

2017 FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE

This year, the FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE is entering its 39th year of existence. Originally, this Series 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 Series 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. This first year was a test run which concluded with a few adjustments being made to the new format, 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.

The new revised format will remain unchanged in 2017 with only one major update to the rules which is linked to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

Categories A and B will now be open to all athletes from the beginning of the year in which they reach their 14th birthday for Categories A & B (instead of 15), in order to be in line with the YOG Qualification System.

As in 2009 and 2013, NOCs of the Caribbean, South/Central American, Asian, Australasian and African region will be able to qualify for the YOG 2018 through the FEI World Jumping Challenge Category A (Competition 3).

For more details on the YOG Qualification System we invite all NFs and Athletes to consult the document available under: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/games/youth-olympic/2018>, as well as the 2017 FEI World Jumping Challenge Rules.

This year, the course plans were designed by Mr. Guilherme Jorge from Brazil. Mr. Jorge already designed the course plans for the FEI World Jumping Challenge in 2015 and was the course designer at the Rio Olympic Games in 2016.

The FEI World Jumping Challenge FINAL 2017 has been allocated to Algiers, Algeria from 3 to 6 May 2017. The Qualification for the Final will be based on the 2016 results in Category A.

All documents and information related to this competition are available on the FEI website: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/jumping/downloads>.