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1. General Principle

In accordance with the FEI Jumping World Challenge rules, The Category A events of the FEI Jumping World Challenge are qualifying events for the Final. Athletes must participate in a minimum of 2 out of the 3 Category A Competitions to participate in the World Final.

2. Venue

The Final is held indoors or outdoors at 1.20 m technical level. If held indoors, the arena must have minimum size of 1'200 m² with a minimum width on the short side of 25 metres (JRs Art. 201.2). The FEI Jumping World Challenge Final is following the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 27th Edition (effective 1 January 2024 - <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules>) and must be organised between February and December of the year following the Qualification.

3. Age of Participants

The Final is open to Athletes from the year in which they reach the age of 15. It is the responsibility of NFs to ensure that their Athletes are of the correct age. Passports will be controlled before the event commences.

4. Qualification Process

- a) Twenty Athletes (20) will be qualified to participate in the Final, i.e. the 1st and the 2nd best-placed Athlete from the Category A (best 2 results out of 3 competitions) in each regional Zone (10) based on the 2023 Regional Rankings will be invited to the Final. If the 1st or the 2nd placed Athlete is unable to compete at the Final, the invitation will pass over to the 3rd placed Athlete and so on, up to the 6th placed Athlete in each Zone of the Category A Regional Rankings.
- b) Once all possibilities of substitution within a regional Zone have been used, the invitation will pass over to the next eligible Athlete in descending order of the Category A Overall 2023 World Rankings. Note: A NF can be represented by a maximum of two (2) Athletes at the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final, unless all spots haven't been filled and additional wildcards are provided to the Host NF, then Host NF could have up to four (4) Athletes in the Final (see Art. 4-F).
- c) Only Athletes that have achieved a result of **no more** than 12 faults in total will be qualified for the Final and therefore eligible to compete. If no Athletes from a Zone finish under 12 faults, they will be substituted by the next eligible Athletes in descending order of the Category A Overall 2023 World Rankings.
- d) Note: The FEI Solidarity reserves the right to allocate one wildcard, in agreement with the NF hosting the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final in case not all Zones are able to qualify two Athletes.
- e) The FEI will notify Athletes of their qualification through their NF.
- f) The NF hosting the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final will be represented by two Athletes from its country, who have taken part in the 2023 FEI Jumping World Challenge, Category A.
 - I. If no Athletes have qualified through the original qualification procedure (please see Articles 4, 5 and 6 of these rules), then two (2) wildcards will be given out to the NF which will then nominate their two best Athletes in the Category A Overall 2023 World Rankings.
 - II. If only one Athlete has qualified through the original qualification procedure (please see Articles 4, 5 and 6 of these rules), then one (1) wildcard will be given



out to the NF which will then nominate their best Athlete (behind the Athlete already qualified) in the Category A Overall 2023 World Rankings.

If the hosting NF is not part of the FEI Jumping World Challenge series, two (2) wildcards will automatically be awarded. The host NF will choose the Athletes, however these Athletes must comply with Art. 3 of the present Rules and the FEI Jumping World Challenge series rules, Art. 3.6.

Past the Definite Entries if all spots have not been filled, the FEI in agreement with the Host NF and OC reserves the right to provide maximum two (2) additional wildcards to the Host NF. The Athletes will be selected in accordance with the qualification procedure stated in the present rules.

5. Borrowed Horses

Horses must be six years old or over. The Competitions will be on borrowed Horses provided by the OC.

All Horses provided by the OC, must be at 1.20 m technical level and have its own tack (bridle, saddle, protections, etc.). Athletes may bring their saddle, however it may only be used if it fits the Horse and in agreement with the Horse owner.

FEI passports shall not be required, provided that only national Horses take part, which can be positively identified with a document accepted by the FEI (FEI JRs Art. 279.6). Consequently as an exception to FEI Veterinary Regulations Art. 1027.2 and 1029.3, horses taking part in the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final are not subject to the FEI Horse Health Requirements and FEI HorseApp. It is however the responsibility of the OC and the owners of the borrowed horses taking part in the Final to make sure that national health requirements, sanitary measures and biosecurity protocols are adhered to.

