



## FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE "FINAL" RULES

1. The Category A events of the FEI World Jumping Challenge are qualifying events for the Final.
2. The Final is held outdoors. The FEI World Jumping Challenge's Final is following the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 24<sup>th</sup> Edition (updates effective 1st January 2013) and the Jumping Rules for Jumping Championships and Olympic Games, 24<sup>th</sup> Edition (updated effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 ( <http://www.fei.org/disciplines/jumping/rules> )).
3. 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. Twenty riders (20) will be qualified to participate in the Final, i.e. the winner and the 2<sup>nd</sup> best-placed rider from Category A in each regional Zone (10) in **2012** will be invited to the Final. If the winner or the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed rider is unable to compete at the Final, the invitation will pass over to the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed rider and so on, up to the 6<sup>th</sup> placed rider in each Zone.
5. 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 overall Category A overall ranking.
6. 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 ranking.
7. The FEI will notify athletes of their qualification through their NF.
8. The NF hosting the FEI World Jumping Challenge Final will be represented by two athletes from its country, who have taken part in the FEI World Jumping Challenge, Category A.
  - a) 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 Zone classification.
  - b) 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 rider already qualified) in the Zone classification.

If the hosting NF is not part of the FEI World Jumping Challenge series, two (2) wildcards will automatically be awarded. The host NF will choose the athletes. However these athletes must comply with the FEI World Jumping Challenge rules, Art. 3.5: "Any athlete that has competed in his/her career in the European Seniors Championships, World Equestrian Games and Olympic Games is no longer eligible to compete in the FEI World Jumping Challenge series and consequently in the Final."

9. **Horses** must be six years old or over. The Competitions will be on borrowed horses provided by the OC. Each athlete will draw a horse with which he/she will ride throughout the competition. An athlete may not ride his/her own horse.
10. **Substitution of Horses:** The OC must provide at least 5 horses in the case of injury, illness or incompatibility with the rider. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying competition for the Semi-Final and the start of the "Final", the athlete in question may take part only in the Farewell Competition. Horses cannot be substituted for the "Final".
11. In case of substitution, there must be a draw for the attribution of the reserve horse(s).
12. **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.
13. Formula for the Final:
  - a. Warm-up competition
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying competition for the Semi-Final
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying competition for the Semi-Final
  - d. Semi-Final
  - e. Farewell competition
  - f. Final with rotation of athletes.
14. The Warm-up competition is open to all athletes
15. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying competitions for the Semi-Final are open to all athletes
16. The Semi-Final is open to the top 60 % of the athletes (including those placed equal for last place) according to the cumulative penalties over the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying competitions. Those not qualified for the Semi-Final take part in the Farewell competition.
17. The Farewell competition is open to the athletes not qualified to participate at the Semi-Final including those who have not finished one Qualifying competition.
18. The Final is open to the best 4 athletes after the Semi-Final. It consists on a rotation of athletes.
19. Dress is in accordance with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 256. (<http://www.fei.org/disciplines/jumping/rules> )