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RULES

FEI NATIONS CUP™ SERIES
DRESSAGE

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These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations (GRs), the FEI Dressage Rules (DRs), and all other relevant FEI rules and regulations. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstance which is not addressed by these Rules, it is the duty of the FEI Dressage Committee to interpret them and render a Decision in a manner compatible to the fullest extent possible with the other provisions of these Rules, the GRs and any other applicable rules of the FEI, as well as the sporting spirit.

1 INTRODUCTION

In the year 2013 the FEI Nations Cup™ Series in Dressage will be conducted as a pilot-project in order to identify its attractiveness for Organizers, Athletes, NFs, spectators, the media, as well as potential sponsors. In case of a positive evaluation at the year-end of 2013 the pilot project may be transformed into a long-term official event series with the rules being further detailed according to the experiences made in the pilot year 2013.

2 REGIONS

For the pilot year 2013 the world will not be divided into Regions but every FEI Nations Cup™ Event is potentially open for any country in the world.

3 FEI NATIONS CUP™ SEASON

The 2013 FEI Nations Cup™ season for Dressage commences with the first FEI Nations Cup™ Competition of the year 2013 and finishes with the last FEI Nations Cup™ Competition of the year 2013. The FEI Nations Cup™ calendar consists of all CDIO outdoor Events. The weekend prior to and all days during the FEI European Championships for Seniors, the FEI World Equestrian Games, FEI World Cup™ Final and the Olympic Games must be kept free of FEI Nations Cup™ Events. Notwithstanding this, all GR rules regarding date clashes must be respected, unless an exception is granted by the FEI Dressage Committee.

For the pilot year 2013 there is no intention to host an FEI Nations Cup™ Final.

4 FEI NATIONS CUP™ EVENTS

In Europe not more than one CDIO may be held per season in the same country. It is the responsibility of each NF to select its CDIO.

4.1 List of Events

In 2013 the FEI Nations Cup™ Series will consist of all CDIO outdoor events (except for CDIO Wellington which is not a Grand Prix in 2013) that fulfil the calendar criteria stated under point 3.

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For the pilot year 2013 there is no limitation to the number of CDIO Events that can be part of the FEI Nations Cup™ Series.

4.2 Competitions

Each FEI Nations Cup™ Event must host either a Grand Prix competition or a Grand Prix Freestyle Competition in which the Team athletes can earn points towards the FEI Nations Cup™ Ranking. It is at the discretion of the Organizer to determine which Competition he prefers to use as the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition.

5 PARTICIPATION

All Athletes taking part in the FEI Nations Cup™ Series must be on the 2012 FEI World Ranking List N° 144 and fulfil the minimum eligibility standards (for CDIO5*) as defined in the DRs.

5.1 Participation of Teams

In 2013 a minimum of four teams shall take part in each CDIO Event. An NF must have at least four Athletes on the World Ranking to participate for points in the FEI Nations Cup™ Competitions. The 2012 World Ranking N° 144 will be used for this purpose for the 2013 season.

There is no maximum limit to the number of FEI Nations Cup™ Events that Athletes/Horses can compete in.

NFs taking part in the FEI Nations Cup™ must participate at their home CDIO Event, providing the home NF organises a qualifying Event. Participating NFs will be given the opportunity by the FEI to name the additional Events of their choice and the FEI in cooperation with the organizers will try as much as possible to facilitate the wishes of NFs based on the Teams' / Athletes' records of results and geographic location.

5.2 Participation of Individuals

Organisers have the right to invite a limited number of home/foreign individual Athletes from the home country and countries not represented by an official team.

5.3 Number of Events counting for Points

NFs may gain points at 50% of the FEI Nations Cup™ Events. However, they may participate at more (or all) Events with only the best Team scores to count for the FEI Nations Cup™ Rankings. If there are eight or less Events, four Events will count for points. If there are more than eight Events then the maximum number of Events counting for points for any team is four.

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5.4 Number of Athletes and Horses per Team

A team consists of a minimum of three and a maximum of four Athlete / Horse combinations.

5.5 Invitations of Teams and Individuals

For the avoidance of doubt, the current DRs relating to invitation of teams and individuals apply.

6 POINT SYSTEM

6.1 Points

Points are distributed based on the team's actual classification in the FEI Nations Cup™ Competition. The winning team is the one having the highest total percentages of their three best Athletes, the second placed team is the one with the next highest total and so on. The following point system will be used for all 2013 FEI Nations Cup™ Competitions:

Placing \ Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CDIO3* Points	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
CDIO4* Points	12	10	9	7	6	5	4	3
CDIO5* Points	15	13	11	9	7	6	5	4

In case teams are placed equal during any of the FEI Nations Cup™ Competitions, the points set forth above for the places in question are added and divided equally among the teams concerned.

Overall Classification Tie Breaker:

In case of a tie for any place on the overall FEI Nations Cup™ classification, teams are separated by:

- giving preference to the team with the greater number of first place classifications;
- in case there is still a tie the number of second place classifications will count and if necessary the number of third place classifications and so on until the tie is broken.

7 PRIZE MONEY

The prize money for each FEI Nations Cup™ Competition must not be less than €20,000 for the team classification (in addition to the standard prize money for the individual classification) for CDIO5* €15,000 for CDIO4* and €10,000 for CDIO3*. The FEI Nations Cup™ Competition should, if possible, be the highest doted Competition of the Event. A team which is eliminated is not entitled to either prize money or points for the respective Competition.

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8 TITLE OF THE FEI NATIONS CUP™ COMPETITION

It is obligatory for FEI Nations Cup™ Competitions to be called: FEI Nations Cup™.

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