

2018 FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE

Rules for Categories A, B & C

ARTICLE 1 - PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 The FEI World Jumping Challenge may be organised by any member NF of the FEI, except USA, Canada and Western Europe.
- 1.2 There are three categories, Cat. A (1.20-1.30 m); Cat. B (1.10-1.20 m) and Cat. C (1.00-1.10 m).
- 1.3 Category A, B and C each consist of **3 Competitions which will run under Table A, Art. 273.3.3.2, over two rounds either on the same day or over two days maximum.**
 - First round: Not against the clock.
 - Second round: Against the clock. Starting order in 2nd round: reverse order of penalties in the 1st round; Athletes retain their drawn order in case of equality of penalties - No jump-off.

There will be **two** different course plans (Round 1 and Round 2) per Competition run at 3 different heights. All courses will be designed by a Course Designer appointed by the FEI.

- 1.4 There will be an INDIVIDUAL ranking per Country, per Region and for the World for all 3 Categories.

In order to be in the rankings, an Athlete/Horse combination must compete in a minimum of two Competitions and in any case not more than three Competitions per Category. Only the results of the best TWO Competitions per Category will count for the rankings.

- 1.5 Placing: Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round of each Competition.
- 1.6 The size of the arena for all Categories (A, B and C) is **65 x 45 meters**.
- 1.7 The Category A qualifies for the World Final.
- 1.8 The Category A, B and C must be organised at outdoor Competitions between the 1st January and the 31st December.
- 1.9 National competitions may be organised in the framework of the Challenge. Any Athlete wishing to compete in both the Challenge and National competition(s) organised at the same time at the same venue, may only do so as follows:
 - a) National Competition organised before the FEI World Jumping Challenge: Athletes are **NOT** allowed to compete with the same horse(s) in both competitions.
 - b) FEI World Jumping Challenge Competition organised before the National Competition: Athletes are allowed to start in both competitions with the same horse(s) unless National Regulations prevent it.

It is not allowed for athlete/horse combinations taking part in the FEI World Jumping Challenge to jump or attempt to jump any obstacles part of the official course at any time before the start of the competition. Failure to comply may result in Elimination or Disqualification as per the FEI Jumping Rules articles 241.3.1 and 242.2.4.

ARTICLE 2 - HORSE INSPECTION

- 2.1 Horse Inspection: Any horse participating, must prior to participating pass a horse inspection carried out by an FEI Veterinary Delegate to be appointed by the OC in accordance with Article 280.2, FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 25th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2018 (refer to www.inside.fei.org > Jumping > Rules).
- 2.2 FEI GR Art. 137.2: As an exception to the FEI General Regulations, horses taking part in the FEI World Jumping Challenge competitions in their own country do **NOT** need to be registered with the FEI and therefore are **NOT** required to have an official, valid FEI Passport, or a National Passport approved by the FEI accompanied by an FEI Recognition Card, as a mean of identification and to establish ownership.
- All such horses must be properly registered within their National Federation and identifiable by diagram. Unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.
- 2.3 The Inspection must take place on a firm, level and clean but not slippery surface (VR Article 1033).
- The horse must be walked and trotted on a loose rein.
- 2.4 The FEI Judge must be present and the Horse Inspection must take place, in principle, on the day preceding the Competition to allow for an eventual re-inspection.
- 2.5 It is the responsibility of the NF and/or OC to award a special prize to the best presented horse based on the Ground Jury & FEI Veterinary Delegate's decision.
- 2.6 Horses must be six years old or over.

ARTICLE 3 – PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 The three categories are open to all athletes from the beginning of the year in which they reach their 14th birthday for Categories A, B, & C.
- 3.2 A horse may compete with only ONE Athlete, in only ONE Category throughout the FEI World Jumping Challenge during the same year.
- 3.3 An athlete may ride in all 3 Categories with 3 different horses. In addition to his Individual results, if an athlete competes in more than one Category only the results of the highest Category will count for the Team ranking (see Art. 8.4).
- 3.4 Horses cannot be ridden by more than one athlete in one Category throughout the FEI World Jumping Challenge during the same year. Athletes may ride more than one horse in a category but the results of only one horse will count. This horse must be declared before the first round of the first Competition in which the athlete takes part. The athlete must complete the official FEI Declaration Form (available to download on the FEI Website, i.e. <http://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/jumping/downloads>) sign it and submit it to the OC. The OC must in turn submit this to the PGJ – all forms must be signed and submitted before the start of the competition. A copy of the form (with both signatures) must be submitted to the FEI with the results. The declared horse must be ridden first in all rounds of all Competitions. The results obtained with the other horses will not count towards the final standings.
- 3.5 Athletes having participated at more than 3 International Jumping events (this includes Senior Regional/Continental Games & Championships/WEG/OG) in competitions at 1.35m and higher in the same year are not allowed to compete.

