

2016 FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE

This year, the FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE is entering its 38th year of existence. 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.

In 2015 was introduced the new format of the FEI World Jumping Challenge, which among its goals aimed to increase National activity and improve the logistical aspect of the organisation of this series.

In comparison with the previous format, here is a brief summary of the major changes:

- **Calendar:** 3 Events organised throughout the year in accordance with the FEI World Jumping Challenge rules/format, instead of only ONE.
- **Events format:** Each Competition (Cat. A, B, and/or C) will run over 2 rounds, which can be held on the same day or over 2 days maximum.
- **Heights:** Category A: 1.20-1.30m; Category B: 1.10-1.20m; Category C: 1.00-1.10m
- **Course plans:** will be identical for each height category (A, B, C). Two course plans provided per Competition– Round 1 and Round 2 (6 in total).

This new format required many adjustments and therefore an evaluation was made in November 2015 after the first year to assess the situation and receive feedback from NFs in order to make necessary amendments to the rules for the 2016 edition.

The outcome of this evaluation resulted in several amendments, the main one being the introduction of a “drop score” therefore allowing athletes to “skip” a competition (in case of lame horse, or poor result) and only keep the best two results out of the 3 competitions.

This year, the course plans were designed by Mr. Bernardo Costa Cabral (POR).

The Final of the World Jumping Challenge 2016 will be held in Rabat, Morocco on 22-24 April. The Qualification for the Final will be based on the 2015 results in Category A.

All documents and information related to this competition are available on the FEI website: www.fei.org > Events > FEI World Challenges > FEI World Jumping Challenge > Downloads

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