



## 2017 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 a minimum of 2 out of the 3** Category A Competitions to participate in the World Final.
2. The Final is held outdoors at 1.20 m technical level. The FEI World Jumping Challenge Final is following the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 25<sup>th</sup> Edition (effective 1 January 2017 - <http://inside.fei.org/fei/regulations/jumping>) and must be organised between February and December of the year following the Qualification.
3. The Final is open to athletes from the year in which they reach the age of 16. 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 Athletes (20) will be qualified to participate in the Final, i.e. the winner and the 2<sup>nd</sup> best-placed athlete from the Category A (**best 2 results out of 3 competitions**) in each regional Zone (10) in **2016** will be invited to the Final. If the winner or the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed athlete is unable to compete at the Final, the invitation will pass over to the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed athlete and so on, up to the 6<sup>th</sup> placed athlete 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 achieved a result of no more than **12** faults in total will be qualified for the Final and therefore eligible to compete. If no athletes from a Zone finish under **12** faults, they will be substituted by the next eligible athletes in descending order of the Category A overall ranking.  
Note: The FEI Solidarity reserve the right to allocate one wildcard, in agreement with the NF hosting the FEI World Jumping Challenge Final in case not all Zones are able to qualify two athletes.
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 athlete 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 and 3.8.

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. **Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule and approved by the FEI Secretary General the Horses for the host NF will be drawn first (JRs 279.2).**

The draw must take place in front of the Athletes, the President or a Member of the Ground Jury and the President of the Veterinary Commission or the Veterinary Delegate. The Horses must be present and properly identified and must wear the bridle normally used. This same bridle must be used throughout the whole Event unless the permission to change is given by the owner (JRs Art. 279.3).

All horses provided by the OC, must be at 1.20 m technical level and have its own tack (bridle, saddle, protection, etc.). Athletes may bring their saddle, however it may only be used if it fits the horse and in agreement with the horse owner.

**FEI passports shall not be required, provided that only national Horses take part, which can be positively identified with a document accepted by the FEI.**

10. **Substitution of Horses:** The OC must provide at least 5 horses in the case of injury, illness or incompatibility with the athlete. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **Training Session:** Following the draw, each Athlete will be given the opportunity to school the Horse obtained in the draw at least once, during a stewarded training sessions in the practice arena.

The OC will establish the Rules governing schooling/training sessions. Horses may only be ridden once daily for a maximum of one hour.

Dress is informal during the training session; boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

14. 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.  
The competition is open to all athletes.  
Draw for starting order as per article 12.
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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.  
The competition is open to all athletes.  
Draw for starting order as per article 12.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Competition, Art. 273.3.3.2, Table A, over 2 rounds. 1<sup>st</sup> round not against the clock, 2<sup>nd</sup> round against the clock. All Athletes except those retiring or eliminated in

the 1<sup>st</sup> round return for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. No jump off. Classification according to Art. 273.4.3.

The competition is open to all athletes.

Starting order: - Round 1, reverse order from 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Competition classification.  
- Round 2, reverse order of penalties in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Athletes retain their order as in Round 1 in case of equality of penalties.

- 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.

The Competition is open to all athletes not qualified to participate at the Final, including those who have not finished one qualifying competition.

Competitors start in this competition with zero penalties.

Draw for starting order as per article 12.

- FINAL Competition, Art. 273.3.4.2, Table A over 2 rounds. 1<sup>st</sup> round not against the clock. 2<sup>nd</sup> round against the clock. All Athletes except those retiring or eliminated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round return for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. One jump off in the event of equality of penalties for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Classification according to Art. 273.4.4.

The Final Competition is open to 50% of the athletes after addition of the penalties obtained during the 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Competition and the penalties and time (2<sup>nd</sup> round) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Competition.

Competitors start in this competition with zero penalties.

Starting order: - Round 1, draw as per article 12.  
- Round 2, reverse order of penalties in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Athletes retain their order as in Round 1 in case of equality of penalties

#### 15. Dress is in accordance with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 256.

Athletes are required to wear correct dress when appearing before spectators and are required to dress in accordance with the applicable provisions of JRs Art. 256.1., Art. 256.3 and GRs Art. 135.2 when they are competing or during the presentation of prizes. This includes the Warm-Up Competition.

When inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy. In any case, riding boots, white or light fawn breeches, a long- or short-sleeved shirt and a white tie or choker must be worn. Shirts must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs.