

FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Falsterbo (SWE) 14 July 2017



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Cover photo caption: The excitement of the FEI Nations Cup™ series begins all over again this week with the first two qualifiers of the 2017 series taking place at Al Ain (UAE) and Ocala (USA). (FEI/Jim Hollander)

FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2017: Simply the Best.....

by Louise Parkes

It is the ultimate prize. It's about pride and passion, camaraderie, tradition, trust, skill, exceptional horsemanship and so much more.

Adored by the public, revered by all those involved in the sport, the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping series has long been described as "the jewel in the crown" of the international governing body, the Federation Equestre Internationale.

2017 is a record-breaking season, with competitors from 50 nations stretching right around the globe competing in four separate qualifying leagues. There are a total of 19 qualifiers in 19 countries, and the aim from the outset is to make it to the Final in Barcelona (ESP) in September.

However many riders have already achieved more than they ever dreamed of before that comes around each year, having grasped the very essence of this superlative team contest that is all about bringing honour and glory to your country in a spirit of friendship, respect and sportsmanship.

Few have consistently demonstrated the sense of "team" better than the Dutch in recent years, but it is Germany who will be the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping title-defenders throughout 2017.

The story of the German victory at the Final last autumn was very special, the legendary Ludger Beerbaum making his last team appearance for his country and his fellow riders so determined to make it a winning one for him that the four-time Olympic gold medallist never had to jump a fence in either round because they had already done all the hard work. Each country fields four horse-and-rider combinations, with the best three scores counting in each of two rounds.

The biggest qualifying league is Europe Division 2 with 19 nations including Belgium, Great Britain and Czech Republic who were all relegated at the end of last year. The promotion/relegation system ensures that competition in Europe Division 1 is all the sharper, and Italy's resurgence as a world power when returning to this top league last year is indicative of what the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping series sets out to achieve by providing the perfect platform for development of horses, riders and team-work.

The French had all those ingredients, and more, when claiming Olympic gold last summer and with their formidable record can be expected to be ones to beat this season. However it is the North America, South America and Caribbean and Middle East Leagues that get the action underway when the new season explodes into action in seven days' time.

FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping - Simply the Best.....don't miss a hoofbeat!

Longines - official timekeeper

Longines has been based at Saint-Imier (SUI) since 1832. Its watchmaking expertise reflects a strong devotion to Elegance, Tradition and Performance.

It has generations of experience as the official timekeeper at world championships and as a partner of international sports federations. Longines' passion for equestrian sports began in 1878, when a timepiece was made with a horse and jockey engraved on the watch face.

Over the years, the brand has built strong and long-lasting links with equestrian sports. In 1912, for the first time, the brand was involved as timekeeper for a show jumping event in Portugal.

Today, Longines' involvement in equestrian sports includes jumping, endurance and flat racing. Longines is a member of The Swatch Group S.A., the world's leading manufacturer of horological products.

Longines is celebrating its 185th anniversary this year. With an excellent reputation for creating refined timepieces, the brand, whose emblem is the winged hourglass, has outlets in over 150 countries.
www.longines.com

The Rules & Team Qualification for Final

Under the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2017 rules, the world is divided into six regions for the purpose of qualifying teams for the Final:

- **Europe (Divisions 1 & 2)** Div 1: 7 teams qualify for Final; Div 2: 2 teams qualify
- **North, Central America & Caribbean** 2 teams qualify **USA & Canada are now qualified*
- **Middle East** 2 teams qualify **Qatar & UAE are now qualified*
- **South America** 2 teams qualify
- **Asia/Australasia** 2 teams qualify
- **Africa** 1 team qualifies

Total teams qualify for the Final: 18 **plus home nation if not qualified.*

There are 19 qualifiers for the 2017 season, with eight in Europe Division 1 and seven in Europe Division 2. The North America, Central America & Caribbean Region has three qualifiers and the Middle East has one qualifier. The season opened at Al Ain (UAE), with the CSIO5* running from 15-18 February 2017.

The FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Final will once again be held at the Real Club de Polo of Barcelona (ESP), venue for the equestrian events at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992.

The nations

Qualifying events for all regions are run under the traditional two-round Nations Cup formula. To be eligible to participate in qualifying events for the Final, all nations must have a minimum of four riders in the Longines Rankings at the end of October the previous year.

For regions without qualifying events, the Longines Rankings have been used to determine the teams that qualified for the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Final.

