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Rules for the FEI World Cup™ Jumping

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The FEI World Cup™ Committee consists of the Chairman of the FEI Jumping Committee, the **FEI World Cup™ Director** and a representative of the Riders and the Organisers **and the sponsor and the FEI Secretary General.**

Preamble

This booklet sets forth the detailed Rules of the FEI World Cup™ for Jumping Riders, which are to be read in conjunction with the pertinent Statutes, General Regulations, Rules for Jumping Events and Veterinary Regulations. It is acknowledged that every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In cases where there is no rule that deals specifically with a particular situation, or if the narrowest interpretation of a relevant rule would result in a clear injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense, fair play and in the overall best interest of the sport, thus reflecting as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules and of the General Regulations.

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Article 650 - PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL

1. A series of primarily indoor competitions is held between October and April, open to all competitors qualified according to a formula based on Rolex Rankings. Outside Western Europe, competitions may also be held from June to September. The FEI World Cup™ Committee may authorise competitions outside of Western Europe to be held earlier than June, but with at least a break of one week after the Final.

2. Although FEI World Cup™ competitions may be held outdoors when appropriate for local climate conditions, the FEI World Cup™ is in principle an indoor competition and the Final must be held indoor in a permanently covered arena.

3. The Final is contested by the best-placed competitors in separate Leagues, with the following maximum number of FEI World Cup™ competitions:

Western Europe	15	South America	12
Central Europe	20	Australia	18
USA	24	Other Leagues	12
Canada	12		each

4. The minimum number of FEI World Cup™ competitions in a League is 3.

4.1. In Western and Central Europe no country may hold more than 2 FEI World Cup™ competitions. FEI World Cup™ competition may be organised in each of the fifteen countries in Western Europe with more than 3.5 million inhabitants. If one or more of these fifteen countries cannot host a FEI World Cup™ competition, a

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second FEI World Cup™ competition may be hosted by the major countries. Preference is given to traditional FEI World Cup™ events. In South America the number per country is limited to 4.

5. The FEI World Cup™ competitions take place at selected International Events (in Western Europe they have to be held at CSIs). In every other respect, the selected events continue to be organised in the normal way and in accordance with the General Regulations and Rules for Jumping Events of the FEI World Cup™ competitions in Western Europe must be held either in a sports arena or in a covered exhibition hall.

6. A FEI World Cup™ competition is considered a Grand Prix. Of the 3 competitions of the FEI World Cup™ Final, the 2nd final competition is considered a Grand Prix.

7. In Europe and North America there should be, during the months of December, January and February, an uninterrupted two months' period without any FEI World Cup™ competitions.

8. If, in Western Europe, a country is holding two FEI World Cup™ competitions, one must be held in the fall, the other in the spring.

9. In Western Europe, only events that are held annually may organise a FEI World Cup™ competition.

10. In Western Europe, the FEI World Cup™ competitions are organised as part of CSIs lasting at least 3 days and offering at least 2 competitions each day.

11. In Western Europe, the preparation competition(s) must be organised according to Art.238.2.2 or the special competitions under Chapter XII of the FEI Rules for Jumping Events cannot be considered as preparation for the FEI World Cup™ competition. Also the Hunting Competition cannot be considered as preparation.

12. The FEI World Cup™ Final is allocated by the Bureau upon recommendation by the FEI World Cup™ Committee.

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12.1. If, for any reason, the chosen organiser of a Final withdraws, the FEI World Cup™ Committee will re-allocate the Final under the same conditions that prevailed for the original allocation, preference being given to the under bidder(s) in the order of the original vote.

13. The checklist for the organisation of a FEI World Cup™ Final, established by the FEI, is binding.

14. The organisers of a Final and of all Western FEI World Cup™ European events must use the services of an experienced footing specialist and a FEI approved results system. The FEI World Cup™ Committee must approve the appointment.

15. The FEI World Cup™ is a series and is as such a unity with respect to the nationality of rider. In principle a rider should end his League with the same nationality with which he started. No exception can be granted unless the proposed change of nationality neither affords an advantage to the rider in question, nor places another rider at a disadvantage.

Art. 651 - ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICIALS

1. The FEI has the overall authority for the FEI World Cup™ and appoints a FEI World Cup™ Committee, which has the same functions as the Standing Committees, laid down in the Statutes.

