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Rule changes for 2023-2024

- Qualification for the Series
- Allocation of legs
- Drive-off for Competition 1
- Whips
- Course Designer for the Final
- Others



Qualification for the Series – Art. 2.7

- 2.7 No more than two Outdoor Qualifying Competitions per country can be submitted by an Athlete in support of qualifying for the Series. Continental and World Championships will not count towards the maximum two Outdoor Qualifying Competitions per country.

Allocation of legs - Art. 2.15 (NEW)

- 2.15 The FEI shall organise a teleconference meeting with the Athletes for the purpose of the allocation process set out in Article 2.14 above and shall give the Athletes reasonable notice of such meeting. Athletes who cannot attend the meeting or who do not send a representative shall lose their right to select Legs and shall have their Legs allocated to them by the FEI.

Allocation of legs - Art. 2.16 (**NEW**)

- 2.16. If it is not possible to allocate the required number of Athletes to each Leg according to the process set out in Articles 2.14 and 2.15 above, the final overall allocation will be made by the FEI, in its sole discretion, having regard to the preferences of the relevant Athletes and in accordance with the principle of fairness.

Allocation of legs - Art. 2.16 (**NEW**)

- In deciding upon the final overall allocation of Legs pursuant to this Article 2.16, the FEI may reallocate Legs that had been selected by the Athletes pursuant to the process in Article 2.14 and 2.15 above.
- The final allocation shall be communicated in writing by the FEI to the Athletes and shall not be subject to challenge or appeal.

Allocation of legs Art. 2.17 (**NEW**)

- 2.17. The Athletes will use their final FEI Driving World Cup™ Qualification Standings number of that year as their carriage number during the entire event Legs for the season.

Drive-off for Competition 1 - Art. 5.2

- In order to respect an even playing field for all Athletes, it is proposed to remove the option of a Drive-off opened to only the three best Athletes for the first day of competition. Instead, OCs would be able to choose between organising a Drive-Off for all Athletes, or not organising a Drive-Off at all.

Whips – Art. 8.10 (NEW)

- 8.10. The whip can only be used by the Athlete at all times during the Event. Longs whips (more than 3 meters) are only allowed in the Training and Warm-Up Arena. Long whips are not allowed in the Competition Arena at any time. Grooms are allowed to hand the whip to the Athletes but may not use the whips on the horses. Grooms are allowed to use a whip when lunging Horses.

Course Designer for the Final Art 10.7

- 10.7. At the Final, the Course Designer may not be from the country in which the Final is to be held. The CD is appointed by the FEI and may not be the same for two consecutive years. The appointed Course Designer for the final must at least have officiated as Course Designer during an FEI Driving World Cup™ Leg within the current season.

Others

- Other modifications include a clarification regarding penalties when an error of courses occurs - Art. 12.3 & 12.4;
- The removal of the option of having a Technical Delegate (Art. 10.5), updates to the Officials list (Annex 2); and
- Minor language modifications.