6. Draw of Horses

Each Athlete will draw a Horse with which he/she will ride throughout the competition.

In the spirit of maintaining the same level of playing field for all of the participants, none of the Athletes taking part may have ridden on any other occasion prior to the first training session of the Final the horse which they have drawn.

Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule and approved by the FEI Secretary General the Horses for the host NF will be drawn first (JRs 279.2). The draw must take place in front of the Athletes, the President or a Member of the Ground Jury and the President of the Veterinary Commission or the Veterinary Delegate. The Horses must be present and properly identified and must wear the bridle normally used. This same bridle must be used throughout the whole Event unless the permission to change is given by the owner (JRs Art. 279.3).

7. Draw for the starting order

The names of all the Athletes and the country they represent will be arranged alphabetically. Each Athlete, in this alphabetical order, will draw a start number. The President of the Ground Jury must be present.

8. Substitution of Horses

The OC must provide at least 5 Horses in the case of injury, illness or incompatibility with the Athlete. Injury and illness must be verified by the FEI Veterinary Delegate. Horses may only be substituted in agreement with the Ground Jury. In the case of a substitution of a Horse, points may not be carried forward. If a substitution is made between the end of the



1st Qualifying competition and the start of the Final Competition, the Athlete in question may take part only in the Farewell Competition. Horses cannot be substituted for the Final Competition.

In case of substitution, there must be a draw for the attribution of the reserve Horse(s).

9. Training Session

Following the draw, each Athlete will be given the opportunity to school the Horse obtained in the draw at least once, during a stewarded training sessions in the practice arena.

The OC will establish the Rules governing schooling/training sessions for all competitions, including the Training session on Day 1. Horses may only be ridden in accordance with the approved schedule and final timetable established by the organiser, but for a maximum of 1h30 per day. (refer to FEI Jumping Rules Annex XII, Chapter III, Article 4, point 4.3.9 for schooling regulations of Events with Borrowed Horses).

Dress is informal during the training session; boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

Equipment: All Horses are to be provided with their own tack (bridle, saddle, protections, etc.) which must comply with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 257. Athletes may bring their saddle, however it may only be used if it fits the Horse and in agreement with the Horse owner and in accordance with the rules.

10. Formula for the Final

- First Day - Training Sessions with the drawn horses.
Each Athlete will be given between 45 minutes minimum and 60 minutes maximum in total (including warm-up and cool down) to ride the drawn horse in a first training session organised right after the draw. During this time, the Athletes may ONLY do some flatwork.

Following a minimum break of 3 hours, the athletes will ride their drawn horse for a second training session during which the OC must provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of maximum eight obstacles including a combination. The obstacles must have a height of maximum 1.15 – 1.20 m and a spread of maximum 1.25 m. Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of 90 seconds per Horse.

Dress is informal: boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

The format of the training session(s) on Day 1 might vary depending on the weather condition and/or other factors. The OC in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate will determine the final format of the training session(s) on Day 1 which must be communicated to all Athletes during the technical meeting.

- Second Day - Welcome Competition
The Welcome Competition will run in accordance to Art. 238.1.1, Table A, not against the clock. Athletes with equality of penalties share the prizes.
The competition is open to all Athletes.
Draw for starting order as per article 7.
- Third Day - 1st & 2nd Qualifying Competitions
 - a) 1st Qualifying Competition will run in accordance with Art. 238.2.1, Table A, against the clock, no jump-off. Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed according to the time to complete the round.
The competition is open to all Athletes
Start order: Athletes will retain their drawn order from the Welcome Competition.



b) 2nd Qualifying Competition will run in accordance with Art. 238.2.2, Table A, against the clock, but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first round.

