

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
JUMPING RULES**

FEI SPORTS FORUM JUMPING RULES REVISION SESSION

The following are the main proposed modifications to the Jumping Rules for 2022 that will be presented during the Jumping Rules Revision Session at the Sports Forum; in view of the numerous proposed rule changes received within the framework of the rule revision process, only the main proposals that affect the sport and/or the organisation of Events have been included for presentation at the Sports Forum; the full set of rule change proposals for 2022 will be published on 12 July 2021 in accordance with the rule revision process. Section A below includes proposals submitted by NFs/MOU stakeholder groups within the framework of the rule revision process; Section B includes modifications proposed by the FEI and the Jumping Committee.

A. Rules Proposals Submitted by NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2021

Rules Proposal Submitted By
International Jumping Officials Club (IJOC)
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 200 GENERAL Art. 200.6.2.1.6 Per Diem for FEI Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change
The per diem has not changed for many years. The current rates do not reflect of amount of work which officials must perform during an event. The higher per diem for a specific group is based on the workload and responsibility before, during and after the competition.
Proposed Wording
A per diem allowance of minimum 120-150 Euros per day per Official must be offered to FEI Officials during the period of the Event. A per diem allowance of minimum 200 Euros per day per Official must be offered to the President of the Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge and Chief and Foreign Steward during the period of the Event. This remuneration for miscellaneous costs is to be provided net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC. A per diem will be paid in addition for a maximum total of one travel day if the Official's travel day(s) is/are different from the officiating days.
FEI Feedback
The Jumping Committee recognises that increasing the per diem would somewhat increase Organisers' overall costs for running an event, but supports the proposal, noting that it had already been put forward by the IJOC in 2020 and was then withdrawn in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; the Committee also recommends including the Course Designer among the key Officials receiving a higher per diem.
FEI Final Proposed Wording
A per diem allowance of minimum 120-150 Euros per day per Official must be offered to FEI Officials during the period of the Event. <u>A per diem allowance of minimum 200 Euros per day per Official must be offered to the President of the Ground Jury, Foreign Judge, Course Designer, Chief Steward and Foreign Steward during the period of the Event.</u> This remuneration for miscellaneous costs is to be provided net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC. A per diem will be paid in addition for a maximum total of one travel day if the Official's travel day(s) is/are different from the officiating days.

Rules Proposal Submitted By

USA NF	
Article No.–Article Name	
Art. 236 TABLE A: Art. 236.1 (vii) and (viii)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
Art. 236.1 (vii): USEF continues to support an adjustment in the time penalties from one penalty for every four seconds commenced to one penalty for every second commenced in competitions 'not against the clock'. As we have stated previously, we believe that time is a crucial element to the sport and the penalties should be reflective of how close an athlete is to meeting the time allowed. This is especially true in Nations Cup competitions. There is a significant difference of .5 seconds over the time allowed versus 3.5 seconds over the time allowed and the penalties should be commensurate of the performance. Art. 236.1 (viii): USEF proposes that in second phase of Two Phase competitions, the second phase is equivalent to a jump-off and time penalties should be treated similarly – one penalty for each second or commenced fraction of a second.	
Proposed Wording	
(vii) Exceeding the time allowed in the first and second rounds and jump-offs not against the clock	One penalty for every one four seconds commenced.
(viii) Exceeding the time allowed in the jump-off against the clock and in the second phase of a Two Phase against the clock.	One penalty for each second or commenced fraction of a second.
FEI Feedback	
The Committee supports the proposals. As the Committee supports one penalty for each second commenced, whether in the first or second round, second phase of a two-phase or in a jump-off against or not against the clock, subparagraphs vii and viii can be combined as it would apply to all rounds.	
FEI Final Proposed Wording	
(vii) Exceeding the time allowed in the first and second any rounds and or second phase of a Two Phase Competition or jump-offs <u>against the clock or not against the clock</u>	One penalty for every four each seconds commenced.
(viii) Exceeding the time allowed in the jump-off against the clock.	One penalty for each second or commenced fraction of a second.

Rules Proposal Submitted By	
NED NF	
Article No.–Article Name	
ARTICLE 251.17 ENTRIES (see also GRs Art. 116)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
17. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel Expenses) as a result of late withdrawal or no-show. <i>Proposal: In cases where horse flights are at the expenses of the OC, the OC must pay in advance for the flight, resulting in a substantial financial loss in case of the withdrawal of athlete after the date of definite entries.</i>	
Proposed Wording	
Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel Expenses, horse transportation if horse flights are at the expense of the OC) as a result of late withdrawal	

or no-show. This reimburse will be liable for the athlete, person responsible. This cannot be reimbursed at the NF of the responsible athlete.

FEI Feedback

A similar proposal was received from the Equestrian Organisers. The Committee supports the proposal but proposes a revised wording. As Art. 251.17 is based on GRs Art. 116 both would need to be in alignment; final wording to be confirmed with the Legal Department.

FEI Final Proposed Wording (if applicable)

17. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (~~i.e. stabling and hotel Expenses~~) as a result of late withdrawal or no-show as follows:

- Withdrawal after the date of definite entries up until the last date for substitutions: the OC may charge the Athlete for the cost of stabling per Horse withdrawn, as well as hotel expenses (if covered by the OC) and Horse flights (if Horse flights are at the expense of the OC; however, the OC may only charge the withdrawn Athlete for these costs if the OC has not been able to substitute him/her;

- Withdrawal (or no-show) after the last date for substitutions: the OC may charge the Athlete the full entry fee per Horse withdrawn as well as hotel expenses (if covered by the OC) and Horse flights (if Horse flights are at the expense of the OC).

The Athlete is liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC as stipulated above; if the Athlete does not reimburse the OC for the relevant expenses within four weeks of receiving the invoice, the OC may send the invoice to the NF of the Athlete.

Rules Proposal Submitted By

International Jumping Officials Club (IJOC)

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 259 OFFICIALS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Under the current jumping rules for CSIO5*, in addition to the PGJ and FJ, the President of the Competition and the Water Jump Judge must be Level 3. Also it is imperative to have an experienced Liaise Judge particularly at CSIO5*. Therefore it is really necessary that Members should be Level 3. Additional members could be Level 2.

Proposed Wording

CSIO5* Wording | President + Foreign Judge (**) + **three Level 3** members

FEI Feedback

The Jumping Committee supports the proposal.

FEI Proposed Final Wording (if applicable)

As proposed above. In addition, the Committee recommends further clarification to Art. 259.1 as it currently includes no reference to Continental Games aside from Pan-Am Games; clarification to the appointment of the GJ at CSI-Ws and various FEI and Regional Championships has also been added, as well as the Committee’s recommended modifications to the rules relating to National Officials. Proposed Final Wording:

Events	Number of Judges ¹	President Ground Jury	Foreign Judge	Members	Additional Members	President of Comp.	Water Jump Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.	Minimum Qualif.

