

Longines Rankings – Policy for Mitigating the Impact of Covid-19

The Covid-19 outbreak has led to the cancellation or postponement of numerous international Jumping events in various regions of the world as of March 2020 and it is still uncertain when the sport will resume at a normal pace. To mitigate the impact this will have on the Longines Rankings, until the situation is stabilised the following policy will apply.

Beginning on 1 April 2020 (Longines Ranking # 231) the period during which Longines Ranking points remain valid will be prolonged by one month and will continue to be prolonged for an additional month with each new Ranking until the competition calendar returns to normal. Points earned in Longines Ranking competitions at events that take place during this period will continue to count; the maximum number of results that may count for each Athlete remains the best 30. In practical terms, this means:

- Longines Ranking # 230 remains unchanged (points valid for 12 months: best 30 results at events taking place between 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020)
- Longines Ranking # 231 will be calculated based on the best 30 results at events taking place between 1 March 2019 and 31 March 2020 (points valid for 13 months)
- Longines Ranking # 232 will be calculated based on the best 30 results at events taking place between 1 March 2019 and 30 April 2020 (points valid for 14 months)
- Longines Ranking # 233 will be calculated based on the best 30 results at events taking place between 1 March 2019 and 31 May 2020 (points valid for 15 months)
- and so on until the competition calendar returns to normal.

The Longines Ranking Working Group, composed of three FEI representatives and three representatives of the International Jumping Riders Club, will be tasked with determining at what date the competition calendar is deemed to have returned to normal worldwide. As of that date, the rankings will continue to be calculated over the extended timeframes referenced above, guaranteeing there will always be at least 12 months of normal competitions included in the calculation of the ranking.

This would mean that, however long the current situation lasts, ranking points can still be gained. To clarify, an athlete's ranking points can only improve, not decrease during this period, with only the best 30 results to count.

Twelve months after the competition calendar is deemed to have returned to normal globally, the timeframe during which Longines Ranking points remain valid will be decreased by one month with each new Ranking until the standard 12-month rolling timeframe has been reached.