2. The FEI designates a FEI World Cup™ **Director** with responsibilities subject to agreement with the Secretary General of the FEI.

3. The Organising Committees of the events staging FEI World Cup™ competitions are responsible for their detailed organisation. The Foreign Judge is appointed by the FEI in agreement with the Organising Committee. It is recommended that the Foreign Judge acts as President of the Jury during the FEI World Cup™ Competition.

4. For the FEI World Cup™ Final, the FEI appoints the

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President of the Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the Course Designer and the President of the Appeal Committee. Travel expenses and accommodation of these officials, as well as for the President of the World Cup Committee and the FEI World Cup™ **Director** are for the account of the Organiser of the Final.

5. The FEI appoints the Technical Delegate for the Final and pays for his travel expenses and accommodation.

Article 652 – THE FEI WORLD CUP™ COMMITTEE

1. The FEI appoints a FEI World Cup™ Committee consisting of the following members:

1.1. The Chairman of the FEI Finance Committee or the Secretary General of the FEI.

1.2. The Chairman or a member of the FEI Jumping Committee.

1.3. One further or former member of the FEI Jumping Committee (from overseas).

1.4. The President or a member of the International Jumping Riders' Club.

1.5. One further member of the International Jumping Riders' Club (from overseas).

1.6. The President or a member of the International Alliance of Equestrian Journalists.

1.7. The FEI nominates one representative of the World Cup Event Organising Committees in Europe.

1.8. The FEI nominates one representative of the World Cup Event Organising Committees in North America.

1.9. The FEI World Cup **Director**.

1.10 **A representative of the title sponsor,**

2. The President of the FEI World Cup™ Committee must be a member or a former member of the Bureau.

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3. Representatives of the Leagues outside of Western Europe and North America may be invited to the meetings of the FEI World Cup™ Committee.

4. In Western Europe, a FEI World Cup™ Committee with responsibility for each event is established with the following members:

4.1. The Foreign Judge.

4.2. A representative of the Organising Committee.

4.3. **The FEI World Cup™ Director** (Chairman of the meeting), or his representative

5. The following representatives are invited without the right to vote, to the meetings of the FEI World Cup™ Working Committee:

5.1. The President and other members of the Ground Jury.

5.2. Two representatives of the International Jumping Riders' Club, of which one must be from abroad.

5.3. A representative of the International Alliance of Equestrian Journalists and / or the Press Officer of the event.

5.4. The Course Designer.

5.5. Other representatives of the Organising Committee.

5.6. All other members of the FEI World Cup™ Committee present at the Event.

5.7. Representatives of the sponsor.

5.8. The announcer, the ceremony master, the show **secretary, etc...**

6. In Western Europe, the FEI World Cup™ Working Committee meets at each event, normally on the day before the qualifying competition. The draw will take place at this meeting of the FEI World Cup™ Working Committee.

7. The FEI, in consultation with the NF's involved may appoint FEI World Cup™ Sub-Committees dealing with matters in Leagues outside of Western Europe. These

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Sub-Committees normally consist of:

- Representatives of the NFs involved.
- Representatives of the Organising Committees within the League.
- Representatives of the riders in the League.

8.1. The NF's concerned will appoint the Chairman. In the event of disagreement among the NFs, the FEI shall appoint the Chairman.

8.2. Where there exists within a League a body representative of all riders within the League, that body may appoint the representatives of the riders. In all other cases the Chairman will, from time to time, appoint the representatives of the riders.

Article 653 – PARTICIPATION

1. Up to 15 international events (CSI) are selected in Western Europe. There may be up to 36 events in North America (USA and Canada), up to 12 in South America, up to 18 events in Australia, up to 20 events in the Central European League and up to 12 in any other League.

2. Events in Western Europe wishing to join the FEI World Cup™ must have been held the previous year successfully as a normal CSI. Outside Western Europe an event wishing to join the FEI World Cup™ must have been held previously as a major event equivalent to a CSI.

2.1. Events that are not held for one year or more, or events, which change their venue or management, may, in principle, not receive FEI World Cup™ status in the first year following the change. FEI World Cup™ status is granted following one successful year as a CSI or - outside Western Europe - as an event equivalent to a CSI. The FEI World Cup™ Committee may grant, under exceptional circumstances, an exception to the above principle.