The Final

The FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Final 2017 has been allocated to Barcelona (ESP) and will take place from 29 September – 1 October 2017. The FEI Nations Cup™ Final will consist of three competitions, with all qualified teams starting in the first of these. This one-round competition, not against the clock, will decide the top eight teams that go through to the third and final competition. Teams placed ninth and lower will compete in the Challenge Cup (competition 2).

The eight teams that advance to the third competition, which decides the outright winner of the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Final, start on zero penalties. Four riders in each team compete in the first round, with a jump-off against the clock in the event of teams tied for first place after this round.

Only three riders per team go through to the jump-off, with no drop score, guaranteeing a thrilling finish to the series. The complete rules of the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2017 are available on the FEI website [HERE](#).

2017 Calendar



2017 Calendar sorted by date

Venue & Country	Start Date	End Date	Region/Division
CSIO4* Ocala USA	14.02.2017	19.02.2017	North and Central America & Caribbean
CSIO5* Al Ain UAE	15.02.2017	18.02.2017	Middle East
CSIO5* Lummen BEL	26.04.2017	30.04.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO4* Linz-Ebelsberg AUT	04.05.2017	07.05.2017	Europe Division 2
CSIO4* Coapexpan MEX	04.05.2017	07.05.2017	North and Central America & Caribbean
CSIO5* La Baule FRA	11.05.2017	14.05.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO3* Drammen NOR	11.05.2017	14.05.2017	Europe Division 2
CSIO5* Rome ITA	24.05.2017	28.05.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO3* Lisbon POR	25.05.2017	28.05.2017	Europe Division 2
CSIO3* Langley CAN	31.05.2017	04.06.2017	North and Central America & Caribbean
CSIO5* St Gallen SUI	01.06.2017	04.06.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO3* Uggerhalne DEN	01.06.2017	05.06.2017	Europe Division 2
CSIO5* Sopot POL	08.06.2017	11.06.2017	Europe Division 2
CSIO5* Rotterdam NED	22.06.2017	25.06.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO3* Roeser LUX	29.06.2017	02.07.2017	Europe Division 2
CSIO5* Falsterbo SWE	13.07.2017	16.07.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO5* Hickstead GBR	27.07.2017	30.07.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO5* Dublin IRL	09.08.2017	13.08.2017	Europe Division 1
CSIO3* Gelje SLO	10.08.2017	13.08.2017	Europe Division 2 (cancelled)
CSIO5* Gijon ESP	30.08.2017	04.09.2017	Europe Division 2
CSIO5* Barcelona ESP	28.09.2017	01.10.2017	Final

2017 Calendar – By Division



2017 calendar sorted by division

EUROPE DIVISION 1				
CSI05*	Lummen	BEL	26.04.2017	30.04.2017
CSI05*	La Baule	FRA	11.05.2017	14.05.2017
CSI05*	Rome	ITA	24.05.2017	28.05.2017
CSI05*	St Gallen	SUI	01.06.2017	04.06.2017
CSI05*	Rotterdam	NED	22.06.2017	25.06.2017
CSI05*	Falsterbo	SWE	13.07.2017	16.07.2017
CSI05*	Hickstead	GBR	27.07.2017	30.07.2017
CSI05*	Dublin	IRL	09.08.2017	13.08.2017
EUROPE DIVISION 2				
CSI04*	Linz-Ebelsberg	AUT	04.05.2017	07.05.2017
CSI03*	Drammen	NOR	11.05.2017	14.05.2017
CSI03*	Lisbon	POR	25.05.2017	28.05.2017
CSI03*	Uggerhalne	DEN	01.06.2017	05.06.2017
CSI05*	Sopot	POL	08.06.2017	11.06.2017
CSI03*	Roeser	LUX	29.06.2017	02.07.2017
CSI03*	Geleje	SLO	10.08.2017	13.08.2017
CSI05*	Gijon	ESP	30.08.2017	04.09.2017
				(cancelled)
NORTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN				
CSI04*	Ocala	USA	14.02.2017	19.02.2017
CSI04*	Coapexpan	MEX	04.05.2017	07.05.2017
CSI03*	Langley	CAN	31.05.2017	04.06.2017
MIDDLE EAST				
CSI05*	Al Ain	UAE	15.02.2017	18.02.2017
FINAL				
CSI05*	Barcelona	ESP	29.09.2017	01.10.2017

The Teams



Participating Nations in the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2017