Olympic / Youth Olympic Games / World Champ.	President (**)+ 4 Members (**)	Level 4 Compulsory from foreign nation	<u>Not required.</u> If appointed, Level 4 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. three Level 4; one Level 3	n/a	Level 4	Level 3 (water jump not applicable for YOG)
Pan-Am + other Senior Continental Games / Senior Continental Champ. / World Cup + Nations Cup Finals	President (**)+ 4 Members (**)	Level 4 Compulsory from foreign nation	<u>Not required.</u> If appointed, Level 4 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. one Level 4; three Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3
<u>Regional Games / Other FEI Championships</u>	President (**)+ Foreign Judge (**)+ 3-4 Members	Level 3 Preferably Compulsory from host foreign nation	<u>Not required.</u> If appointed, Level 3 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. two three Level 3; one Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
<u>Regional Championships</u>	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3-4 Members	Level 3 Preferably Compulsory from host foreign nation	<u>Not required.</u> If appointed, Level 3 (PGJ must be foreign and may act as FJ)	Min. two Level 3; one Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
CSIO5*	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3 Members	Level 4	Level 3	Min. two three Level 3; one Level 2	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3
<u>Regional Games / Other Championships</u> CSIO 3* - 4*	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. two Level 3; one Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2
CSIO1* - 2* CSIO-Y/J/P/Ch	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 3 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 2; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CS15* <u>CS15*-W</u>	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 2 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 3	Level 2
CS14* CS13* - <u>CS14*</u> <u>CS11*-W - CS14*-W</u>	President + Foreign Judge (**)+ 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CS12* / CS1YH2* CSIU25 Cat. A & B CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. A CSIP	President + Foreign Judge + 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 2; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CS11* / CS1YH1* CSIY/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B	President + 3 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Appointment of Foreign Judge recommended but not compulsory, Level 3	Min. two National ² or Level 1 if FJ appointed; Min. three National or Level 1 if FJ not appointed	National ² or Level 1	National ² or Level 1	National ² or Level 1

(...)

For the avoidance of doubt, National Judges are not limited to officiating in may not officiate outside their home country.

² Effective as of 1 July 2021: National Judges may only officiate at CS11*/CS1YH1* and CSIY/J/Ch/P/V/Am Cat. B Events that are not combined with higher level events. For the avoidance of doubt all FEI World Cup™ Events are considered higher level Events, including CS11*-W and CS12*-W.

Rules Proposal Submitted By

IJRC

Article No.–Article Name

Annex V - CSI INVITATION RULES

Explanation for Proposed Change

These should not be returned to the Section 3 because the fixed quota must be respected and because in some cases they are used as pay cards by the OC and should therefore return to Section 1 Compulsory Invitations and are therefore taken from the Ranking.

Proposed Wording
2.1.3 Filling the quota of compulsory invitations If the quota of compulsory invitations is not filled by midnight on the 4 th Sunday prior to the Event, at the time of Invitation Allocation, the remaining invitations will revert to Section 3: OC Invitations. If an entry is withdrawn after the allocation of invitations, the place will revert to Section 3 to Section 1: OC Invitations Compulsory Invitations.
FEI Feedback
The Committee supports the proposal but recommends that for the sake of practicality there should be a limit on the number of athletes in the reserve list, a fixed deadline by which the replacement athletes must confirm the re-allocated invitation and the window during which replacements from Section 1 can be made, e.g. maximum 5 reserve athletes, up to 24 hours for athlete/NF to confirm the invitation and maximum one week during which invitations could revert to Section 1. The proposal is under discussion with the FEI IT Department regarding the practical aspects of implementation as there will be a domino effect on invitations allocated to other events the same week, e.g. if a slot becomes free for a CSI5*, it reverts to the reserve athlete who may have entered a CSI4* on that week and decides to withdraw from that event to accept the invitation to the 5*.
FEI Final Proposed Wording (if applicable)
TBC

Rules Proposal Submitted By
IJRC
Article No.–Article Name
<i>Annex V - CSI INVITATION RULES</i> OTHER
Explanation for Proposed Change
<u>Certificate of Capability for CSI5* events</u> All athletes be required to have obtained a certificate of capability to take part in the main competitions at a CSI5* event. (This request is motivated by the number of unqualified athletes and horses that are injured while taking part at CSI5* events.) A recommended qualification system to take part at a CSI5* event could read as follows:
Proposed Wording
"An athlete and horse combination must have obtained four penalties or less in the first round of a CSI4* Grand Prix or a faultless first round in two CSI3* Grand Prix competitions to be eligible to take part in the main competitions at a CSI5*."
FEI Feedback
The Committee supports the introducing a Certificate of Capability for participation in the Grand Prix at CSI5* events but proposes revised criteria and recommends that the same apply for 5* World Cups as all World Cups have the status of a GP. It is also suggested to include the criteria under Art. 261 (Grand Prix Competitions) instead of Annex V (CSI Invitation Rules). Refer to Section B.
FEI Final Proposed Wording (if applicable)
Refer to proposed wording under Art. 261 in Section B

Rules Proposal Submitted By
USA NF
Article No.–Article Name
ANNEX VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS Requirements Worldwide: Maximum number of starters - Splitting the Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change

USEF believes that this rule should be reverted to the original rule where it stated that if there are more than 100 starters declared, the OC must split the Competition into two groups and provide 200% of the original Competition prize money to be divided equally between the two groups.

While we understand that this may be perceived as a hardship for OC's, there is also a significant revenue element for OC's when there are over 100 starters in a competition. In North America, the entry fees are not meager and we acknowledge that this is a reality if FEI events are to be viable for OCs. However, when the number of starters reaches above 100, we believe that the revenue income v. entry fee costs warrant the competition to be split and 200% of the prize money be provided.

Proposed Wording

If more than **100** starters are declared, the OC must split the Competition into two groups and provide 200% of the original Competition prize money which is to be divided equally between the two groups.

FEI Feedback

The Committee supports the proposal.

FEI Final Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A. Same wording as proposed above. Related provisions included in Annex VI regarding splitting the competition in case of more than 200 starters etc. to be amended accordingly.

Rules Proposal Submitted By

ITA NF

Article Number – Article Name

RULES FOR JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES: CHAPTER II CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS) - ENTRIES
Art. 319.4.1 Additional Athlete and Horse

Explanation for Proposed Change

The current system does not foresee the use of the 5th athlete. He/she must stay on the venue and has not even the chance to participate as individual in the Championships. We propose to let the 5th athlete compete in the Team and Individual Championships in analogy to what is ruled for the YR European Championships (Annex IX).

