



## 2023 RULES

1. In accordance with the FEI Jumping World Challenge rules, The Category A events of the FEI Jumping World 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 indoors or outdoors at 1.20 m technical level. If held indoors, the arena must have minimum size of 1'200 m<sup>2</sup> with a minimum width on the short side of 25 metres (JRs Art. 201.2). The FEI Jumping World Challenge Final is following the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 27<sup>th</sup> Edition (effective 1 January 2023 - <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/jumping/rules>) 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 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 Athletes (20) will be qualified to participate in the Final, i.e. the 1<sup>st</sup> 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) based on the 2022 Regional Rankings will be invited to the Final. If the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 of the Category A Regional Rankings.
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 2022 World Rankings. Note: A NF can be represented by a maximum of 2 Athletes at the FEI Jumping World 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 2022 World Rankings.  
Note: The FEI Solidarity reserves the right to allocate one wildcard, in agreement with the NF hosting the FEI Jumping World 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 Jumping World Challenge Final will be represented by two Athletes from its country, who have taken part in the 2022 FEI Jumping World 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 Category A Overall 2022 World Rankings.
  - 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 Category A Overall 2022 World Rankings.

If the hosting NF is not part of the FEI Jumping World Challenge series, two (2) wildcards will automatically be awarded. The host NF will choose the Athletes. However these Athletes must comply with the FEI Jumping World Challenge rules, Art. 3.5.



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, protections, 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 (FEI JRs Art. 279.6). Consequently as an exception to FEI Veterinary Regulations Art. 1027.2 and 1029.3, horses taking part in the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final are not subject to the FEI Horse Health Requirements and FEI HorseApp. It is however the responsibility of the OC and the owners of the borrowed horses taking part in the Final to make sure that national health requirements, sanitary measures and biosecurity protocols are adhered to.

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 for all competitions, including the Training session on Day 1. Horses may only be ridden once daily for a maximum of one hour (refer to FEI Jumping Rules Annex XII, Chapter III, Article 4, point 4.3.9 for schooling regulations of Events with Borrowed Horses).

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

14. Formula for the Final:

- First Day - Training Session with the drawn horses.  
Each Athlete will be given between 45 minutes minimum and 60 minutes maximum in total (including warm-up and cool down) to ride the drawn horse. During this time, the Athletes may do some flatwork and will be allowed in accordance with FEI JRs Art. 201.5.1. to train their Horses in gymnastic exercises using placing poles on the ground,



but obstacles used for this purpose may not exceed 1.20 m in height. Athletes using such obstacles must not violate the rules against rapping (see JRs Art. 243.2.1). Training exercises consisting of a line of obstacles in succession without a stride in between (in-out/bounce exercises) are permitted if there is sufficient space. For these exercises a maximum of three obstacles with a height not exceeding 1.00 m may be used; minimum distance between obstacles is 2.50 m, maximum distance is 3.00 m.

Gymnastic/training exercises as described above are not permitted during the warm-up for a Competition but only during the first training session on Day 1. The OC must provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of maximum eight obstacles including a combination. The obstacles must have a height of maximum 1.15 – 1.20 m and a spread of maximum 1.25 m. Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of 90 seconds per Horse.

Dress is informal: boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

- Second Day - Welcome Competition

The Welcome Competition will run in accordance to 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.

- Third Day - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Competitions

a) 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Competition will run in accordance with 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

Start order: Athletes will retain their drawn order from the Welcome Competition.

b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Competition will run in accordance with Art. 238.2.2, Table A, against the clock, but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first round. The competition is open to all Athletes.

Starting order: - Reverse order from 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Competition classification.

- Forth Day - Rest day for the horses between the Qualification Competitions and the Farewell and Final competitions. The OC might decide to allow the Athletes to ride their horse or not on that day. This will be established in the rules for the schooling/training sessions on the rest day, but in any case, no jumping will be allowed on that day.

- Fifth Day - Farewell & Final Competitions

a) Farewell Competition will run in accordance with Art. 238.2.2, Table A, against the clock, but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first 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.

Start order: Reverse order from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Competitions classification.

b) 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, reverse order from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Competitions classification



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- Round 2, reverse order of penalties in the 1st round. Athletes retain their order as in Round 1 in case of equality of penalties

\*Both rounds may or may not be identical, at the discretion of the Course Designer. Refer to the Official Programme and Course plans during the Final.

Upon consultation with the FEI, the formula and format of the competitions may be subject to changes. The official Draft Schedule will contain the Final details on the competitions' formats and regulations. Always refer to the last version of the DS.

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 Welcome 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.

16. Saddlery is in accordance with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 257.

All Horses are to be provided with their own tack (bridle, saddle, protections, etc.) which must comply with the FEI Rules for International Jumping Events, Art. 257. Athletes may bring their saddle, however it may only be used if it fits the Horse and in agreement with the Horse owner and in accordance with the rules.