Europe Division 1	Europe Division 2	North America	South America	Africa	Asia	Middle East
ESP	AUT	CAN	ARG	EGY	AUS	KSA
FRA	BEL	ESA	BRA	MAR	JPN	QAT
GER	BUL	GUA	CHI	RSA	NZL	SYR
IRL	CZE	MEX	COL			UAE
ITA	DEN	PUR	PER			
NED	FIN	USA	URU			
SUI	GBR		VEN			
SWE	GRE					
	HUN					
	ISR					
	LUX					
	NOR					
	POL					
	POR					
	RUS					
	SLO					
	SVK					
	TUR					
	UKR					

The Teams

Europe Division 1

France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Europe Division 2

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine

North America

Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico, United States of America

South America

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

Africa

Egypt, Morocco, South Africa

Asia

Australia
Japan
New Zealand

Middle East

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates

Allocation of teams to Europe Division 1 Events



Allocation of Invitations to 2017 European Division 1 Events: each team may earn points at 6 events (best 4 results count for standings)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Lummen 5*	La Baule 5*	Rome 5*	St Gallen 5*	Rotterdam 5*	Falsterbo 5*	Hickstead 5*	Dublin 5*
	(BEL)	(FRA)	(ITA)	(SUI)	(NED)	(SWE)	(GBR)	(IRL)
	26-30 April	11-14 May	24-28 May	1-4 June	22-25 June	13-16 July	27-30 July	9-13 August
NED		X	X		X	X	X	X
IRL		X	X		X	X	X	X
GER	X	X		X	X	X	X	
SUI		X		X	X	X	X	X
SWE	X	X	X	X	X	X		
FRA	X	X	X	X			X	X
ITA	X		X	X	X	X		X
ESP	X	X	X		X		X	X

Athletes – Falsterbo (SWE), Europe Division 1

A minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 athletes can compete in an FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping team.

The athletes competing for their country must be declared by the Chef d'Equipe (team manager) the day before the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping competition.

The competition will take place on **Friday 14 July 2017**.

Six teams will compete for FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping points:
Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland.

Click [here](#) to view the *master list of all athletes competing.

*Athletes can change before the competition: for latest info contact press officer (see page 12).

Click [here](#) to view the athlete biographies.

Series so far – news, results & standings

See latest standings [here](#) and news & results from events so far:

Al Ain (UAE) - 16.02.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Ocala (USA) - 17.02.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Lummen (BEL) - 28.04.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Linz-Ebelsberg (AUT) - 05.05.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Coapexpan (MEX) - 05.05.2017

Competition report [here](#)

La Baule (FRA) - 12.05.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Drammen (NOR) - 12.05.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Rome (ITA) - 26.05.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Lisbon (POR) - 26.05.2017

Competition report [here](#)

St Gallen (SUI) - 02.06.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Langley (CAN) - 02.06.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Uggerhalne (DEN) - 03.06.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Sopot (POL) – 09.06.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Rotterdam (NED) – 23.06.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Roeser (LUX) – 30.06.2017

Competition report [here](#)

Facts & Figures

- The FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping series **celebrates 108 years** of team competition in 2017.
- The forthcoming season comprises **19 qualifiers** in as many countries.
- A total of **50 nations** will compete in the qualifying rounds.
- The defending FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping champions are **Team Germany**.
- **Qualifying events** will take place in Europe Division 1 & Europe Division 2, North America and the Middle East. **Qualification of teams** from South America, Africa and Asia/Australasia will be established through the Longines Rankings.
- There will be **eight qualifying legs** in Europe **Division 1** and seven in Europe Division 2, three in North America and a single event in the Middle East.
- The FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Final will once again take place at the **Real Club de Polo in Barcelona (ESP)**, venue for the Jumping events during the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992.
- A total of **18 teams**, plus the home team if not qualified, will compete at the **Final** which will take place from 29 September – 1 October 2017.
- A total of **10 nations** competed at the season-opener in Al Ain (UAE) on Thursday 16 February 2017, where both Qatar and the United Arab Emirates earned their places to compete at the Final in Barcelona.
- A total of **seven nations** competed at the second leg, the following day, Friday 17 February 2017, in Ocala (USA), the first competition in the three-leg North America, Central America and Caribbean qualifying series.
- The **8 teams** qualified for **Europe Division 1** this season are France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.
- Watchmakers, **Longines**, are the **official timekeepers** for the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping series.

FEI TV

The **FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping in Falsterbo (SWE)** will be broadcast live on **FEI TV**, the FEI's official video platform, on Friday 14 July - 14:20 CEST.

FEI Nations Cup™ online

See all fan site updates: www.fei.org/nations-cup-jumping

Inside FEI: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-nations-cup-series/jumping>

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