Proposed Wording

319.4.1
4.1. Additional Athlete and Horse
The additional Athlete (5th Athlete) and his/her Horses **are allowed to take part in the Team and Individual competitions, plus** the Horses of team members and individuals not taking part in the Championship Competitions may compete in the non-Championship Competitions.

FEI Feedback

The Committee supports the proposal for the 5th team athlete to take part as an individual in the Continental Championship competitions, i.e. after the declaration of the 4 team athletes (before the first competition), but not to allow the 5th team member to substitute a team member in case of accident or illness, and also recommends that the same apply for the World Championship, and that this should be discussed with the other disciplines to ensure consistency across the disciplines.

FEI Final Proposed Wording (if applicable)

As proposed above; other related articles to be updated accordingly.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS REVISION

Rules Proposal Submitted By

BUL NF

Article Number – Article Name

Annex IX – RULES FOR UNDER 25 (U25), YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS
Art. 18.1 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION
Annex XII – RULES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Art. 24.1 – TEAM CLASSIFICATION
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Our proposal is concerning the team classification. We think that the current rule the team at the first competition to be with five athletes but to count three best and after the competition the Chef d'Equipe to decide which four out of the five to continue at the team is not fair. This gives big advantage to the countries who have five athletes compared with those who have only three or four.</p> <p>Our proposal is:</p> <p>NFs can enter five team athletes. But the day before the first competition it is to the Chef d'Equipe to declare which four out of them will count for the team in the first and second competition. And for the classification we will have a drop score – three best results.</p> <p>The current rule gives much more tactical possibilities for the nations who have five athletes. Now the chef de equip can choose his team for the second competition after observation of the performance of the athlete/horses at the first competition.</p> <p>We believe that our proposal is much closer to the fair play.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Annex IX, Art. 18.1</p> <p>For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five four of each nation in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes per nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.</p> <p>Annex XII, Art. 24.1:</p> <p>Art. 24.1 For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, the team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes from among the five four of each nation in the first Competition and in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. For those teams not qualified for the second round the results of the best three Athletes from among the five of each nation in the first Competition and the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the Team Final count.</p>
FEI Feedback
The Committee supports the proposal.
FEI Final Proposed Wording (if applicable)
Same wording as proposed above. Other related articles to be updated accordingly.

B. Rules Proposals Submitted by the FEI and the Jumping Committee

Article No.–Article Name
Art. 252.6 Order of starting in Grand Prix Competitions
Explanation for Proposed Change
The Committee feels that the start order for the GP should either be according to a draw so that all athletes have the same chance to get a late start order, or or according to the reverse order of a ranking established based on performance at the event in question and therefore recommends to remove the options to establish the start order in the GP in groups with the top ranked athletes starting in the last group.
Proposed Wording
<p>6. Order of starting in Grand Prix Competitions</p> <p>The title “Grand Prix” may only be used once for each category, e.g. CSIY, CSIJ, CSI3* etc, during an international Jumping Event. The starting order for all Grand Prix Competitions must be established according to one of the following methods:</p> <p>6.1. the order of start is determined by a separate draw.</p> <p>6.2. if there is a special ranking for the best Athlete or the best combination Athlete/Horse at the Event, the ranking in reverse order before the Grand Prix may be used as the order of starting.</p>

~~6.3. The OC may divide Athletes into three groups of equal size; in case the total number of Athletes cannot be evenly divided into three groups, the group to start last, and if necessary the group to start second, will be assigned one more Athlete than the group to start first. There must be a draw to establish the starting order in each group. The top Athletes on the Jumping Ranking are permitted to start in the last group.~~

The President of the Ground Jury must be present during the draw.

The method to be used must be mentioned in the Schedule.

Article No.—Article Name

Art. 254.6 Number of Horses per Athlete in the Grand Prix

Explanation for Proposed Change

Art. 254.6 is not intended to give OCs the possibility to establish the number of starters in the GP at half of the maximum allowed according to the category of the event in order to allow all athletes to ride two horses. As a matter of principle athletes may ride only one horse in the GP and/or competition with the highest prize money. The purpose of the rule is to allow an OC to fill the competition if, due to a smaller number of athletes entered in the event than foreseen, the number declared for the Grand Prix is not more than half the number of starters indicated in the Schedule (based on one horse per athlete), in which case the OC may allow athletes to ride two horses if this is specified in the Schedule. The Jumping Committee also strongly feels that athletes should never be allowed to ride two horses in the GP or competition with the highest prize money at CS14* and CS15* events in view of the significant number of ranking points available.

Proposed Wording

5. At CSIOs each Athlete may ride only one Horse in the Grand Prix or, if there is no Grand Prix, in the Competition with the highest prize money. If there is a Grand Prix Competition and another Competition with the same prize money as the Grand Prix or with higher prize money, the Athlete may ride only one Horse in each of these Competitions, except when this Competition is a Derby, in which case more than one Horse per Athlete may be ridden.

6. The above paragraph also applies at CSIs. However, ~~if the following exception may be allowed for CS11*, CS12* and CS13* Events only. If due to fewer Athletes entering the Event than anticipated, the number of declared starters (Athletes) in the Grand Prix or in similar Competitions listed in paragraph 5 above is not more than 50% of the number of starters indicated in the Schedule for the Competition concerned (number of starters based on one horse per athlete), there are 50 Athletes or less entered (subject to the remaining provisions of this article), the OC may allow each Athlete to ride two Horses in the Competition concerned subject to the remaining provisions of this article, provided that this is indicated eventually is specified in the Schedule and that the total number of potential starters would not exceed the maximum allowed number indicated in the Schedule for the Grand Prix or Competition in question (number of starters based on one horse per athlete).~~ With respect to the Grand Prix specifically, the following applies:

- CS11*/CS12*: ~~if 100 or more Athletes are invited to the Event but there are 50 declared starters or less in the Grand Prix, each Athlete may ride two Horses providing the Grand Prix is open to 100 starters (maximum 100 in the Grand Prix). If the Grand Prix is open to less than 100 starters, each Athlete may ride two Horses only if the number of Athletes invited to the Event is at least as many as the number of starters indicated in the Schedule for the Grand Prix and if the number of declared starters in the Grand Prix is not more than 50% of the number indicated in the Schedule.~~
- CS13*: ~~If 60 or more Athletes are invited to the Event but there are 30 declared starters or less in the Grand Prix, each Athlete may ride two Horses providing the~~

Grand Prix is open to 60 starters (maximum 60 in the Grand Prix). If the Grand Prix is open to less than 60 starters, each Athlete may ride two Horses only if the number of Athletes invited to the Event is at least as many as the number of starters indicated in the Schedule for the Grand Prix and if the number of declared starters in the Grand Prix is not more than 50% of the number established in the Schedule.