The competition is open to all Athletes.

Starting order: - Reverse order from 1st Qualifying Competition classification.

- Forth Day - Rest day for the horses between the Qualification Competitions and the Farewell and Final competitions. The OC might decide to allow the Athletes to ride their horse or not on that day. This will be established in the rules for the schooling/training sessions on the rest day, but in any case, no jumping will be allowed on that day.

- Fifth Day - Farewell & Final Competitions

a) Farewell Competition will run in accordance with Art. 238.2.2, Table A, against the clock, but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first round. The Competition is open to all Athletes not qualified to participate at the Final, including those who have not finished one qualifying competition.

Competitors start in this competition with zero penalties.

Start order: Reverse order from 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions classification.

b) FINAL Competition, Art. 273.3.4.2, Table A over 2 rounds*. 1st round not against the clock. 2nd round against the clock. All Athletes except those retiring or eliminated in the 1st round return for the 2nd round. One jump off in the event of equality of penalties for 1st place. Classification according to Art. 273.4.4.

The Final Competition is open to the best 50% of the Athletes after addition of the points obtained during the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions in accordance with Art. 12 of the present rules. If there is a tie for points among Athletes following the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions, the result of the 2nd Qualifying Competition will count).

Competitors start in this competition with zero penalties.

Starting order: - Round 1, reverse order from 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions classification

- Round 2, reverse order of penalties in the 1st round. Athletes retain their order as in Round 1 in case of equality of penalties

*Both rounds may or may not be identical, at the discretion of the Course Designer. Refer to the Official Programme and Course plans during the Final.

Upon consultation with the FEI, the formula and format of the competitions may be subject to changes. The official Draft Schedule will contain the Final details on the competitions' formats and regulations. Always refer to the last version of the DS.

11. Schooling/training sessions

The OC will establish the Rules governing schooling/training sessions, however for all sessions which include jumping, Athletes will be allowed to jump a maximum of 6 obstacles in the warm up arena.

A cross can be provided at a max. of 40 cm height in the center. The height cannot be changed and the cross can be jumped at the discretion of the Athlete and is not counted as one of the 6 obstacles allowed.

12. Points System for the Final

1. The following point system will be used for the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions to determine which Athletes will qualify for the Final Competition. The winner receives



points equal to the number of Athletes in the 1st Qualifying Competition, plus one point. The 2nd placed competitor receives points equal to the number of Athletes, minus one. The 3rd placed competitor will receive points equal to the number of Athletes, minus two, and so on:

Example with 20 starters:

1st 21 points
2nd 19 points
3rd 18 points
4th 17 points etc.

In case of a tie among Athletes for any place in the 1st Qualifying Competition or 2nd Qualifying Competition, points are added together, divided by the number of competitors concerned and distributed equally among those in question (fractions up to 0.5 are rounded down, fractions of 0.5 and above are rounded up).

For the 2nd Qualifying Competition the results of the Jump Off count for the distribution of points. If there is a tie for points among competitors following the 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions, the results of the 2nd Qualifying Competition count.

2. Any competitors eliminated or retiring during any Qualifying Competition will not receive points for the competition in which they have been eliminated or from which they have retired.

13. Dress

Dress is in accordance with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 256.

Athletes are required to wear correct dress when appearing before spectators and are required to dress in accordance with the applicable provisions of JRs Art. 256.1., Art. 256.3 and GRs Art. 135.2 when they are competing or during the presentation of prizes. **This includes the Welcome Competition.**

When inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy. In any case, riding boots, white or light fawn breeches, a long- or short-sleeved shirt and a white tie or choker must be worn. Shirts must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs.

14. Saddlery

Saddlery is in accordance with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 257.

All Horses are to be provided with their own tack (bridle, saddle, protections, etc.) which must comply with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 257. Athletes may bring their saddle, however it may only be used if it fits the Horse and in agreement with the Horse owner and in accordance with the rules.