2.2. FEI World Cup™ events in Western Europe that

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have been cancelled two successive years cannot be granted World Cup status again before having been held successfully as a normal CSI. Outside Western Europe it has to be an event equivalent to a CSI.

3. A League has to consist of at least 3 FEI World Cup™ competitions.

4. The Calendar is established by the FEI World Cup™ Committee upon recommendations from the established Sub-Committees in the respective regions in agreement with the NF's.

4.1. Events to be considered for inclusion in the next FEI World Cup™ calendar must have submitted the dates, to the FEI HQ, before 1st October the year before the season starts. (See also Art. 117.4 of the General Regulations).

4.2. In Leagues with FEI sponsorship for the FEI World Cup™ events, only events that have signed the sponsorship agreement with the FEI are included in the calendar. This also applies to Leagues without FEI sponsorship where agreements between the Organiser and the FEI are required.

5. There shall be no FEI World Cup™ competition 10 days prior to or one-week after the Equestrian Events at the Olympic and Pan American Games, World or Continental Championships (if applicable).

5.1. In principle there may be no FEI World Cup™ competition 14 days prior to the FEI World Cup™ Final.

6. North America is divided into three Leagues as follows:

6.1. Up to 12 events in the US East Coast League (AHSA Zones 1-7).

6.2. Up to 12 events in the US West Coast League (AHSA Zones 8-12).

6.3. Up to 12 events in the Canadian League. For the purpose of participation by US riders in the Canadian League, the Canadian League is divided as follows:

6.3.1. Eastern Canada: Ontario and East of it.

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6.3.2. Western Canada: Manitoba and West of it.

7. In North America a League starts with the first competition of the League in question and no points may be transferred from other Leagues before the North American League starts.

8. The usual starting dates in the three Leagues are as follows:

8.1. US East Coast League: the August weekend preceding the US Labour Day weekend.

8.2. US West Coast League: the August weekend preceding the US Labour Day weekend.

8.3. Canadian League: 1st June and finishes with the last event of the US East or West Coast League which ever finishes last.

9. A horse may not compete in more than three consecutive week-end FEI World Cup™ competitions without a break of a full week from FEI World Cup™ competitions.

10. Western European riders competing in North America have the choice of either going for FEI World Cup™ points or not. In the latter case, this event does not count for the total number of events.

11. The number of starters in a qualifying FEI World Cup™ competition in Western Europe may not be more than 40 riders.

12. At least half of the competitors at a Western European qualifying competition to the FEI World Cup™ competition should be from abroad. (Not applicable for the moment due to invitational system).

12.1. In Western Europe the home country of an event may not enter more riders than are placed in the valid Rolex Rankings with 100 points and more. But a minimum of 10 riders is allowed. (Not applicable for the moment due to invitational system).

13. Outside Western Europe a rider can ride more than one horse in the FEI World Cup™ competitions. In such case, the horse going for FEI World Cup™ points has to

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be declared before the start of the competition, and the competitor must ride this horse first. Once the competition has begun, a competitor may not change his World Cup horse. However, prior to the beginning of the competition a competitor may change his FEI World Cup™ horse only if his originally declared FEI World Cup™ horse is scratched from the competition and the newly declared FEI World Cup™ horse competes in the same position in the starting order as his originally declared FEI World Cup™ horse.

14. If, in Western Europe, the event lasts for 4 or more days and if there are more than 2 competitions each day, three horses per FEI World Cup™ competitor may take part in the event.

15. If there is more than one competition in the afternoon or if there is more than one competition in the evening, a horse can only participate in one. A horse can participate maximum twice a day, once in the afternoon, once in the evening.

15.1. The horse nominated for the FEI World Cup™ competition or having been ridden in the FEI World Cup™ competition at an event may not compete in another competition on that day, neither before nor after the FEI World Cup™ competition.

16. There should be sufficient competitions to allow each horse to compete once each day.

17. In principle the maximum entry fee per horse participating at Western European FEI World Cup™ events is Euro **350**. Exceptions may be made to this article at the discretion of the FEI HQ.