- ~~CSI4*/CSI5*:~~ If there are 25 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 50 in the Grand Prix)

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 261.4 Qualification and Eligibility for the Grand Prix

Explanation for Proposed Change

The Jumping Committee feels that all athletes at a CSI should have to qualify for the Grand Prix if there is a qualification system in place and therefore recommends that the provisions relating to automatic qualification of previous medal winners, GP winners of the previous year, etc., be removed from the rules. The IJRC proposal relating to eligibility for the Grand Prix (Section A) at CSI5*/CSI5*-W events has also been included in a new paragraph 4.3.

Proposed Wording

4. Qualification and Eligibility for the Grand Prix

~~4.1. — If qualification conditions for Athlete/Horse are scheduled for the Grand Prix at a CSIO, it is compulsory that the formula given below is referred to:~~

~~The following are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at CSIOs, if present as official team members or individual:~~

~~4.1.1. The individual Jumping medal winners (Athletes) of the last Olympic and Pan American Games, of the last World and Continental* Championships (*provided the competitions at the Continental Championship were conducted in accordance with the competition format and height of obstacles established in Articles 323 through 327 of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games) and the first placed Athlete/Horse combination in the last FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final.~~

~~4.1.2. Eligible to participate in Grand Prix Competitions at 5* CSIO Events are the winners (Athlete/Horse combination) of the Grand Prix at any 5* CSIO Event during the previous 12 months.~~

~~4.1.3. Eligible to participate in Grand Prix Competitions at 4* CSIO Events are the winners (Athlete/Horse combinations) of the Grand Prix at any 4* or 5* CSIO Event during the previous 12 months.~~

~~4.1.4. Eligible to participate in Grand Prix Competitions at 3* CSIO Events is the winner (Athlete/Horse combination) of the Grand Prix at that Event's Grand Prix the previous year, providing the previous year's Event was the same star level or a higher star level.~~

~~4.2. — If qualification conditions for Athletes are scheduled for the Grand Prix at a CSI Event, it is compulsory that the formula given below is referred to. This does not apply to CSI events that are part of a series approved by the FEI Board.~~

~~The following Athletes (not Athlete/Horse combinations) are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at CSI Events, if present:~~

~~4.2.1. The winner of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year, according to the following conditions:~~

~~—For the Grand Prix at a CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Event, the winner of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year is eligible to participate, providing the previous year's Event was the same star level or a higher star level;~~

~~—For the Grand Prix at a CSI1*/CSI2*, the winner of that Event's Grand Prix the previous year is eligible to participate, regardless of the star level of the previous year's Event;~~

~~4.2.2. The current National Jumping Champion of the host country;~~

~~4.2.3. The individual Jumping medal winners of the last Olympic and Pan-American Games, the last World and Continental* Championships (*provided the competitions at the Continental Championship were conducted in accordance with the competition format and height of obstacles established in Articles 323 through 327 of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games) and the winner of the last FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final.~~

~~4.3.4.1~~ If qualification conditions for Athlete/Horse are scheduled for the Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO or a CSI, it is compulsory that all qualifying Competitions are run under Table A against the clock or under Table A with one or two jump-offs or with two rounds (Art. 273) or with winning round (Art. 276) or in normal two phase competitions (Art. 274.1.5.1-Art. 274.1.5.3, both phases Table A). Competitions in groups with winning round (Art. 275) and special two-phase Competitions (Art. 274.2) may not be used as qualifying competitions for the Grand Prix.

4.42. All Athletes taking part in a Grand Prix at a CSIO or a CSI must have completed, with their Grand Prix Horse, the initial round of at least one FEI Competition among those listed below* prior to the Grand Prix. If an Athlete/Horse combination has completed the initial round of one of these Competitions prior to the Grand Prix, and the Athlete is subsequently eliminated or disqualified from the Competition in question, the Athlete may take part in the Grand Prix (if qualified), with the same Horse, as the Horse is deemed to have fulfilled the eligibility requirement of completing the initial round of an FEI Competition prior to the Grand Prix. If the Grand Prix takes place on the first day of the Event, or if it is the only Competition at the Event, regardless on which day it is held, the Organising Committee must schedule a training session to provide Athletes with the opportunity to jump their Horse in the arena prior to the Grand Prix. The same provisions apply to FEI World Cup™ Competitions.

4.3 In addition to the above paragraph, to be eligible to take part in the Grand Prix and/or the FEI World Cup™ Competition at a CSI5* or CSI5*-W Event if there is no qualification system in place, Athletes, respectively Athlete/Horse combinations must fulfil the following criteria:

- Athletes must be ranked within the top 500 of the Longines Ranking used to establish the invitations for the Event;
- Athletes not ranked within the top 500 of the Longines Ranking used to establish the invitations for the Event must have achieved, with the Horse with which they wish to compete in the Grand Prix, one of the following results within the 12 months prior to the definite entries for the Event:
 - eight Penalties or less in the initial round of a 1.55 m Grand Prix, Nations Cup or FEI World Cup™ Competition; or
 - four Penalties or less in the initial round of a 1.50 m Grand Prix, Nations Cup or FEI World Cup™ competition.

(...)

7. For all CSI5* and CSIO5* Events the Schedule must indicate a height of obstacles of 1.60 m for the Grand Prix. ~~For CSI-W Events, the Schedule may indicate a maximum height of 1.65 m for the FEI World Cup™ Competition.~~ Refer also to JRs Art. 208.

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 264 Nations Cup:
 264.1.6 Format
 264.3 Obstacles and other technical requirements
 264.4 Athletes
 264.5 Participation
 264.7 Number of teams and athletes in the second round
 264.9 Placing and classification

264.10 Nations Cups at other events (CSIOY, CSIOJ, CSIOCh, CSIOP)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Standardise the format for all Senior, Y & J Nations Cups, with both rounds against the clock in order to break any ties among teams placed second or lower in round 2, and as the times of the best 3 athletes in round 1 are used to break any ties on penalties for the last qualification place for round 2.

Modifications to technical requirements for CSIO1*-CSIO5* in line with the star level of the event, considering that 3* to 5* Nations Cups can count for qualification for Senior World/Continental Championships and Olympic Games.

Clarification in alignment with the spirit of Art. 249.1 that NFs unable to send a complete team (4 athletes) may enter a team of 3 athletes, therefore Art. 264.5.4 is not applicable as NFs may only be invited to enter 1 or 2 individuals in addition to the team or from NFs not represented by a team.

Clarifications to format for Nations Cups at CSIOY, CSIOJ, CSIOCh, CSIOP.

Proposed Wording

1. Organisation

(...)

1.6. The Competition takes place over two rounds, over the same course during the course of the same day.

1.7. The Nations Cup is judged under Table A, ~~not both rounds~~ against the clock with a time allowed ~~in both rounds~~.

