



**RULES**

**SAMSUNG SUPER LEAGUE WITH FEI**

**AND**

**FEI NATIONS CUP**

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# **Samsung Super League with FEI RULES**

## **1. Review of selected events**

The Screening Committee reviews the list of Super League events each year. It is the responsibility of each NF to select its CSIO. Not more than one Super League event may be held per season in the same country and each event must have five-star status.

With the exception of North American CSIO events, a maximum global entry fee of 500 Euro per horse for all CSIO events (Samsung Super League with FEI and FEI Nations Cup series events) may be charged. The maximum global entry fee per young horse at these events cannot exceed 250 Euro.

## **2. Selection of Teams for the Super League**

The rules require that the last placed team in the Super League be relegated to the FEI Nations Cup Series at the end of each season and that the best placed team in the FEI Nations Cup Series at the end of each season be promoted to the Super League. Qualified to participate with a team in the initial year (2003) of the Super League were BEL, FRA, GBR, GER, IRL, ITA, NED and SWE.

At the end of the 2007 season, FRA was relegated to the FEI Nations Cup Series and IRL was promoted to the Super League. Qualified to participate with a team in the 2008 season of the Samsung Super League with FEI are: GBR, GER, NED, SUI, SWE, USA, BEL and IRL.

## **3. Declaration of Teams**

Each NF with a qualified Super League team must commit itself in writing by 31 January to send its team to each of the Super League events for the coming season.

## **4. Substitution of Teams**

Should a qualified team decide by 31 January not to take part in the Super League for the coming season, the team in question will be replaced by the next highest placed team in the overall FEI Nations Cup team classification.

Teams withdrawing from any Super League event during the season will be replaced by a team invited by the OC in consultation with the FEI.

## 5. Point System for each Super League competition

The following points (10 to 0.5) are given to the 8 Super League best-placed teams in each Super League competition. Double points are given for the last competition of the season:

Placing	Pts	Last event double points
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	10
4 <sup>th</sup>	4	8
5 <sup>th</sup>	3	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	2	4
7 <sup>th</sup>	1	2
8 <sup>th</sup>	0.5	1

In case teams are placed ex-aequo during any of the Super League competitions, the Super League points foreseen for the places in question are added and divided equally among the teams concerned.

The second decimal place is rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

In Super League competitions where non-Super League teams are placed within the first eight places, Super League points are only given to Super League teams and, for the purpose of point distribution, Super League teams move up in the classification.

A team not participating in the second round of Super League competitions may only receive points if the number of teams not participating in the second round does not exceed one.

## 6. Team classification at the end of the Super League season

The points obtained by each team in each of the eight Super League competitions are added together to establish the overall Super League classification at the end of each season.

In case of equality of points for the overall Super League classification, the best placed of these teams in the last competition will be the deciding factor.

If after applying the above rule, teams are still placed ex-aequo they are separated by giving preference to the team with the greater number of first place classifications, in case there is still a tie the number of second place classifications will count and if necessary the number of third place classifications and so on if the necessity arises.

## **7. Invitation of Individuals and Teams to Super League CSIO events**

Organisers have the right to invite an unlimited number of foreign individual riders from countries not represented by an official team. All Super League teams must be invited with at least five riders and ten horses. The same applies for the home team if not qualified as a Super League team and the overseas team if invited (see Point 8). Individual home riders may be invited in accordance with the current rules for CSIO events.

In consultation with the FEI, each Super League event is recommended to invite two non Super League NFs with four individual riders each. These riders compete as individuals. Such an invitation cannot be extended to the same NF more than three times during the same season.

## **8. Wild Cards**

Each Super League organiser may invite two teams as wild cards; one wild card is reserved for the home country, if not already qualified as a Super League team, and one for a team from overseas.

Non Super League teams invited as wild cards to Super League events cannot be invited as a team to more than three Super League events in the same season.

## **9. Super League Season**

All eight Super League CSIOs must be held between the first week-end in May and the 3<sup>rd</sup> week-end in September. The weekend prior to and during FEI Championships and Games must be kept free of Super League events. Five and possibly four-star CSI events are not permitted to clash with Super League events.

## **10. FEI Nations Cup Screening Committee**

The FEI Nations Cup Screening Committee consists of the following five members:

- Secretary General FEI
- Chairman FEI Jumping Committee
- Director Jumping Department, FEI Headquarters
- President CSIO Organisers
- President IJRC

## **11. Prize Money**

The prize money for each Super League competition must not be less than CHF 200'000.-.

