

## ANNEX VIII QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD AND CONTINENTAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the World 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 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).
  - 3.2. 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).
  - 3.3. 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 and 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.
  - 3.4. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of three Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI3\* outdoor Events.
  - 3.5. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of two Grand Prix Competitions at CSI4\* outdoor Events.
  - 3.6. 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.
  - 3.7. 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 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.
  - 3.9. 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).
  - 3.10. 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 CSIO3\* and CSIO4\* Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs 3.3-3.5 and 3.7-3.8 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.
  - 3.11. 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.)
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.)**
5. For CSI 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.
6. NFs unable to send complete teams to any of the CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete "hors concours" in the Nations Cup Competition.
7. 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 and will confirm in his/her report to the FEI that the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability have been achieved.
8. In exceptional circumstances, if an NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it may request the FEI 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 be held at a CSI or a CSIO 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 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.

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- The first obstacle may be 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; 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.
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.