



RULES

FEI NATIONS CUP™ SERIES DRESSAGE

Effective for year 2016

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PREAMBLE

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

As of 2016, the FEI Nations Cup™ will be run as a long term official Event series.

2 REGIONS

For the year 2016 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 2016 FEI Nations Cup™ season for Dressage commences with the first FEI Nations Cup™ Competition of the year 2016 and finishes with the last FEI Nations Cup™ Competition of the year 2016. The FEI Nations Cup™ calendar consists of CDIO3*/4*/5* Events; however a CDIO does not automatically have to be part of the FEI Nations Cup™ series. 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.

FEI Nations Cup™ events on the same Continent may not clash in the calendar.

For the year 2016 there is no intention to host an FEI Nations Cup™ Final. The final result and winner will be announced at the last FEI Nations Cup™ Competition of the year.

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 2016 the FEI Nations Cup™ Series will consist of CDIO outdoor events that fulfil the calendar criteria stated under point 3, and that have declared that they would like to be part of the Series. The FEI will appoint the events participating in the series.

For the year 2016 there is no limitation to the number of CDIO Events that can be part of the FEI Nations Cup™ Series.

4.2 Competitions / Format

The possible formats are:

- a. Grand Prix and a split of two (2) combinations in the Grand Prix Special and one (1) or two (2) in the Grand Prix Freestyle

Test	Team of four (4) Athletes	Team of three (3) Athletes
Grand Prix	4	3
Grand Prix Special	2	2
Grand Prix Freestyle	2	1

The Team Classification will be determined by adding up the three (3) best results per team in the GP and the two (2) best results in the GPS and the best result in the GPF.

In case of a tie the team with the best result in the Grand Prix Freestyle is ahead of the other.

It is at the discretion of the OC whether Teams of three (3) or four (4) Athletes will be allowed to enter (to be stated in the schedule). The same invitation system (three (3) or four (4) Athletes) must be equally applied to all Teams.

The Chefs d'Equipe decide which Athletes will start in the GPS and GPF.

- b. For CDIO 5* events the Olympic format may be used (Rio 2016 format without modifications)

The Team Classification will be determined by adding up the three (3) best results per team in the GP and the three (3) best results in the GPS. In case of a tie, the Team with the best result in the GPS is ahead of the other.

The OC must invite four (4) Team Athletes per NF.

- c. Exceptions to the above formats for CDIO Events outside Europe are subject to prior approval by the FEI.

5 PARTICIPATION

5.1 Participation of Teams

In 2016 a minimum of four teams shall take part in each CDIO Event.

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 Organisers will try as much as possible to facilitate the wishes of NFs based on the Teams' / Athletes' records of results and geographic

location. A team may consist of min. three (3) and max. four (4) athletes. No reserve combinations are permitted.

5.2 Participation of Individuals

Organisers have the right to invite a 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 participate at several (or all) Events with only the best team scores to count for the FEI Nations Cup™ Rankings. Scores from a maximum of four (4) events will count towards the NF's Nations Cup™ standing.

5.4 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, after of their three 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 2016 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 that 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.

At CDIO 3* events outside Western Europe, more than one (1) team per NF may participate, but only one (1) team per NF will count for Nations Cup points. The Chef d'Equipe must declare to the Organising Committee at the latest one hour before the draw which team shall count.

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™ team classification (in addition to the standard prize money for the individual classification) must not be less than €20'000 for CDIO5*, €15'000 for CDIO4* and €10'000 for CDIO3*. A team which is eliminated is not entitled to either prize money or points for the respective Competition.

8 TITLE OF THE FEI NATIONS CUP™ COMPETITION

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

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