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3. Obstacles and other technical requirements

3.1. The number and dimensions of the obstacles and the length of the course must be within the following limits: *

	5* NC	4* NC	3* NC	2* NC	1* NC
Number of obstacles	12	12	12	12	12
Min./max. height (metres)	1.30/1.60 1.45/1.60	1.30/1.50 1.40/1.55	1.20/1.45 1.35/1.50	1.10/1.35 1.20/1.40	1.00/1.20 1.10/1.25
At least 2 vertical obstacles with a height of (metres)	1.60	1.50 1.55	1.45 1.50	1.35 1.40	1.20 1.25
At least six other obstacles with a height of (metres)	1.50	1.45	1.40	1.30	1.10 1.15
At least 2 spread obstacles with a minimum height / spread of (metres)	1.50/1.70	1.45/1.60 1.50/1.60	1.40/1.50 1.45/1.55	1.30/1.50 1.35/1.45	1.20/1.40 1.20/1.35
Max. spread (metres)	2.00	1.90 1.80	1.80 1.70	1.70 1.60	1.50 1.45
Max. spread of triple bar (metres)	2.20	2.10	2.00	1.90	1.70
Min./max. spread of water jump (metres) (refer to JRs Art. 211.1)	3.80/4.00	3.70/3.90	3.50/3.70	3.20/3.50	2.70/3.00
Min./max. length of the course (metres)	450/700 450/650	450/700 450/650	450/700 450/650	450/700 450/650	450/700 450/650
Speed outdoor (m/min.)	400	400	375	350 375	350
Speed indoor (m/min.)	350	350	350	350	350

* NB: For Nations Cup Competitions at selected CSIO3* and CSIO4* Events at which Athletes and/or Horses may earn a Certificate of Capability for the Olympic Games, World Championship or Continental Championship, the mandatory requirements established in JRs Annex VIII, Art. 8 take precedence over the technical requirements established above for CSIO3* and CSIO4* Nations Cups.

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4. Athletes

4.1. A full Nations Cup team comprises four Athletes each riding the same Horse throughout the Competition. If an NF invited with a team cannot provide a team of four Athletes it may enter a team of three Athletes (see JRs Art. 249.1). All members of each team must take part in the first round, except as stated in paragraph 4.2 below and in paragraph 8.3 relating to a fall prior to crossing the start line.

4.2. If a team, comprising four Athletes, cannot improve its placing in the first or second round after its third Athlete has completed his/her course, the fourth Athlete may be withdrawn.

5. Participation

Participation in Nations Cup Competitions is subject to the following conditions:

5.1. The Athletes and Horses are chosen from the official team, declared by the Chef d'Equipe before the first Competition. The Chef d'Equipe will, on the day preceding the Nations Cup, declare the four Athletes and Horses, including their starting order within the team;

5.2. When a team can only provide three Athletes and three Horses, its Chef d'Equipe must start his/her three Athletes and Horses;

5.3. Except in circumstances beyond control recognised as such by the Ground Jury, participation in this Competition is compulsory for all NFs officially represented by a team of at least three Athletes. A team that abstains or withdraws and thus fails to participate will be deprived of all prize money won during the whole Event. In addition, they will lose all right to living expenses;

~~5.4. When three or more Athletes of the same nationality from a NF which is not officially represented have been entered as individuals, they must make up a team for the Nations Cup unless their NF has informed the OC seven days before the Event that these Athletes may not take part in the Nations Cup. In this case, the OC has the right to refuse the entries of these Athletes as individuals;~~

~~5.54.~~ In the event of an accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse (...)

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6. Order of starting

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6.3 The starting order of teams in the second round will be in the reverse order of the total Penalties in the first round of the best three Athletes in each team. In case of equality of Penalties the teams will retain the starting order of start in reverse order of the combined Penalties and times of their best three Athletes in the first round.

6.4 The Athletes in each team start in the same order as in the first round.

7. Number of teams and Athletes in the second round

At the discretion of the OC, the best six (minimum) to eight (maximum) teams after the first round take part in the second round with four Athletes per team, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs 4.2 and 5.2 above. If there are fewer than six teams participating in the first round, all teams, if not eliminated in the first round, may take part in the second round with four Athletes per team, respectively with three athletes if as provided in paragraphs 4.2 or 5.2 above.

Those teams equal on Penalties for sixth, seventh or eighth place (depending on the number of teams to take part in the second round) will be separated by the total times of the three best Athletes of each team in the first round (refer to paragraph 9.1 below).

The OC must ~~decide during the draw for the Nations Cup indicate in the Schedule of the Event~~ whether the home team will return for the second round as an extra team, if it is not qualified among the six to eight teams eligible to take part. The home team will

only be permitted to return for the second round, if there is a difference of not more than eight Penalties between the home team and the last qualified team for the second round.
(...)

9. Placing and classification

9.1. Classification of the teams not ~~taking part in~~ qualified for the second round is based on the total Penalties of the three best Athletes of each team in the first round. Teams with equality of Penalties are placed ~~equal~~ according to the combined Penalties and times of their best three athletes.

9.2. Placing of teams after the second round is decided as follows:

The total Penalties of the best three Athletes per team in the first round are added to the total Penalties of the best three Athletes per team in the second round.

9.2.1. In case of equality of Penalties for the first place, there will be a jump-off in which one Athlete per team will participate. The Chef d'Equipe determines which member of his/her team will participate in the jump-off. Any one of the four team members, respectively three team members if applicable, may take part in the jump-off.

The jump-off takes place against the clock over a minimum of six obstacles.

In case of equality of Penalties and time after the jump-off, the teams concerned will be placed equal first.

9.2.2. Teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed ~~equal~~ according to the total Penalties of their best three Athletes in both rounds and the combined times of their best three Athletes in the second round. In case of equality of total Penalties and combined times in the second round, the teams concerned will be separated by the combined times of their three best Athletes in the first round.

10. Nations Cup at other Events

10.1. If a Nations Cup is organised at other Events, such as CSIOY, CSIOJ, CSIOCh or CSIOP, the provisions mentioned under paragraphs 7-1-9 above apply where indicated otherwise below.

For the ~~measurements-dimensions~~ of the obstacles and other specifications for the course, those ~~given-established~~ in the relevant FEI Rules and Regulations are applicable. Refer to JRs Annex IX, Annex XI and Annex XII.

10.2. The Nations Cup at CSIOCh and CSIOP Events is judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed in both rounds. (For CSIOY and CSIOJ as per paragraph 1.7 above.)

