

Invitation Rules for CSI5* Events (Worldwide)**Section 1 Compulsory Invitations**

- 1.1 70% of the total number of athletes invited must be from the top 150 on the FEI World Ranking list established by the FEI two months prior to the event. The following conditions must be respected. Consequently this percentage may need to be reduced.
 - 1.1.1 Athletes are invited in descending order from the first athlete on the FEI World Ranking list.
 - 1.1.2 At least ten foreign NFs must be invited with at least two athletes per NF.
 - 1.1.3 If a NF has only one athlete in the above percentage, the NF in question has the right to enter a second athlete providing that he is within the top 150 on this list.
 - 1.1.4 Organising Committees may limit the number of athletes from a single foreign NF to five. However, they are free to accept more than five athletes from the same NF providing they are within the above percentage and providing the other NFs invited have entered a second athlete.
 - 1.1.5 If the Organising Committee cannot fill its quota from the top 150 on the FEI World Ranking list, vacant places will be filled by inviting athletes from 150th place on the FEI World Ranking list in descending order.
 - 1.1.6 The total number of athletes to be invited to the event, as well as the date of the FEI World Ranking list which applies for invitation of athletes must be printed in the Schedule.
- 1.2 If an NF is invited to send participants but decides not to participate, another NF is selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 1.1.2

Section 2 OC Invitations

Maximum 30% of the total number of athletes invited can be invited as wild cards by the Organising Committee through their NFs (these may consist of foreign and/or home athletes). These athletes can be taken from any position on the FEI World Ranking list.

These invitations (foreign and/or home athletes) should be under the same conditions as for other participants and cannot be granted in return for a financial contribution.

At the same time, it is also unacceptable for athletes to ask for an appearance fee.

Section 3 FEI Invitations for Foreign athletes or home athletes domiciled outside the home country

The FEI has the right to nominate one athlete for CSI5* events by the deadline date established for nominated entries. The level of the nominated athlete must be of the required standard for a CSI5* event. The maximum number of times an athlete can be nominated during the same season for this section is three. Vacant places under this section are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 2.

OCs of CSI5* events that are part of "Tours" (multiple events run on consecutive weekends at the same venue) must respect the Invitation Rules for CSI5* events; however, if due to lack of space not all entries can be accepted, OCs may state in the Schedule that preference will be given to athletes who enter the entire Tour.

National events

OCs that wish to organize a National event must comply with the FEI rules for National events. These include the restrictions on the number of foreign athletes and the number of NFs represented by athletes.

Sanctions and consequences

If prior to a CSI-5* event it is known that the event will not follow the FEI technical conditions and the FEI Rules for invitation of athletes, the event may be removed from the FEI calendar at the discretion of the FEI.

If sufficient proof can be established after the event that the FEI technical conditions and the FEI Rules for invitation of athletes have not been respected FEI World Ranking points may be withdrawn at the discretion of the FEI and CSI status may be refused for the following season.

If the event is an FEI World Cup™ event it may lose its status for the coming season if the conditions for invitations laid down in the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Rules are not respected. For FEI World Cup™ events it is forbidden to accept invitations in return for payment of any kind.

If the event is organized outside the jurisdiction of the FEI, participating athletes will not be allowed to participate at other FEI Events.