All teams in the second round of each Super League competition receive prize money.

A team which is eliminated in the first round of a Super League competition is not entitled to either prize money or points for the Super League.

## **12. Second Round of the Super League Competition**

Unless eliminated, the eight Super League teams from the first round must return for the second round of each Super League competition.

Events where the home team is a non-Super League team, the home team in this case also returns for the second round, if not qualified among the Super League eight teams in the first round, providing that its score does not exceed the score of the last qualified team by more than eight penalties.

## **13. Grand Prix participation**

The 24 best-placed riders from the first round in each Super League competition are automatically qualified to take part in the Grand Prix competition at the same event. Those equal on penalties for 24th place are separated by their time in the first round.

## **14. Rotation of last event in the Super League season**

The last event of the Super League may rotate from 2006. This event can be held as an additional Super League event in any Super League country or in any non Super League country. This event does not necessarily have CSIO status.

## **15. Title of Super League competition**

It is obligatory from 2006 for Super League competitions to be called Samsung Super League with FEI of "name of country".

## **16. Teams placed equal in Super League competitions**

Super League teams placed equal with non-Super League teams in Super League competitions receive their share of points for the overall Super League classification. In line with the current rules for the FEI Nations Cup series, it remains impossible for Super League points to be transferred to the FEI Nations Cup Series.

## **17. Relegation of Super League Teams**

Teams tying on points for the last place in the final classification of the Super League are separated by relegating the team with the worse placing in the last Super League competition. If a tie still exists the team with the greatest number of lowest places in the Super League competitions is relegated. If a further tie exists the team with

the greatest number of second last places is relegated and so on until a tie no longer exists.

## **18. Selection criteria for Super League events**

During each three-year period all events are reassessed.

Consequently, all Super League events will be reassessed prior to the 2009 Super League season according to the following method. This will take into account the inclusion of one overseas Super League CSIO event from 2006 and a rotating Super League as the Final event of the season. The total number of Super League events per year remains eight.

The years to be assessed are as follows: 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Team riders on teams placed 1st to 6th in Nations Cup competitions receive points as follows:.

For each rider in the top ten on the Rolex Rankings list	5 points
For each rider placed 11 to 25 on the Rolex Rankings list	4 points
For each rider placed 26 to 60 on the Rolex Rankings list	3 points
For each rider placed 61 to the rider with 100 points	2 points
Riders with 99 points and less	1 point

In case there is equality of points the event with the highest number of points in the yearly Super League evaluation over the same three-year period will be selected.

The sponsor's point of view is also taken into consideration.

Once events are evaluated they are also examined subjectively.

# **FEI Nations Cup Rules**

## **1. Composition**

The FEI Nations Cup series consists of all four-star CSIO events, and all five-star CSIO events not included in the Super League.

With the exception of North American CSIO events, a maximum global entry fee of 500 Euro per horse for all CSIO events (Samsung Super League with FEI and FEI Nations Cup series events) may be charged. The maximum global entry fee per young horse at these events cannot exceed 250 Euro.

## **2. Invitations**

The current rules as laid down in the FEI Jumping Rule Book relating to invitation of teams and individuals apply.

## **3. Wild Cards**

Before each season commences, NFs are required to present to the FEI Headquarters a plan indicating the CSIO events they wish to attend during the coming season.

The FEI has the right to nominate one wild card team for each four-star CSIO event and for the five-star CSIO events not part of the Super League.

Requests for wild card invitations from NFs are screened by a Committee that comprises:

- CSIO representative,
- Nations Cup Steering Committee.

In case of a dispute, the organisers' and the chefs d'équipe's representatives are consulted.

Requests for wild cards must be made at least nine weeks before the event in question is due to commence. Wild cards are allocated by the FEI eight weeks before each event is due to take place. Requests for wild cards are co-coordinated by the Director of the FEI Jumping Department.

#### 4. Duration of FEI Nations Cup season

Each FEI Nations Cup season commences with the first Nations Cup series competition of the year and finishes in the same year with the last competition of the series.

#### 5. Point System

**5.1.** Wild Card teams at a Super League event cannot earn points for the FEI Nations Cup series overall classification.

A country that belongs to one of the eight Super League teams cannot earn points for the FEI Nations Cup series.

