

2007 FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE

2007 sees the FEI WORLD Jumping CHALLENGE entering its 29th year of existence, sponsored by SAMSUNG from 1988-1996 and finally from 2001 until 2004 on by PERFORMANCE SALES INTERNATIONAL (P.S.I.).

This Competition was created to provide less experienced jumping riders with an opportunity to compete on an International level without having to leave their own countries. This Competition also contributed to develop jumping - one of the Olympic and most popular equestrian disciplines world-wide. Many riders who have participated in the FEI World Jumping Challenge successfully competed or still compete at elite level.

The FEI World Jumping Challenge may be organised by any member NF of the FEI. There are two categories A (1.20m) and B (1.05m). For each category, the complete competition consists of 4 rounds over different courses designed by a Course Designer designated by the FEI. This year again, Mr. Stefan Wirth from Germany used his competences for the creation of the Course plans.

As in 2006, the FEI World Jumping Challenge will be directly linked to the FEI Coaching System, therefore allowing this event to not only be a classic type competition but serve an educational purpose at the same time.

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.

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.

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.

However, the 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.

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

The FEI has taken into consideration the feedback given by the NFs after introducing the new Cat. B format in 2006 to design course plans more fluent yet still inspired 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 and a compulsory 4 strides straight line (Cat. B, Round 2) has been introduced in order to ask riders to improve safety, control and the basic Jumping technique that is necessary to progress at higher levels.

The principle of the compulsory 4 strides is to demonstrate the rider's capability to control the number of strides in between cross poles. This is basic to develop the rider's ability to assess and adjust the distance before a jump.