

# Athletes regulations for the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping

#### 1. Introduction

The Rolex Grand Slam is a partnership association of 4 different Equestrian Events sponsored by Rolex S.A., establish in 2013 as an FEI approved series.

The Events in the Rolex Grand Slam are:

- CHIO Aachen
- CSIO Spruce Meadows 'Masters'
- CHI Geneva
- CHI 's-Hertogenbosch

The Grand Prix of each designated event will count for the Rolex Grand Slam.

# 2. Participating Events / Athletes

Athletes with a chance to win a bonus will automatically be invited to the CSI designated event under the FEI CSI invitation rules.

With respect to the CSIO/CHIO designated events:

If eligible qualified individual athletes, not entered as a team member for a CSIO event which is part of the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping, the respective NF's will make their best effort so that the eligible Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping athletes (those currently in the bonus cycle) are entered either as an individual in addition to team members or as a team member.

If the former (individual) is the case all National Federations represented by teams will be permitted to send one or two individuals in addition to team members. In summary, all NF's represented by teams must be allowed to have the same number of athletes represented at the CSIO.

The "Live Contender" (the winner of the latest Grand Prix part of the series) will automatically be pre-qualified for the Grand Prix at the next Rolex Grand Slam Major.



#### 3. Travel Expenses

In the case the place of residence of the winner of the previous events<sup>1</sup> is on another continent than where the Rolex Grand Slam event takes place, Rolex will reimburse the travel expenses of the athlete/horse(s)/groom with a maximum amount of €15,000 per horse, with a maximum of 2 horses per athlete.

# 4. Rolex Grand Slam Bonus

Rolex will reward a bonus in the case that an athlete (not athlete/horse combination) is participating and successful according to the bonus system as follows:

a) an athlete wins 2 successive Grand Prix in a row, bonus of €500,000

or

b) an athlete wins 3 successive Grand Prix in a row, wins the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping and a bonus of € 1,000,000

or

c) an athlete wins all 4 successive Grand Prix, bonus of €2,000,000

The bonus cycle (four successive, different events/Grand Prix) for each athlete will start at the moment of her/his first win, regardless of the calendar year, applicable to options a) or b) above. An athlete can only win one bonus during a bonus cycle at different events. No bonus can be combined.

In the case of a tie for the first place in a Grand Prix, both athletes will have the right to start their bonus cycles. In the case of a tie for a bonus the bonus will be paid to the concerned owner(s) of the horses.

In the case of extraordinary circumstances in which an event cannot be organized, due to a decision of governmental authorities or the FEI, the personal cycle / bonus available will be reduced –pro rata- by the number of events not able to organize.

The bonus will be paid out according to the FEI Rules after her/his cycle has been completed and the result is definitely confirmed. The bonus will be paid out under Swiss tax regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Updated and approved by the FEI Board on 06.05.2025.



The athlete will be invited at a prize-giving ceremony, which may take place at the event where the cycle is completed or elsewhere if the athlete is unable to attend the last event of his/her cycle. Rolex and the participating events will have the right to use the pictures/images of the winner of a Rolex Grand Slam for their own public relations and communication.

# 5. General

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the FEI approved schedules of each participating event in the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping. The Rolex Grand Slam Steering Committee will decide any unforeseen or exceptional circumstance, which is not addressed by these regulations.

This committee will interpret them and render a decision in a manner compatible to the fullest extent possible with the other provisions of these regulations as well as sporting spirit.

Swiss law is applicable for these regulations. All disputes arising from these regulations shall be decided by the CAS in Lausanne.

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