An athlete that has NOT competed at the above mentioned level since more than 3 years

is allowed to compete in the FEI World Jumping Challenge again.

This restriction does not apply to Juniors and Young Riders.

Other restrictions may apply based on National Federation's participation criteria. Athletes must consult the National regulations for such restrictions.

- 3.6 Any athlete that has competed in the Youth Olympic Games is eligible to compete in the FEI World Jumping Challenge.
- 3.7 If the FEI Children's International Classics and the FEI World Jumping Challenge are organised at the same venue on the same dates, Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in both competitions but may not take part with the same horse if both competitions are organised on the same days.
- 3.8 The NF of the organising country may enter as many athletes as it wishes for each of the 3 competitions.
- 3.9 **As an exception to the FEI General Regulations**, in the World Jumping Challenge "Athletes Living outside their country of nationality" (as defined in the FEI General Regulations) may compete for their country of residence. **They may also be members of their host country's team.**

Foreign Athletes from another Challenge NF or from a `non-Challenge´ NF may compete in the World Jumping Challenge under the conditions of Art. 101.2, FEI General Regulations. **Foreign Athletes may only compete for their country of sport nationality, and cannot be a member of the host country's team.**

- 3.10 Athletes and Horses participating in the FEI World Jumping Challenge do **NOT** need to be registered with the FEI.
- 3.11 **Category A, B and C:**
An athlete/horse combination eliminated in one competition of the Category A, B or C may start in the other competitions of the same Category.

An athlete/horse combination eliminated in the 1st round of any competition, is NOT allowed to start in the 2nd rounds of the competition.

- 3.12 **Category A, B and C: Draw & Starting order**

A draw for each of the 3 competitions will take place to decide the starting order.

The order of starting for all horses and athletes in the second round of each competition will follow the reverse order of penalties in the first round, whether horses are competing for FEI placing or not. In the event of equal penalties, athletes will start in the same order as in the first round of each competition.

In case an athlete is riding more than one horse, the declared horse must be ridden first in all rounds.

- 3.13 **Ponies:**

A pony or small horse NOT registered as a pony may compete in any FEI event as a horse. The rules for the category of event then apply as per the age of the equine and the athlete.

A pony registered as a PONY, can participate in Pony classes and in other FEI events at the discretion of the OC, however in such cases the age of the athlete must comply with the FEI Pony riders rules (no adults).

ARTICLE 4 - ORGANISATION

- 4.1 Each NF is directly responsible for the organisation and judging of the three Competitions.
- 4.2 Countries may organise Categories A, B and/or C. The Competitions may be held at different periods and places or simultaneously. However, a maximum of 2 out of the 3 Competitions may be organised consecutively over two days; the third Competition must be organised separately – minimum one week apart (see annex option 4-5).
- 4.3 Countries may make a special request to the FEI in order to host one or more Challenge Competitions in separate locations. This will only be granted due to geographical locations, if the country is too large to have the whole competition in one venue.
- See Annex I for example of Calendar Options.
- 4.4 **Category A:** The Ground Jury must be composed of a President who must be an FEI Judge for Competitions 1 and 2. For Competition 3, the Ground Jury must be composed of a President (FEI Judge) plus an FEI Foreign Judge (minimum 2* Level - for Youth Olympic Games qualifiers, see article 9.2). If there is no FEI Judge in the country, the FEI Foreign Judge will act as the President of the Ground Jury with a panel of national judges.
- 4.5 **Category B & C:** The Ground Jury must be composed of a President who must be an FEI Judge for all 3 Competitions. An FEI Foreign Judge is not required for these categories.
- 4.6 The Judge's Report must be completed and signed (an electronic signature is acceptable) by the FEI Foreign Judge for Competition 3 for Category A and by the FEI Judge President of the Ground Jury for Competitions 1 and 2 for Category A and for all 3 Competitions for Category B & C.
- 4.7 All Judges, both National and Foreign, must be jumping judges.
- 4.8 The FEI Foreign Judge must act as FEI Technical Delegate at the same time and make sure that all details in the course are in accordance with the published course plans.

