

## 2018 FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE

For its 40<sup>th</sup> edition, the FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE series will once again provide less experienced Jumping Riders with an opportunity to compete in an International setting without having to leave their country.

With a constant aim to develop the sport in countries and regions where International competitions are rarely available and promote the discipline of Show Jumping for Amateurs and young riders, some amendments have been brought to the 2018 rules, the most important of them being the review of the participation restrictions.

To provide more opportunities, Athletes that have competed in up to **THREE** International Jumping events (this includes Senior Regional/Continental Games & Championships/WEG/OG) in competitions at 1.35m and higher are now eligible to take part in the FEI WJC.

Following the amendment brought with regards to the age of Athletes eligible to take part in Category A in view of the YOG Qualifiers in 2017, no changes have been made, and consequently all three Categories remain open to all Athletes from the beginning of the year in which they reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For all amendments please consult the **Mark-Up** version of the 2018 FEI World Jumping Challenge rules: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/jumping/downloads>.

In 2017, Category A – Competition 3 was used as a Youth Olympic Games (YOG) qualifier for 45 NOCs, the FEI WJC will this year again allow for Athletes of qualified countries to try and obtain a Certificate of Capability and perhaps give them the opportunity to compete under their flag in Buenos Aires next October.

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 2018 FEI World Jumping Challenge Rules.

This year, the course plans were designed by Mr. Jaime Morillo from Ecuador. Mr. Morillo has been involved with the FEI Solidarity Department for many years, working on various projects linked to coaching and course designing and therefore knows very well the requirements and expectations of Athletes, Coaches and Organizers involved in the FEI World Jumping Challenge.

The FEI World Jumping Challenge FINAL 2018 has been allocated to Uzbekistan. After being held in Europe, Central and South America, Northern and South Africa, the Balkans, this will be the first time the Final will be organised in Central Asia.

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>.