



FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE "FINAL"
RULES

1. In accordance with the FEI World Jumping Challenge rules, The Category A events of the FEI World Jumping Challenge are qualifying events for the Final. Athletes must participate in all 3 Category A Events to participate in the World Final.
2. The Final is held outdoors at 1.20 m technical level. The FEI World Jumping Challenge's Final is following the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 25th Edition (effective 1 January 2016) <http://www.fei.org/fei/regulations/jumping> and must be organised between May and October of the year following the Qualification.
3. The Final is open to athletes from the year in which they reach the age of 15. It is the responsibility of NFs to ensure that their athletes are of the correct age. Passports will be controlled before the event commences.
4. Twenty riders (20) will be qualified to participate in the Final, i.e. the winner and the 2nd best-placed rider from the Category A (combination of 3 Events) in each regional Zone (10) in **2015** will be invited to the Final. If the winner or the 2nd placed rider is unable to compete at the Final, the invitation will pass over to the 3rd placed rider and so on, up to the 6th placed rider in each Zone.
5. Once all possibilities of substitution within a regional Zone have been used, the invitation will pass over to the next eligible athlete in descending order of the Category A Overall Ranking. **Note:** A NF can be represented by a maximum of 2 Athletes at the FEI World Jumping Challenge Final.
6. Only athletes that have participated in all 3 Events and achieved a result of no more than 16 faults in total will be qualified for the Final and therefore eligible to compete. If no athletes from a Zone finish under 16 faults, they will be substituted by the next eligible athletes in descending order of the Category A overall ranking.
7. The FEI will notify athletes of their qualification through their NF.
8. The NF hosting the FEI World Jumping Challenge Final will be represented by two athletes from its country, who have taken part in the FEI World Jumping Challenge, Category A.
 - a) If no athletes have qualified through the original qualification procedure (please see Articles 4, 5 and 6 of these rules), then two (2) wildcards will be given out to the NF which will then nominate their two best athletes in the Zone classification.
 - b) If only one athlete has qualified through the original qualification procedure (please see Articles 4, 5 and 6 of these rules), then one (1) wildcard will be given out to the NF which will then nominate their best athlete (behind the rider already qualified) in the Zone classification.

If the hosting NF is not part of the FEI World Jumping Challenge series, two (2) wildcards will automatically be awarded. The host NF will choose the athletes. However these athletes must comply with the FEI World Jumping Challenge rules, Art. 3.6.

9. **Horses** must be six years old or over. The Competitions will be on borrowed horses provided by the OC. Each athlete will draw a horse with which he/she will ride throughout the competition. An athlete may not ride his/her own horse.

All horses provided by the OC, must be at 1.20 m technical level.

10. **Substitution of Horses:** The OC must provide at least 5 horses in the case of injury, illness or incompatibility with the rider. Injury and illness must be verified by the FEI Veterinary Delegate. Horses may only be substituted in agreement with the Ground Jury. In the case of a substitution of a horse, points may not be carried forward. If a substitution is made between the end of the 1st Qualifying competition and the start of the Final Competition, the athlete in question may take part only in the Farewell Competition. Horses cannot be substituted for the Final Competition.
11. In case of substitution, there must be a draw for the attribution of the reserve horse(s).
12. **Draw for the starting order:** The names of all the athletes and the country they represent will be arranged alphabetically. Each athlete, in this alphabetical order, will draw a start number. The President of the Ground Jury must be present.
13. Formula for the Final (FEI Jumping Rules):
- Warm-Up Competition, Art. 238.1.1, Table A, not against the clock. Athletes with equality of penalties share the prizes.
 - 1st Qualifying Competition, Art. 238.2.1, Table A, against the clock, no jump-off. Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed according to the time to complete the round.
 - 2nd Qualifying Competition, Art. 273.3.3.2, Table A, over 2 rounds. 1st round not against the clock, 2nd round against the clock. All Athletes except those retiring or eliminated in the 1st round return for the 2nd round. No jump off. Classification according to Art. 273.4.3.
 - Farewell Competition, Art. 238.2.1, Table A, against the clock, no jump off. Athletes with equality of penalties for any place are placed according to the time to complete the round.
 - FINAL Competition, Art. 273.3.4.2, Table A over 2 rounds. 1st round not against the clock. 2nd round against the clock. All Athletes except those retiring or eliminated in the 1st round return for the 2nd round. One jump off in the event of equality of penalties for 1st place. Classification according to Art. 273.4.4.
14. The Warm-up competition is open to all athletes.
15. The 1st and 2nd Qualifying Competitions are open to all athletes.
16. The Farewell Competition is open to the athletes not qualified to participate at the Final Competition including those who have not finished one Qualifying competition.
17. The FINAL Competition is open to 50 % of the athletes after addition of penalties from 1st and 2nd Qualifying competitions.
18. Dress is in accordance with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 256. (<http://www.fei.org/fei/regulations/jumping>).