ARTICLE 5 - THE COURSE

- 5.1 The penalties will be calculated according to the FEI Jumping Rules, 25th Edition (updates effective 1 January 2018).
- 5.2 The courses will consist of between nine and twelve obstacles including one or two doubles and at least two upright and two spread obstacles. **There will be no wall and no triple combination.** There will be no water jump, but obstacles which include a water ditch (called Liverpools) may be used.
- 5.3 The FEI World Jumping Challenge Course Plans are designed each year by an experienced FEI Course Designer appointed by the FEI.
- 5.4 The following maximum dimensions apply in the three categories. The width of obstacles must not exceed the height by more than 10 cm (20 cm for the triple bar):

	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>SPREAD</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
Cat. A	1.20-1.30 M	1.30-1.40 M	350 m/min
Cat. B	1.10-1.20 M	1.20-1.30 M	325 m/min
Cat. C	1.00-1.10 M	1.10-1.20 M	325 m/min

- 5.5 Procedure for approving new safety cups
Please consult the FEI website under:
<http://www.inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/jumping/safety-timing>.
- 5.6 The competition arena must be enclosed (FEI Rules for Jumping Event, Art. 201 and Memorandum for Jumping Events, Section 3). The size of the arena for the World Jumping Challenge Cat. A, B and C is **65 x 45 m**. If built inside a larger arena, it must be either marked out on the ground or railed off
- 5.7 FEI Certified Safety cups must be used for all oxers, and all other obstacles wherever possible, including within the warm-up area.

ARTICLE 6 - PRIZES

The Organising Committee within each country is responsible for the distribution of prizes in the normal way (at least one prize per four athletes).

ARTICLE 7 – EVENT REGISTRATION

It is the responsibility of the NFs to inform the FEI on their intention of participation before December 1st the year prior to the competition by sending to the FEI, the “Application Form” posted on the FEI website (www.inside.fei.org > Events > FEI World Challenges > FEI World Jumping Challenge > Downloads). Dates must fit between 1st January – 31st December.

ARTICLE 8 - RESULTS

- 8.1 There will be an INDIVIDUAL ranking per Country, per Region and for the World for all 3 Categories.

In order to be in the rankings, an Athlete/Horse combination must compete in a minimum of two Competitions and in any case not more than three Competitions per Category. Only the results of the best TWO Competitions per Category will count for the rankings.

An athlete can only be in the rankings per Category once with the Horse Declared before the 1st Competition.

- 8.2 Results, horse declaration forms, judge’s reports, one copy of the competition programme, and some photographs and video of the competition if any, together with press clippings must be sent to the FEI immediately after the competition. Please use only the Excel sheet specifically designed for the results of the FEI Challenge. This can be downloaded from the “Downloads” section of the FEI World Jumping Challenge web page. Please submit the results fully completed in their original format (Excel) in order to facilitate result processing.

We then ask you to send, either by email, fax or by post, a copy of the results signed off by the Judges responsible.

- 8.3 Results for each Competition will be available on the FEI World Challenges IT Platform and the FEI will establish the final standings which will be published on the web site (www.inside.fei.org > Events > FEI World Challenges > FEI World Jumping Challenge > Results).

- 8.4 There will be a TEAM ranking per REGIONAL Zone. Each Team is composed of the 1st athlete per Category (A, B and C) in the NF. If a NF does not organise all 3 Categories, then it will not have a team.

Team composition:

A team must be composed of 3 different athletes.

The 1st athlete per Category (A, B and C) per NF will be part of the team unless the same athlete wins more than one Category. In this case only the results of the highest Category will count for this athlete. In all other Categories, the results of the follow up athlete in the placings will be taken into account:

Category A:

Place	Athlete	Horse	Team
1	John Doe	Phantom	T
2	Anna Johnson	Super Star	
3	Jean Grey	Phoenix	

Category B

Place	Athlete	Horse	Team
1	John Doe	Mr. X	
2	Kurt Wagner	Pretty Boy	T
3	Peter Parker	Incognito	

Category C:

Place	Athlete	Horse	Team
1	Kurt Wagner	Excalibur	
2	John Doe	Lost Identity	
3	Peter Parker	Fahrenheit	T

If there are no other Athletes in the placings to ensure the Team is composed of three different athletes, then there will be no team.

- 8.5 There will be a WORLD TEAM ranking. Each Team is composed of the 1st athlete per Category (A, B and C) in each Regional Zone. If a Regional Zone does not organise all 3 Categories, then it will not have a team.
- 8.6 Only Category A qualifies for the World Final.

ARTICLE 9 – YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG)

- 9.1 The FEI World Jumping Challenge Category A will count as qualification for the 2018 YOG.

NOCs: The list of Qualified NOCs based on the 2017 results of all YOG Qualifiers will be made available on the FEI website under: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/games/youth-olympic/2018>

Athletes: The FEI World Jumping Challenge Category A may be used to obtain a Certificate of Capability for the YOG. Certificates of Capability may be earned in Competition 1, 2 or 3 of the FEI World Jumping Challenge Category A in any country. Each athlete must obtain a score of not more than eight penalties in the first round of any of the above competitions to gain a Certificate of Capability. Certificates of Capability must be obtained between 1 April 2017 and 31 May 2018.

