

2009 FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE

Rules for Categories A & B

ARTICLE 1 - PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 The FEI World Jumping Challenge may be organised by any member NF of the FEI.
- 1.2 There are two categories, A (1.20 m) and B (1.05m).
- 1.3 Category A consists of **2 competitions of 2 rounds** and Category B consists of **1 competition of 4 rounds** over different courses designed by a Course Designer appointed by the FEI.
- 1.4 **Category A:**
Each of the 2 competitions consists of 2 rounds under Table A. In case of equality of penalties after two rounds, the time of the second round will decide.

The 2 competitions of 2 rounds must be run over a maximum of 3 days.
The 2 rounds of a same competition must be jumped on the same day.
- 1.5 The complete competition consists of 4 rounds. The final score for each competitor is the total penalties of the 4 rounds and the total of his time in the 2 second rounds. If the totals of times are equal, the fastest time in the second round of the last competition will decide.
- 1.6 **Category B:**
The competition consists of 4 rounds under Table A.

The 3 first rounds are not against the clock but with a time allowed (see course plans).
The 4th round is a kind of jump-off against the clock and is only open to competitors who have completed the 3 first rounds.¹

The penalties from the 3 first rounds will be carried forward to the 4th round.

The final score for each competitor is the total penalties after addition of the 4 rounds and the time in the 4th round

The 4 rounds must be run over a maximum of 3 days
- 1.7 The Category A and B must be organised at outdoor events between the 1st January and the 31st December.
- 1.8 In case of other classes organised in the framework of the Challenge, the Challenge event (all days) **must be organised first.**

¹ However, NFs have the possibility to let those riders who failed to qualify for the jump-off, enter the 4th round and make a special classification (for example a consolation's prize), but which will not be recorded by the FEI.

ARTICLE 2 - HORSE INSPECTION

- 2.1 Horse Inspection: Any horse participating, must previously pass a horse inspection carried out by a Veterinary Delegate to be appointed by the OC in accordance with Annex VII, FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 22nd edition, effective 1st January 2006 (refer to www.fei.org > Jumping > Rules).
- 2.2 FEI GR Art. 139.2: Horses taking part in the FEI World Jumping Challenge competitions in their own country are not required to have an official valid FEI Passport or a national Passport approved by the FEI accompanied by an FEI Recognition Card as a mean of identification and to establish ownership.

All such horses must be properly registered and identifiable by diagram. Unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.
- 2.3 The Inspection must take place on a firm, level and clean but not slippery surface. The horse must be walked and trotted on a loose rein.
- 2.4 The FEI Judge must be present and the Vet. Inspection must take place, in principle, on the day preceding the Competition to allow for an eventual re-inspection.
- 2.5 It is the responsibility of the NF and/or OC to award a special prize to the best presented horse based on the Ground Jury & Veterinarian's decision.

ARTICLE 3 - PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 A country may organise Category A and Category B. Categories A and B may be held at different period and place or simultaneously.
- 3.2 Countries may make a special request to the FEI in order to host one Challenge Category in 2 separate locations. This will only be granted due to geographical locations, if the country is too large to have the whole competition in one venue.
- 3.3 A horse which competes in one Category is not allowed to compete in the other category **when organised simultaneously**. However, a horse **can compete** in Category A and Category B **when organised at a different period**.
- 3.4 A rider may ride in both Categories but not with the same horse.
- 3.5 Horses cannot be ridden by more than one rider in one Category. Competitors may ride more than one horse in a category but the score of only one horse will count for points. This horse must be declared before the first competition. The rider must complete the official FEI Declaration Form (available to download on the FEI Website), sign it and submit it to the OC. The OC must in turn submit this to the PGJ – all forms must be signed and submitted before the start of the competition. A copy of the form (with both signatures) must be submitted to the FEI with the results. The declared horse must be ridden first in each first round. The results obtained with the other horses will not count towards the final standings.
- 3.6 Any rider that has competed in his/her career in the European Senior Championships, World Equestrian Games and Olympic Games is no longer eligible to compete in the FEI World Jumping Challenge.
- 3.7 The two categories are open to all competitors from the beginning of the year in which they reach their 15th birthday.
- 3.8 The NF of the organising country may enter as many competitors as it wishes for each of the 2 competitions.

