9	55	45	35	30	10	3	90	12
10	50	40	30	25	10	3	80	12
11	45	35	25	20	5	2	70	6
12	40	30	20	15	5	2	60	6
13	35	25	15	10	5	1	50	6
14	30	20	10	5	5	1	40	6
15	25	15	5	5	5	1	30	6
16	20	10	5	5	5	1	20	6

### 9.4 Longines League of Nations™ Qualifiers and Final/Nations Cup Competitions

Result	HH*	H*	K	L	N	O
<b>Double Clear</b>	140	<del>115</del> 100	60	40	260	200

<b>One clear + one round with 1 to 4 penalties</b>	105	<del>85</del> <u>75</u>	45	30	195	150
<b>One clear</b>	70	<del>55</del> <u>50</u>	30	20	130	100
<b>Two rounds with 1 to 4 penalties</b>	<del>70</del>	<del>55</del>	30	20	130	100
<b>One round with 1 to 4 penalties</b>	<del>35</del>	<del>30</del>	15	10	65	50

\*Depending on the percentage of Double Clear rounds in the Competition (the percentage calculation is obtained by dividing the number of Athletes having performed a clear round by the number of Athletes having started in both rounds of the Competition - so not counting the Athletes that competed only in one round -, then multiplying the number obtained by 100 with the result rounded at one decimal), the following scale of points will be applied:

<u>Percentage of Double Clear rounds</u>	<u>Scale of points</u>
<u>-5%</u>	<u>1.3</u>
<u>5.1 to 9 %</u>	<u>1.2</u>
<u>9.1 to 11 %</u>	<u>1.1</u>
<u>11.1 to 13 %</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>13.1 to 17 %</u>	<u>0.9</u>
<u>17.1 to 21 %</u>	<u>0.8</u>
<u>21.1 to 25 %</u>	<u>0.7</u>
<u>25.1 to 30 %</u>	<u>0.6</u>
<u>30.1 % +</u>	<u>0.5</u>

## 10. Bonus

Place	Olympic Games FEI World Championship	FEI World Cup™ Final FEI European Championship Pan-Am Games	Asian Games
1	120	80	30
2	100	60	20
3	80	40	10