10.23. For all CSIOY and CSIOJ, the classification of teams not qualified for the second round is according to paragraph 9.1 above. The placing of teams after the second round is according to paragraph 9.2 (first sentence) above. For all CSIOCh and CSIOP the classification of teams not qualified for the second round is based on the total Penalties of the three best Athletes of each team in the first round. Teams with equality of Penalties are placed equal. The starting order of teams in the second round will be in the reverse order of the total Penalties in the first round of the best three Athletes in each team. In case of equality of Penalties the teams will retain the same starting order as in the first round. Placing of teams after the second round is according to paragraph 9.2 (first sentence) above.

However, for all CSIOY, CSIOJ, CSIOCh and CSIOP, in case of equality of Penalties for the first place, there will be a jump-off in which all team Athletes may take part. The jump-off takes place against the clock over a minimum of six obstacles.

10.3.1. The Score in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties incurred by the three best Athletes in each team, but in the event of further equality of Penalties, the times of these three Athletes in the jump-off added together will decide the winning team.

10.43.2. For CSIOY and CSIOJ teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed as per paragraph 9.2.2 above. For CSIOCh and CSIOP ~~teams~~ teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed equal.

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Annex V CSI Invitation Rules, Sections 1 – 3

Explanation for Proposed Change

Further to the re-introduction of CSI2* events in the online Invitation System, Annex V is updated in alignment with the Emergency Board Resolution for the re-introduction of CSI2* in the invitation system as published on the website. In addition, the Jumping Committee recommends that all medal winners of the most recent Olympic Games or World Championship be invited to CSIs on a staggered timeline according to the medal won.

Proposed Wording

Invitation Rules for CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events (Worldwide)

~~The following CSI Invitation Rules will apply to Events taking place as of week six in 2020 (the week beginning on 3 February 2020). For Events taking place before this date the 2016 CSI Invitation Rules, published at [2016 CSI Invitation Rules](#), will apply.~~

The following rules apply for all CSI2*/CSI3*/CSI4*/CSI5* Events at which the number of invited Athletes as indicated in the Schedule is restricted, except for CSIs that are part of an FEI-approved series for which the invitation rules have been explicitly approved by the FEI Board. The CSI Invitation Rules do not apply to other categories of CSI Events (e.g. CSI1*, CSI-Am, CSIY, CSIJ etc) or to CSIOs.

For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, a certain percentage of Athletes must be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking, a certain percentage of Athletes are home Athletes selected by the host NF and a certain percentage are Athletes invited by the Organising Committee (OC); the percentages for each invitation group are established for each star level as follows:

NB: CSI2* Events may be organised as regular CSI2* Events with Longines Ranking Competition(s), in which case the 30%/30%/40% quotas below for CSI2* apply if the number of invited Athletes is restricted, or may be organised as CSI2* Open Events without Longines Ranking Competitions, in which case the 0%/20%/80% quotas below for CSI2* Open Events apply if the number of invited Athletes is restricted.

(...)

Event Level	Athletes from the Longines Ranking	Athletes selected by the host NF	OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	50%	25%	25%
CSI3*	40%	30%	30%
CSI2*	30%	30%	40%
CSI2* <u>Open, option with no Longines Ranking Competitions if the number of invited Athletes is restricted</u> (option available only for CSI2* that are combined with CSI3*, 4* or 5*, upon specific request of the OC)	0%	20%	80%
<u>CSI2* Open, option with no Longines Ranking Competitions if the number of invited Athletes is unrestricted</u>	<u>N/A, CSI Invitation Rules do not apply to CSI Events at which the number of Athletes invited is not restricted.</u>		

For all Events at which the CSI Invitation Rules apply, the CSI invitation rules will be managed through the FEI online invitation system.

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Section 1 Compulsory Invitations: Athletes invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking

For the purpose of invitation of Athletes in descending order of the Longines Ranking, the Longines Ranking list established **three** months prior to the Event is to be used. The OC must indicate in the Schedule the number of the Longines Ranking list which applies for the invitation of Athletes.

1.1. Percentage of Athletes to be selected in descending order of the Longines Ranking

The percentage of Athletes to be invited in descending order of the Longines Ranking depends on the star level of the Event. The following percentages apply:

CSI5*	CSI4*	CSI3*	CSI2*	CSI2* <u>Open</u> option with no Longines Ranking competitions <i>(option available only for CSI2* that are combined with a CSI 3*, 4* or 5*)</i>
60%	50%	40%	30%	No compulsory invitations

Athletes tied on Longines Ranking points will be separated as follows:

- Priority will be given to the Athlete who has earned the same amount of points with fewer results. If there is still a tie:
- Priority will be given to the Athlete with the greater number of highest points within his/her results counting for the Longines Ranking. If there is still a tie:
- Priority will be given to the Athlete with the greater number of highest placings in the Competitions within his/her results counting for the Longines Ranking. If there is still a tie:
- Priority will be given to the Athlete with the higher rank on the previous Longines Ranking; if there is still a tie, priority will be given to the Athlete with the higher rank on the preceding Longines Ranking and so on until the tie is broken.

1.2. Individual Jumping ~~gold~~-medal winners Olympic Games and World Championship

The individual Jumping ~~gold~~-medal winners of the most recent Olympic Games and the individual Jumping ~~gold~~-medal winners of the most recent World Championship at the time of the reference ranking when applicable for the concerned event, must receive an invitation to all CSIs according to the following timeframes:

- The gold medal winner of the most recent Olympic Games, respectively of the most recent World Championship, must receive an invitation to all CSIs for the four years following the Olympic Games, respectively the World Championship, at which the medal was won.
- The silver medal winner of the most recent Olympic Games, respectively of the most recent World Championship, must receive an invitation to all CSIs for the two years following the Olympic Games, respectively the World Championship, at which the medal was won.
- The bronze medal winner of the most recent Olympic Games, respectively of the most recent World Championship, must receive an invitation to all CSIs for the year following the Olympic Games, respectively the World Championship, at which the medal was won.

These invitations are included in the quota for compulsory invitations established under 1.1, regardless of the position of the individual Jumping ~~gold~~-medal winners on the Longines Ranking.

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the timelines, management and confirmation of compulsory invitations.

Section 2 Home Athletes selected by the host NF

2.1. Percentage of home Athletes

The percentage of home Athletes that may be selected by the host NF depends on the star level of the Event. This percentage does not include the home Athletes invited under Section 1: Compulsory Invitations and Section 3: OC Invitations. The following percentages apply:

CSI5*	CSI4*	CSI3*	CSI2*	CSI2* <u>Open</u> option with no Longines Ranking competitions <i>(option available only for CSI2* that are combined with a CSI 3*, 4* or 5*)</i>
20%	25%	30%	30%	<u>20% if the number of invited athletes is restricted; (n/a if the number of invited athletes is unrestricted)</u>

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the timelines, management and confirmation of home Athletes.