- 3.9 Competitors Living Abroad – A competitor is considered to be living abroad if he spends more than six months of a year in one foreign country (the host country) – FEI GR 123.10. **They can be a member of the host country's Team.**
- 3.10 If "competitors living abroad" qualify for the FEI World Jumping Challenge Final in their host country, they will compete in the Final under their host country's banner.
- 3.11 Competitors from another Challenge NF may compete under the condition of Art. 105 FEI General Regulations. I.e. Individual foreign competitors, other than "Competitors Living Abroad" (Art 123.10), may take part in CNs provided they have obtained written permission from their own NF and from the NF of the OC concerned. Permission must state the exact period for which it has been granted. **They cannot be a member of the host country's Team.**
- 3.12 Riders from a 'non-Challenge' NF may compete within a Host Nation's Challenge. Permission must be granted from the Host National Federation and the Rider's own Federation. Their results will be taken into account for classification under the rider's own National Federation. **They cannot be a member of the host country's team.**
- 3.13 **Category A:**
A competitor eliminated in one competition of the Category A may start in the other competition of the same Category. However, his/her results will not count towards the final classification.
- Category B:**
A competitor eliminated in one round of the Category B may start in the other rounds of the same Category. However, his/her results will not count towards the final classification.
- 3.14 **Category A: Draw & Starting order**
A draw for each of the 2 competitions will take place to decide the starting order.
The order of starting for all horses and riders in the second round of each competition will follow the reverse order of the number of penalties in the first round, whether horses are competing for FEI placing or not. In the event of equal penalties, competitors will start in the same order as in the first round of each competition.
In case a rider is riding more than one horse, the declared horse must be ridden first in all rounds.
- 3.15 **Category B: Draw & Starting order**
3 first rounds: draws
4th round: reverse order of added penalties of first 3 rounds and for those with equal penalties, same order as 3rd round.
- 3.16 **There will be a team classification in each category:**
The scores and times of the 3 best placed riders in **Category A** in each country will count for the Team classification.
The scores after addition of the 4 rounds and the time in the 4th round of the 3 best placed riders in **Category B** in each country will count for the Team classification.

ARTICLE 4 - ORGANISATION

- 4.1 Each NF is directly responsible for the organisation and judging of the two competitions.
- 4.2 **Category A:** The Ground Jury must be composed of a President who must be an FEI Judge plus an FEI Foreign Judge. If there is no FEI Judge in the country, the FEI Foreign Judge will act as the President of the Ground Jury with a panel of national judges.

- 4.3 **Category B:** The Ground Jury must be composed of a President who must be an FEI Judge. An FEI Foreign Judge is not required for this category.
- 4.4 The Judge's Report must be completed and signed (an electronic signature is acceptable) by the FEI Foreign Judge for Category A and by the FEI Judge President of the Ground Jury for Category B.
- 4.5 All Judges, both National and Foreign, must be jumping judges.
- 4.6 The FEI Foreign Judge must act as FEI Technical Delegate at the same time and make sure that all details in the course are in accordance with the published course plans.

ARTICLE 5 - THE COURSE

- 5.1 The penalties will be calculated according to the FEI Jumping Rules, 22nd Edition, effective 1st January 2006.
- 5.2 The courses will consist of between nine and twelve obstacles including one or two doubles, a wall, and at least two upright and two spread obstacles. There will be no water jump, but obstacles which include a water ditch (called Liverpools) may be used.
- 5.3 The courses for Cat. B have been inspired this year again by the Jumping technique taught in the Level 1 Jumping Module of the Coaching Education System. Therefore, Trot sections using trot poles are still used.
- 5.4 The FEI World Jumping Challenge Course Plans are designed each year by an experienced FEI Course Designer appointed by the FEI.
- 5.5 The following maximum dimensions apply in the two categories. The width of obstacles must not exceed the height by more than 10 cm:

	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>SPREAD</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
Cat. A	1.20 M	1.30 M	350 m/min
Cat. B	1.05 M	1.15 M	325 m/min

Considering the several trot sections present throughout rounds 1 and 3 of the Cat. B, the speed of 325 m/min is to be used only as a reference since with more than one pace there are automatically different speeds to be considered and therefore the overall speed cannot be defined.

- 5.6 Procedure for approving new safety cups
Please consult the FEI website (www.fei.org > Jumping > Organisers > Technical Info > Manufacturers).
- 5.7 The size of the arena (**80 m X 45 m**) must either be marked out on the ground or railed off.
- 5.8 FEI Certified Safety cups must be used for all Oxers, and all other obstacles wherever possible, including within the Warm-Up area.

ARTICLE 6 – THE PENALTIES

Compulsory trotting lines

The horse must be at the trot at the Compulsory Trotting Line Marker otherwise a penalty of 4 penalty points (maximum) will be awarded. It is strongly advised that all Competitors will trot over all Trotting Poles.

Trotting poles:

The horse should trot over the trotting poles. Any failure to maintain trot or any knock of trotting poles will entail no penalty.

