

FEI Jumping Rules – amendments for 2017

Dear National Federations,

The Jumping Department received a number of proposed modifications to the Jumping Rules from National Federations during the course of the year but as 2016 is not a revision year, the majority of these proposals were deferred until next year's full revision.

The main modifications of a substantive nature proposed by the Jumping Committee are outlined in the summary below for your convenience. Modifications made in alignment with the General Regulations or of a purely editorial nature are not listed below. However, the mark-up document published on the website includes all proposed modifications to the Jumping Rules and the Rules for Championships & Games.

The major alterations to the Jumping Rules are in relation to the following:

Art.200.6 Expenses for Officials: The Jumping Committee recommends a minimum per diem of €300 per day for the FEI-appointed Technical Delegate, including for the pre-visit(s).

Art. 211 Water Jump and Liverpool: The Jumping Committee has proposed removing the water jump from the rules, and awaits the feedback from NFs. The rules relating to Liverpool obstacles have been modified in consequence.

Art. 225 Unauthorised Assistance: A new paragraph 225.4 has been added stipulating that earphones and electronic communication devices are prohibited in Jumping Competitions and that earphones may not be worn at any time while mounted.

Art. 236 Table A: The Committee has proposed that a maximum score of 16 penalties will apply for the Grand Prix, FEI World Cup™, Nations Cup, the Competition with the highest prize money (not applicable if it is the Derby) and all competitions at Championships and Games. As soon as an athlete reaches the score of 16 penalties in any of these competitions he will be eliminated, and will retain the score of 16 penalties for that competition.

Art. 242 Disqualifications: The reference relating to disqualification in case of a horse bleeding from the nose has been removed from the rules and a procedure included instead in the VRs that in such cases the horse must be examined by the Veterinary Delegate to determine its fitness to compete in the next round, jump-off or competition, as applicable.

Art. 251 Entries: A new paragraph has been added that the maximum entry fees that may be charged for each star level of CSI/CSIO events (worldwide) will be established by the Jumping Committee and approved by the Bureau; the table of fees will be published on the FEI website.

Art. 254 Participation and Number of Horses: As is already the case for the Grand Prix, a new paragraph 254.7 has been added requiring that all athletes taking part in the competition with the highest prize money, if it is not the Grand Prix, must have first completed the initial round of at least one FEI competition at the same event with the horse that will be ridden in the competition with the highest prize money.

Art. 255 Children, Juniors and Young Riders: Art 255.2, requiring that Children, Pony Riders and Juniors may not participate in competitions for their own category and in competitions for Seniors, Amateurs or Young Horses at the same event, has been deleted.

Art. 259 Officials: A modification has been made to Art. 259.1 requiring that the Foreign Judge at CSI2* Events and at CSI1* Events (if appointed) must be at least a Level 3 Judge and that the President of the Ground Jury at CSI1* events must be at least a Level 3 Judge. A new paragraph 259.6.2 has also been added stipulating that the FEI will appoint a Foreign Steward as a member of the stewarding team for all 5* events.

Annex V: CSI Invitation Rules: The Jumping Committee has proposed a new invitation system, applicable to CSI2*-CSI5* events worldwide, under which a certain percentage of athletes must be invited in descending order of the Longines Rankings, a certain percentage will be for home athletes selected by the home NF and a certain percentage for OC invitations.

Annex VI CSI/CSIO Requirements (CSIs in Europe/North America, CSIOs worldwide): The maximum entry fee that may be charged for CSIs in Europe have been slightly modified and a maximum mandatory fee (total fees that may be charged by the OC for services such as manure disposal, office fee etc) has been introduced for each star level. The provisions relating to entry fees and mandatory fees at CSIs in North America have also been clarified. Clarification has also been added that horses may not participate in national competitions and international competitions at the same event (worldwide).

Annex VIII Qualification Procedure for Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships: The Jumping Committee has recommended stricter criteria for earning Certificates of Capability for the World Championship and for special qualifying competitions.

Annex IX Rules for Young Riders and Juniors: A modification has been made to Art. 7 stipulating that athletes of the appropriate age may participate in CSIOJ and CSIOP at the same venue on the same dates but may only participate the Nations Cup competition of one category at the same event.

Annex XI Rules for Pony Riders: A modification has been made to Art. 7 that Pony Riders may not take part in competitions for Pony Riders and in competitions for Young Riders or U25 competitions at the same venue on the same dates.

The major alterations to the Rules for Championships are the following:

Chapter I World Championship

The Jumping Committee has proposed a new format for the World Championship: two competitions, one Team and one Individual, of two rounds each, with a jump-off in case of teams, respectively, individuals, tied on penalties for first place. The first round of the Individual competition is open to the 25 best place athletes following the Team competition, the second round of the Individual competition is reserved for the 12 best in the overall classification following the first round. The Committee has also proposed a qualification system for the 2018 World Championship, with 35 teams of four (15 NFs to qualify through the 2017 FEI Nations Cup™ Final, 14 through a nations' ranking [15 if the home NF has not qualified] and five through the Longines Ranking) and 20 individual quota places for a total of 160.

Annex II Rules for the Central American and Caribbean Games: The qualification procedure for the next Central American and Caribbean Games (2018) has been updated.

We ask you to carefully review all of the proposed modifications to the Jumping Rules and the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games in the mark-up document published on our website. Should you have any comments on the proposed modifications to the rules we look forward to receiving these by the established deadline (9 September 2016).

Yours sincerely,



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