Section 3 OC Invitations

3.1. Percentage of OC Invitations

The percentage of Athletes that may be invited by the Organising Committee depends on the star level of the Event. The following percentages apply:

CSI5*	CSI4*	CSI3*	CSI2*	CSI2* Open option with no Longines Ranking competitions <i>(option available only for CSI2* combined with a CSI 3*, 4* or 5*)</i>
20%	25%	30%	40%	80% if the number of invited athletes is restricted; (n/a if the number of invited athletes is unrestricted)

Refer to the Implementation Guidelines published on the FEI website for technical details regarding the timelines, management and confirmation of OC invitations.

Article No.–Article Name**Annex VIII Qualification Procedure for Olympic Games, World and Continental Jumping Championships****Explanation for Proposed Change**

The technical requirements for courses of competitions counting for MERs for Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships and criteria for achieving MERs should be harmonised so that there are not different criteria for courses counting for qualification for these events. The MER criteria have also been updated in view of the new competition format for the Olympic Games.

Proposed Wording

1. Except for the Olympic Games Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.

2. For the Olympic Games, Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the Olympic Games until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Refer to the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games for the qualification procedure for the Olympic Games.

3. **For the World [and Continental Championships](#)** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the World Championship, [respectively of the year preceding the Continental Championship](#), until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:

3.1. [Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the Individual Final at the last Olympic Games;](#)

3.2 [Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the first team Competition \(Team Qualifier\) or in the second team Competition \(Team Final\) at the last Olympic Games.](#)

3.3 [Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the team Competition \(first or second round\) at the last European or World Championship or Pan American Games ~~or Olympic Games~~ or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors \(provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games\).](#)

3.24. Athletes and Horses that have completed the individual Final at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games ~~or Olympic Games~~ or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games).

3.35. [FEI World Cup™ Competitions](#)

~~3.5.1.~~ Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of ~~three-two~~ FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W and CSI3*-W Events.

~~3.5.2.~~ Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of ~~two-an~~ FEI World Cup™ Competitions at ~~a~~ selected outdoor CSI4*-W Events with a Score of ~~zero-not more than~~ ~~four~~ penalties.

~~3.5.3.~~ Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI5*-W Event with a Score of not more than ~~four-eight~~ penalties.

~~3.46.~~ Grand Prix Competitions at CSIs and CSIOs

~~3.6.1.~~ Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of ~~three-two~~ Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI3* ~~and/or selected CSIO3*~~ outdoor Events.

~~3.56.2.~~ Athletes and Horses with a Score of ~~zero-not more than four~~ penalties in the first round of ~~two-a~~ Grand Prix Competitions at ~~a~~ CSI4* ~~outdoor Event or at a selected CSIO4*~~ outdoor Events.

~~3.6.3.~~ Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than ~~four-eight~~ penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5* ~~or CSIO5*~~ outdoor Event.

~~3.7.~~ Nations Cup Competitions at CSIOs

~~3.7.1.~~ Athletes and Horses with a Score of ~~zero-not more than four~~ Penalties in the first ~~round or zero Penalties in the~~ second round of a Nations Cup Competition at ~~three-a~~ selected CSIO3* ~~or CSIO4*~~ outdoor Events, ~~or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 3.11 below.~~

~~3.8~~ Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at ~~two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 3.11 below.~~

~~3.97.2.~~ Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than ~~four-eight~~ penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event, ~~or with a Score of not more than four penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event).~~

~~3.408.~~ For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a ~~minimum~~ score of ~~zero Penalties~~ in the first round of ~~more than one two~~ Grand Prix, ~~or two~~ FEI World Cup™ ~~or in the first or second round of more than one Nations Cup~~ Competitions at selected CSI3*, CSI1*/2*/3*-W or CSIO3* ~~and CSIO4*~~ Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs ~~3.3-3.5.1~~ and ~~3.7-3.8-3.6.1~~ above) may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI World Cup™/~~Nations Cup~~ Competitions towards the overall total of minimum results required ~~according to the star level of the Event~~. For example, Athletes and Horses with a score of zero penalties in the first round of one FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected CSI1*/2*/3*-W Event and a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3* Event ~~and a score of zero penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* Event~~ are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability ~~at 3* Events~~.

~~3.419.~~ Courses of selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix and FEI World Cup™ Competitions must comply at least ~~with the provisions of paragraph 4.11 and~~ with the minimum dimensions and technical requirements outlined under the mandatory requirements for courses of special qualifying competitions included in paragraph 8 of this Annex. (At Events where the Schedule indicates that the height of obstacles in a qualifying Competition, e.g.

the Grand Prix at a CSI3*, is 1.50 m, a special mention may be added to the Event Schedule that if the Competition is listed as a qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games, the World or Continental Championship, the compulsory two verticals at 1.60 m will be included in the course without it being considered to ~~have exceeded the dimensions listed in the Schedule~~ be a Competition conducted at a height of 1.60 m.)

~~4. — **For the Continental Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the Continental Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:~~

~~4.1. — Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight Penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games).~~

~~4.2. — Athletes and Horses that have completed the individual Final at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship is conducted as per Chapter II of the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games).~~

~~4.3. — Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of three FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W or CSI3*-W Events. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of two FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI4*-W Events with a Score of zero Penalties. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI5*-W Event with a Score of not more than four penalties.~~

~~4.4. — Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at three selected CSI3*- outdoor Events with a Score of zero Penalties.~~

~~4.5. — Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at two CSI4*- outdoor Events with a Score of zero Penalties.~~

~~4.6 — Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5*- outdoor Event.~~

~~4.7. — Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at three selected CSIO3*- outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at three selected CSIO3*- outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 4.11 below.~~

~~4.8 — Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at two selected CSIO4*- outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at two selected CSIO4*- outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the dimensions set forth in paragraph 4.11 below.~~

~~4.9. — Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5*- outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO5*- outdoor Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event).~~

~~4.10 — For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a minimum score in the first round of more than one Grand Prix, FEI World Cup™ or in the first or second round of more than one Nations Cup Competition at selected CSI, CSI-W or CSIO 3* and 4* Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs 4.3-4.5 and 4.7-4.8 above) may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI World~~

~~Cup™/Nations Cup Competitions towards the overall total of minimum results required according to the star level of the Event. For example, Athletes and Horses with a score of zero penalties in the first round of one FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected CSI1*/2*/3* W Event and a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3* Event and a score of zero penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* Event are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability at 3* Events.~~

~~4.11— Selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix and FEI World Cup™ Competitions must meet the following specifications: consist of at least 12 obstacles which may vary in height between 1.40 m and 1.60 m. The spread obstacles must have spreads of between 1.50 m and 2.00 m (2.20 m for the triple bar). At least two vertical obstacles must be provided with a minimum height of 1.60 m. (At Events where the Schedule indicates that the height of obstacles in a qualifying Competition, e.g. the Grand Prix at a CSI3*, is 1.50 m, a special mention may be added to the Event Schedule that if the Competition is listed as a qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games, the World or Continental Championship, the compulsory two verticals at 1.60 m will be included in the course without it being considered to have exceeded the dimensions listed in the Schedule.)~~

~~54.~~ For CSI, CSI-W and CSIO Events mentioned above, selection will be made from Events which take place from 1 January the year preceding the Games or Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date to be fixed by the FEI. A list of Events will be published by the FEI in the year preceding the Olympic Games or FEI Championship.