Cross poles:

Cross poles are considered as obstacles. If a horse dislodges a cross pole, it will entail 4 penalty points. The height of the cross poles indicated on the material plan is calculated at the standard, not in the middle of the cross.

Obstacles:

Normal obstacles are judged according to the FEI Jumping Rules.

The reason for not penalizing the horse over the trotting poles is that it is extremely difficult to judge this phase out of the context of a "style" competition. It can happen that a horse although performing the compulsory trotting line fails to maintain pace over all or one trotting pole or just knocks a trotting pole. At that point, nothing can be done.

Our intention is to help riders to control their horses and to perform better rather than to punish them. We want to encourage Coaches to make a connection between correct, safe coaching practices and Competition.

It is of utmost importance that NFs inform their **riders and coaches** on the philosophy behind this new concept prior to the competition.

ARTICLE 7 - PRIZES

The Organising Committee within each country is responsible for the distribution of prizes in the normal way (at least one prize per four competitors).

ARTICLE 8 - REGISTRATION

It is the responsibility of the NF to inform the FEI on all details pertaining to the show well in advance and at the latest 2 months prior the competition.

The FEI Participation Form must be submitted to the FEI by December 15th 2008, even if an NF is not able to complete all information sections at this time.

The exact dates and the name of the FEI Judge (FEI Foreign Judge for Category A) must be known by the FEI within 2 months of the competition. The FEI must also be informed of the email or postal address of the Foreign Judge for Cat. A and the President of the Ground Jury for Cat. B in order to correspond with the judges. **Last-minute changes are not allowed.**

ARTICLE 9 - RESULTS

9.1 Results, declaration forms, judge's reports, FEI World Challenge Start Lists, one copy of the event programme, photographs and video of the competition if any, together with press clippings must be sent to the FEI immediately after the competition. Please use

only the Excel sheet specifically designed for the results of the FEI Challenge. This can be downloaded from the Downloads section of the FEI World Jumping Challenge web page. Please submit the results fully completed in their original format (Excel) in order to facilitate result processing.

We then ask you to send, either by fax or by post, a copy of the results signed off by the Judges responsible.

- 9.2 The FEI will publish the results on the web site (www.fei.org > FEI World Jumping Challenge > Results) and in the Official Bulletin and tabulate the final standings.

ARTICLE 10 - INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO THE FEI

- 10.1 Intention of participation, the FEI Participation Form before December 15th 2008.

- 10.2 2 MONTHS prior to the competition:

CONFIRMATION OF DATES

NAME & STATUS OF FEI JUDGE FOR CATEGORY B (plus email address)

NAME & STATUS OF FEI FOREIGN JUDGE FOR CATEGORY A (plus email address)

- 10.3 Immediately after the event: Results, completed on the official FEI World Jumping Challenge Result Sheet in Excel Format; Individual results of each competitor who has finished the 4 rounds, and team results.

- 10.4 No later than 14 days after the event:

- One copy of the event programme, including starting lists. Please use the FEI Challenge Starting Lists available on the FEI Website under Development > FEI World Jumping Challenge > Downloads (considering the FEI World Jumping Challenge is linked to the FEI Coaching System, this information is very important for us to keep track of the coaches' pupils' progress).
- Copy of the results signed by the official FEI Judges
- Copies of all forms used to declare the official horse when a rider rides more than one horse. These forms must be signed by the rider and the Foreign Judge (or President of the Ground Jury for Cat. B). It must be remembered that only one horse can count for the worldwide standings and that **this horse must be declared before the start of the first round of the first competition and must be ridden first in each first round.**
- The Judge's report.
- Photographs of the competition **with names of all the people figuring on them clearly written in English, either on the back of the photographs, or on a separate list.** (The pictures of the overall winners and teams will be published in the FEI Bulletin. Pictures are also published in "L'Année Hippique")
- Press clippings relating the event.
- Video if any.

ARTICLE 11 – DRESS & SADDLERY

Please refer to Articles 256 and 257 of the FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 22nd edition, effective 1st January 2006 for all rules on dress and saddlery.

ARTICLE 12 – MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 FEI Brand

The FEI logo being a registered trademark we ask that while preparing publications for the competition (programmes, flyers, etc.) the OC strictly follows the FEI Brand Guidelines whenever using the FEI Logo, which you will find on the FEI website under: www.fei.org > FEI > Commercial > Marketing.

12.2 General

The FEI World Jumping Challenge must be organised strictly according to FEI General Rules & Regulations, 23rd ed., effective January 1 2009, FEI Rules for Jumping Events, 23rd ed. 2009, the 2009 FEI World Jumping Challenge Rules and the Guidelines for Course Builder.

The FEI is entitled to make reasonable amendments to the present rules.