For more details please refer to the YOG 2018 Qualification System document available under: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/games/youth-olympic/2018>.

ARTICLE 10 - INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO THE FEI

10.1 TWO MONTHS prior to the competition:

- A. CONFIRMATION OF COMPETITIONS DATES – before December 1st the year prior to the competitions.
- B. NAME & STATUS OF PGJ (FEI JUDGE) FOR CATEGORY A, B & C (+ e-mail & mobile)
- C. NAME & STATUS OF FEI FOREIGN JUDGE FOR CATEGORY A, Competition 3 only (+ e-mail & mobile)

Last minute changes are not allowed!!

BEFORE THE COMPETITION:

NFs/OC must if necessary **create** the athletes and horses' profiles in the FEI World Challenges IT Platform (<http://worldchallenges.inside.fei.org/login>) and then **enter** them in the corresponding Category.

Entries will be **open** two weeks prior to the Event and will **close** one day prior to the Event.

10.2 Immediately after the competition: Results to be entered on the official FEI World Challenges IT Platform (<http://worldchallenges.inside.fei.org/login>); Individual results of each athlete that has started must be provided.

10.3 No later than 14 days after the competition:

- One copy of the competition programme.
- Copy of the results signed by the official FEI Judges
- Copies of all forms used to declare the official horse when an athlete rides more than one horse. These forms must be signed by the athlete and the Foreign Judge (or President of the Ground Jury). It must be remembered that only one horse can count for the standings and that **this horse must be declared before the start of the first round of the first Competition and must be ridden first in all rounds of all Competitions.**
- The FEI Judge's report.
- Photographs of the competition **with names of all the people figuring on them clearly written in English, either on the back of the photographs, or on a separate list.**
- Press clippings relating to the competition.

ARTICLE 11 – DRESS & SADDLERY

Please refer to Articles 256 and 257 of the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 25th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2018, for all rules on dress and saddlery.

ARTICLE 12 – MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 FEI Brand

The FEI logo being a registered trademark we ask that while preparing publications for the competition (programmes, flyers, etc.) the OC strictly follows the FEI Brand Guidelines whenever using the FEI Logo, which you will find on the FEI website under: <http://www.inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/commercial/branding>.

12.2 General

The FEI World Jumping Challenge must be organised strictly according to FEI General Rules & Regulations, 23rd edition, FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 25th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2018, the 2017 FEI World Jumping Challenge Rules and the Guidelines for Course Builder.

The FEI is entitled to make reasonable amendments to the present rules.

It is the responsibility of the NFs to make sure that the athletes and horses take part in the appropriate Category according to their age and experience.

Annex I – Examples of Calendar Options:

Option 1 - All 3 Competitions organised in the same location:

NF	City	Zone	Category	Competition #	Start Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	End Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	FEI Judge
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	1	11.06.20xx	11.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	2	17.09.20xx	17.09.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	3	22.10.20xx	22.10.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)

Option 2 - All 3 Competitions organised in more than one location (one day apart to use the same judge and minimize cost):

NF	City	Zone	Category	Competition #	Start Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	End Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	FEI Judge
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	1	11.06.20xx	11.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	Santa Cruz	3	A - B	1	12.06.20xx	12.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	1	13.06.20xx	13.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	2	17.09.20xx	17.09.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	Santa Cruz	3	A - B	2	18.09.20xx	18.09.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	2	19.09.20xx	19.09.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	3	22.10.20xx	22.10.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)
BOL	Santa Cruz	3	A - B	3	23.10.20xx	23.10.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	3	24.10.20xx	24.10.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)

Option 3 - Competitions 1+2 organised in one location and Competition 3 organised in a different location:

NF	City	Zone	Category	Competition #	Start Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	End Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	FEI Judge
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	1	11.06.20xx	11.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	Cochabamba	3	A - B - C	2	17.09.20xx	17.09.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	3	22.10.20xx	22.10.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)

Option 4 - Competitions 1+2 organised consecutively over 2 days and Competition 3 organised separately:

NF	City	Zone	Category	Competition #	Start Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	End Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	FEI Judge
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	1	11.06.20xx	11.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	2	12.06.20xx	12.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	3	17.06.20xx	17.06.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)

Option 5 – Competition 1 organised separately and Competitions 2+3 organised consecutively over 2 days:

NF	City	Zone	Category	Competition #	Start Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	End Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	FEI Judge
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	1	11.06.20xx	11.06.20xx	Jorge Navarro (BOL)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	2	17.06.20xx	17.06.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)
BOL	La Paz	3	A - B - C	3	18.06.20xx	18.06.20xx	Carol Lopicich (CHI)