**5.2.** The following points are given to teams placed in competitions included in the FEI Nations Cup Series.

##### CSIO 4\* events

No of Teams participating	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Placing													
1	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
2	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
3	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
4	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
5	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
10	6	5	4	3	2	1							
11	5	4	3	2	1								
12	4	3	2	1									
13	3	2	1										
14	2	1											
15	1												

##### CSIO 5\* events

No of Teams participating	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Placing													
1	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
2	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
3	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
4	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	
5	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4		
6	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4			
7	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4				
8	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4					
9	10	9	8	7	6	5	4						
10	9	8	7	6	5	4							
11	8	7	6	5	4								
12	7	6	5	4									
13	6	5	4										
14	5	4											
15	4												

**5.3.** The total number of Nations Cup results that count for each team is established by dividing the total number of competitions in the FEI Nations Cup series by three at the beginning of the season.

**5.4.** Non-Super League teams participating in Nations Cup series competitions receive points for the FEI Nations Cup series overall classification according to their classification in each competition.

## **6. Participation**

Nations with a Super League team can also send a team, if invited, to events in the FEI Nations Cup series. These teams may participate in the Nations Cup competition but cannot earn points in competitions of the FEI Nations Cup series. However, such teams are entitled to be classified in these competitions and are entitled to receive prize money.

Competitors and horses that participate in the Nations Cup competition at Super League events are not prohibited from taking part in the competitions of the FEI Nations Cup series.

After two thirds of the season, the top three teams in the FEI Nations Cup series have the right to participate in all the remaining competitions of the FEI Nations Cup series (this will commence with **CSIO Tallinn, EST, 10 – 13 July 2008**).

## **7. Prize Money**

The following minimum prize money must be offered for five and four-star Nations Cup competitions:

- Five-star competitions CHF 80'000.-.
- Four-star competitions CHF 30'000.-.
- Central European four-star competitions CHF 15'000.-.

A team which is eliminated in the first round of a Nations Cup competition is not entitled to either prize money or points for the FEI Nations Cup series.

## **8. Promotion**

The best-placed team in the FEI Nations Cup series at the end of each season is promoted to the Super League for the coming season.

## **9. Overall Team classification**

Each team's overall classification is established by the addition of points obtained in the competitions of the FEI Nations Cup series. The total number of events which count for points cannot be greater than one third of the total number of FEI Nations Cup events included in the series. The exact number of events is established at the beginning

of the season. In case of equality of points among teams for any place, teams are separated by the number of first place classifications and if necessary second place classifications and so on should the situation necessitate.

## **10. Transport subsidy for teams at the last competition of the FEI Nations Cup series**

The OC of the last event in the FEI Nations Cup series must treat equally teams in contention for first place in the overall standings of the FEI Nations Cup series as far as subsidies for transportation of horses are concerned.

## **11. Participation of Nations Cup teams in the FEI Nations Cup series**

OCs in the first two thirds of the season are obliged to invite the teams placed 2nd to 6th in the previous season's final FEI Nations Cup overall standings and the team relegated from the Super League to the FEI Nations Cup series in the same season. An exception may be made by the FEI to this rule for CSIO 5\* events with a team in the FEI Super League.

## **12. Selection of five-star events**

The following criteria are used to select five-star CSIO events:

Each Nations Cup competition is assessed by the quality of rider participating over a three-year period.

Points as indicated below are given to each rider participating in Nations Cup competitions whose team is placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

For each rider in the top ten on the Rolex Rankings list	5 points
For each rider placed 11 to 25 on the Rolex Rankings list	4 points
For each rider placed 26 to 60 on the Rolex Rankings list	3 points
For each rider placed 61 to the rider with 100 points	2 points
Riders with 99 points and less	1 point

Example:

CSIO Washington	
ITA team members	4,3,3,2 = 12
GER team members	5,4,3,3 = 15
GBR team members	5,5,3,2 = 17
NED team members	4,4,3,3 = 14
Total number of points for the event	58

In doubtful cases, the following criteria may also need to be taken into consideration:

- Quality of footing in main and practice arenas
- Efficiency of show secretariat
- Standard of fence material
- Quality of stabling
- Number of teams invited (seven foreign teams, plus the home team)
- Standard of accommodation
- Parking facilities
- Prize money for the Grand Prix
- Standard of restaurants
- Quality of media coverage by press and TV
- Press facilities
- Standard of commentating
- Information on the event scoreboard
- Seating capacity and attendance in relation to capacity