

## **2014 FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE**

This year, the FEI WORLD Jumping CHALLENGE is entering its 36<sup>th</sup> year of existence. In 2013, the FEI World Jumping Challenge saw an increase of participating NFs due to the Category A counting as a potential YOG Qualifier. The competition is back to "normal" for its 2014 edition.

Originally, this Competition was created to provide less experienced jumping riders with an opportunity to compete on an International level without having to leave their own countries. This Competition also contributed to develop jumping - one of the Olympic and most popular equestrian disciplines world-wide. Many riders who have participated in the FEI World Jumping Challenge successfully competed or still compete at elite level.

The FEI World Jumping Challenge may be organised by any member NF of the FEI. There are three categories A (1.20m), B (1.10m) and C (1.00). For Categories A and B, the complete competition consists of 2 competitions of 2 rounds and for Category C, one competition of 4 rounds over different courses designed by a Course Designer appointed by the FEI. This year, it is Mr. Santiago Varela from Spain who has produced the course plans.

For a few years now, the FEI World Jumping Challenge is directly linked to the FEI Coach Education System, therefore allowing this event to not only be a classic type competition but serve as an educational purpose at the same time. ([www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org) > Solidarity > Coach Education). The addition of trot sections in the lowest category had a difficult start but is recognized now by coaches and riders who have a better understanding of the educational purpose linked to these trot sections.

The 2013 edition is particularly important as it is the occasion for countries of Africa, Asia, Central America and Caribbean Islands to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games 2014, which will take place in August 2014 in China. It is the FEI World Jumping Challenge Category A competitions which will count as qualification for the YOG.

The Final of the World Jumping Challenge 2013 will be held for the second time in Venezuela.

All documents and information related to this competition are available on the FEI website: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org) > Events and Series > FEI World Jumping Challenge > Downloads

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