~~65.~~ NFs unable to send complete teams not represented by a team to any of the CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete "*hors concours*" in the Nations Cup Competition should the NF need the opportunity for their Athlete(s) and/or Horse(s) to attempt to fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements for the Olympic Games, World Championship or Continental Championship.

~~76.~~ At Nations Cup, FEI World Cup™ and Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI-W and CSI/CSIO 3*/4*/5* Events the Foreign Judge is responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions-specifications (refer to Art. 3.9 above) and will confirm in his/her report to the FEI that the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability have been achieved. If the course of a Nations Cup, FEI World Cup™ or Grand Prix Competition at selected CSI-W or CSI/CSIO 3*/4*/5* Events is not built according to the required specifications, the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability will not have been achieved and the Competition will be removed from the list of qualifying Competitions for the Olympic Games, respectively the World or Continental Championship.

~~7.~~ At Nations Cup Competitions at selected CSIO3* and CSIO4* Events, the mandatory requirements established in Art. 8 below take precedence over the technical requirements for CSIO3* and CSIO4* Nations Cups established in JRs. Art. 264.3.1.

~~8.~~ In exceptional circumstances, if an NF finds it impossible can demonstrate that it has not been possible for its Athlete(s) to obtain invitations to Events in order to have sufficient opportunity to qualify as above, it may request the FEI for permission for their Athlete(s) to participate in to send a foreign assessing delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special qualifying Competition; permission for a special qualifying Competition may be granted by the Jumping Committee. Special qualifying Competitions ~~should~~ must be held at a CSI or a CSIO, following the last Competition of the Event, and must be run in accordance with the following FEI protocol.

The OC must inform the FEI of the exact dimensions of the outdoor arena (and any fixed elements) in order for the course plan to be designed. The OC must appoint an FEI Course Designer to build-design the course.

The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate.

The FEI will appoint an international (foreign) judge to act as the assessing delegate.

The FEI will appoint an FEI Veterinarian to perform a horse inspection prior to jumping.

An FEI Steward must be present to carry out the usual duties of an FEI Steward including, but not limited to, the boot and bandage control.

In addition to the above an EADCMP test may be carried out on participating horses.

An exact time must be established for the special qualifying Competition.

All costs for the special qualifying Competition will be at the requesting NF's expense.

The Competition must be open to Athletes from other NFs and shall consist of one round.

The FEI will select an FEI Course Designer to design the course plan according to the following dimensions and technical requirements; the course plan must be sent to the FEI Director Jumping for approval [and must clearly identify the specific obstacles that must be included as per the mandatory requirements below, e.g. wall, gate, narrow obstacle.](#)

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- The first obstacle ~~may~~ must be [either](#) a vertical minimum height 1.45 m or an oxer minimum height 1.40 m for the front pole and 1.45 m for the back pole;
- One set of planks on flat cups (an exception may be allowed by the Course Designer in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury or the TD to remove it in case of extremely windy weather);
- Triple bar minimum 1.80 m spread and 1.50 m height;
- One wall or gate;
- One narrow vertical or spread obstacle with frontal width between 2.50 to 3.00 m;
- Minimum one triple and one double combination (three doubles are not allowed);
- The triple combination must have at least one oxer minimum 1.50 m height and 1.50 m spread, and at least one one-stride distance either from A to B or from B to C;
- Approximately 50% of the efforts must be vertical obstacles and 50% must be spread obstacles (e.g. oxer, triple bar, Swedish oxer, narrow oxer etc.). Nevertheless, no more than 55% of the efforts may be vertical and no more than 60% of the efforts may be spread obstacles, including the water jump if there is one;
- Two verticals (other than the wall) must have a height of 1.60 m;
- At least two spread obstacles with minimum height of 1.50 m and minimum spread of 1.60 m;
- Two liverpool obstacles, one vertical and one spread. If the course includes a water jump, a minimum of one liverpool will be allowed;
- Bend or straight line of up to six strides between two single obstacles;
- Depth of cups: minimum 50% of cups must have a depth of 18 mm, [for special obstacle material cups may be shallower \(refer to JRs Art. 208.6\)](#); depth of cups maximum 20 mm ~~if poles are 350-400 cm long~~;
- Minimum length of course 400 meters with a minimum speed of 375m/min;
- The course will include minimum 12 and maximum 14 obstacles.
- ~~ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED CRITERIA~~ (at least two of the following ~~recommended~~ criteria must be included in the course):
 - One line between two obstacles should be a forward line up to five strides;
 - One bend or straight line up to seven strides with minimum three obstacles;
 - Double combination in a bend or straight line with an obstacle before or after at maximum seven strides;
 - A related distance bend or straight line of up to eight strides leading to the triple combination or up to seven strides following the triple combination;
 - One of the combinations must have a related distance (maximum seven strides) with an obstacle (before or after the combination) in a straight line.

The FEI will provide the course plan to the Course Designer appointed by the OC on the morning of the special qualifying Competition.

Immediately following the Competition, the course plan and the results duly signed and confirmed by the FEI assessing delegate, must be sent to the FEI.

Special qualifying Competitions that do not meet the above requirements will not be validated.

Athletes/Horses scoring four Penalties or less in this round will be considered to be qualified. The foreign assessing delegate, appointed by the Jumping Committee, will advise the NF and the FEI on the granting of Certificates of Capability. If an Athlete/Horse combination has more than four Penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the foreign assessing delegate may let this combination repeat a similar course. But in no case can an Athlete qualify if he/she has scored more than four Penalties in the second round.

9. Certificates of Capability must be received by the FEI for Athletes and Horses not later than the date fixed for nominated entries or date fixed by the FEI. Athletes and Horses for whom Certificates of Capability have not been received will not be allowed to ~~start~~ [be entered for the Olympic Games or World or Continental Championship concerned](#).

10. Any and all "*hors concours*" participation provided for directly or indirectly in the present Annex and/or in any special Rules of the Jumping Discipline are in compliance with the permissible exceptions as per GRs Art. 117.6.

11. The report of the assessing foreign delegate must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director who in turn will send a copy to the Chair of the Jumping Committee. The NFs of the qualified Horses and Athletes will be informed by the FEI immediately after the qualification is ~~given~~ [confirmed](#).