



FEI JUMPING WORLD CHALLENGE RULES

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ARTICLE 1 - PRINCIPLES

1.1 The FEI Jumping World Challenge SERIES may be organised by any member NF of the FEI, except USA, Canada and the Western European NFs listed below.

The Western European NFs that are **not eligible** to organise the FEI Jumping World Challenge SERIES are defined as those NFs in Western Europe which organise in their own country and/or have straightforward access to (1-2 days travel by road) 10 or more International Jumping Events in neighbouring countries per year. These countries are:

AND, AUT, BEL, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, IRL, ITA, LIE, LUX, MLT, MON, NED, NOR, POR, SMR, SUI and SWE

Consequently, the only Western European NF that is **eligible** to take part in the Challenge SERIES is Iceland (ISL). *Note: ISL is currently suspended and therefore not eligible until membership has been reestablished.*

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

It is permitted to ride the Horse taking part in the FEI Jumping World Challenge competition in a training session and or in a National competition on the same day or the day prior to the FEI Jumping World Challenge competition.

The course or any relevant part of the FEI Jumping World Challenge course cannot be used for the training session or any National competition.



ARTICLE 2 - HORSE INSPECTION

2.1 Horse Inspection: Any Horse participating, must prior to participating in any Competition of the FEI Jumping World Challenge 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, 27th Edition, updates effective 1 January ~~2023~~2024 (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 Jumping World 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 1032).

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. NFs/OCs may ask for special permission to organise the Horse Inspection on the day of the competition if no stabling is available at the venue or for other acceptable reasons. In this case, if possible sufficient time should be planned between the inspection and the beginning of the competition to allow for an eventual re-inspection.

As an exception to FEI VRs 1052, Horses may be allowed to leave the Event/Competition venue if the competition takes place over two days (see Art. 1.3) or if two competitions are organised over two consecutive days (see Art. 4.2) and overnight stabling at the venue is not available. Should this be the case, a Horse Inspection must be organised on EACH day, prior to the beginning of the Competition or Round.

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 Jumping World Challenge during the same year.

3.3 Athlete/Horse combinations are not allowed to start more than once in the SAME Competition (1, 2 or 3) even when organised at a different date and venue during the same year.

3.4 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).



3.5 Horses cannot be ridden by more than one Athlete in one Category throughout the FEI Jumping World Challenge during the same year. Athletes may ride more than one Horse in a category but the results of only one Horse will count towards the final National rankings, Regional and World Rankings. 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. <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/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, but only for the competition standings.

3.6 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 Jumping World 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.

3.7 Any Athlete that has competed in the Youth Olympic Games is eligible to compete in the FEI Jumping World Challenge.

3.8 If the FEI Jumping Children’s Classics and the FEI Jumping World 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.

3.9 The NF of the organising country may enter as many Athletes as it wishes for each of the 3 competitions.

3.10 **As an exception to the FEI General Regulations**, in the FEI Jumping World 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 FEI Jumping World 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.**

3.11 Athletes and Horses participating in the FEI Jumping World Challenge do **NOT** need to be registered with the FEI.

3.12 **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.



3.13 Category A, B and C: Draw & Starting order

A draw for each of the 3 competitions will take place to decide the starting order. NFs may request a different starting order format based on the National Federation's regulations; such requests must be provided to the FEI for approval before the entries OPEN.

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.

3.14 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 two out of the three Competitions in any or all of the categories may be organised consecutively over two days (ex: Day 1 – Competition 1; Day 2 – Competition 2 or Day 1 – Competition 2; Day 2 – Competition 3); the other Competition must be organised separately – with a minimum of one week separating it from those held consecutively (see annex option 4-5).
Countries may decide of the order in which the Categories are organised, however Competitions must be organised in order of progression (i.e.: Competition 1, then Competition 2, then Competition 3).
- 4.3 Countries may make a special request to the FEI in order to host one or more Challenge Competitions in separate locations (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 a FEI Foreign Judge (minimum 2* Level - see article 10.4) in principle from the Region. 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, 27th Edition (updates effective 1 January ~~2023~~2024).
- 5.2 All courses will consist of between nine and twelve obstacles including one or two doubles and at least two vertical and two spread obstacles. **There will be no wall** and no water jump, but obstacles which include a water ditch or tray (called Liverpools) may be used. The courses for Competitions 1 and 2 will have **no treble combination**.

The course of Competition 3 must include at least one or two doubles but may as an option include one double and one treble combination. Refer to Art. 9.4 for specifications for the course of Competition 3 Category A when it serves as the Challenge Qualifying Competition for the Youth Olympic Games.
- 5.3 The FEI Jumping World 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 Events, Art. 201 and Memorandum for Jumping Events, Section 3). The size of the arena for the FEI Jumping World 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 In accordance with JRs Art. 210.1 FEI-approved safety cups must be used to support the back pole of all spread obstacles and in case of a triple bar to support the centre and back poles of the obstacle, 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 by **December 1st** the year prior to the competition by sending to the FEI, the “Application Form” posted on the FEI website (<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/jumping/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 Jumping World Challenge web page. Please submit the results fully completed in their original format (Excel) in order to facilitate result processing as well as 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 (<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/jumping/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.

8.6 Only Category A qualifies for the World Final.

ARTICLE 9 – YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG)

9.1 ~~2023-2024~~ is not a Youth Olympic Games qualifying year, consequently the Category A competitions of the ~~2023-2024~~ edition of the FEI Jumping World Challenge are not considered as YOG Qualifiers.

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.
- C. NAME & STATUS OF FEI FOREIGN JUDGE FOR CATEGORY A, Competition 3 only.

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.



10.4 The National Federations are responsible for the travelling arrangements of the Judges, as well as for their per diem and accommodation (board and lodging) during their sojourn.

The FEI will reimburse the air travel expense for the Foreign Judge for **CATEGORY A COMPETITION 3** (see art. 4.4) up to a maximum amount of EUR 1'500.- and the FJ per diem for three days at EUR 150.- (per day) to the National Federations upon receipt of the proper documentation (flight invoice).

ARTICLE 11 – DRESS & SADDLERY

Please refer to Articles 256 and 257 of the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 27th Edition, updates effective 1 January 20232024, 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 Jumping World Challenge must be organised strictly according to FEI General Rules & Regulations, 24rd edition, FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 27th Edition, updates effective 1 January 20232024, the 2023-2024 FEI Jumping World 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)