18. Western European organisers must provide all riders taking part in the FEI World Cup™ competition with free accommodation and free meals. **If requested with the nominate entries accommodation for said riders will be extended at the organizers expense until the morning following the event.**

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Article 654 - QUALIFICATIONS

1. In Western Europe, the following are invited to each Western European FEI World Cup™ event and where indicated have the automatic right to compete in the FEI World Cup™ Competition (**Art.654.6.1**):

1.1. The Top Ten of the Rolex Rankings. If a rider from the Top Ten decides not to compete at an event, he may be replaced by a rider nominated by the NF of the rider. Such replacement must be from the Top 45 of the Computer List. If the NF cannot replace the rider in question, he/she may be replaced by the organisers from the top 45 on the Rolex Rankings from a foreign country or from the home country from the top 100 on the Rolex Rankings. These riders are pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition.

= max 10

Unused starting places in paragraph 1.1 go to paragraph 1.5 if the total number is 40 or less and to paragraph 2 if there are more than 40.

1.2. Each NF of a country organising a FEI World Cup™ competition in Western Europe may send one rider to each World Cup event in Western Europe. These riders are pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition.

= max. 11

Unused starting places in paragraph 1.2 go to paragraph 1.5 if the total number is 40 or less and to paragraph 2 if there are more than 40.

1.3. Western European countries with at least 3.5 Million inhabitants, but not organising a FEI World Cup™ competition in Western Europe, may send one rider to each FEI World Cup™ event, provided that at least one rider from the country is in the Top 60 of the Rolex Rankings, or 2 in the Top 200. These riders are pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition.

Unused starting places from category 1.3 go to category 1.5.

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1.4. The three NF's with the most points obtained by having riders placed 11 to 60 in the Rolex Rankings may send a second rider to each event in Western Europe. The following scale of points applies:

a rider placed 11 to 25 = 2 points

a rider placed 26 to 60 = 1 point

In case of a tie the higher individual placing of the country's riders in the Rolex Rankings divides. Point 1.4 only applies to the NFs with six or less riders eligible to participate in accordance with paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2. This restriction does not apply to the home country.

All of the above riders are pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition.

Unused starting places in paragraph 1.4 go to paragraph 1.5 if the total number is 40 or less and to paragraph 2 if there are more than 40.

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1.5. Five additional riders from the home NF are invited to the home event, nominated by the NF. All of these riders are pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition. = 5

Total 33

2. The Organising Committee has 7 Wild Cards to invite additional riders. They only have the automatic right to compete in the FEI World Cup™ competition if there are 40 or less riders at the event.

3. If an Organiser wishes to invite more than the above 40 riders to his event he has two options:

3.1. To host a qualifying **competition** for the 7 remaining places among the 7 Wild Cards (Art. 654.2) and the riders not automatically qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition.

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Maximum 40

or

3.2. **To exclude the FEI World Cup™ competition to the riders invited above the number 40.** This means that the 7 Wild Cards (**Art. 654.3.1**) are automatically qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition.

4. In North America the top ten competitors on the North American Rankings, if in good standing with their NF, are automatically qualified to enter all FEI World Cup™ events in their League. It is up to the Organising Committee to prescribe in the schedule that each competitor has to take part in competitions others than the FEI World Cup™ competition at the event.

5. If, outside Western Europe, an event uses a separate competition to qualify for the FEI World Cup™ competition to be run the same day, and, if the number of riders finishing the initial course is less than 16, the results of the previous qualifying competition are taken into account for the allocation of the remaining FEI World Cup™ points.

6. The FEI publishes a Rolex Rankings, with all competitors placed in CSI, CSIO, Championships and Games according to the formula in Annex B.

6.1. In Western Europe, the monthly Rolex Rankings will be used twice. The Rolex Rankings of approx. 2 August is valid for the fall events. The Rolex Rankings of approx. 3 December is valid for the spring events. Only Western European riders or non-Western European riders with residence in Western Europe are considered.

6.2 The top ten on the Rolex Rankings is established following the rules for the Rolex Rankings.

7. One Wild Card is at the disposal of the FEI for all

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Western European events. **It may only be used for non-Western European riders.** They do not have the automatic right to compete in the World Cup™ competition.

8. One further Wild Card is at the disposal of the FEI for the spring events. **This Wild Card may only be used for non Western European riders.** This Wild Card does not give the rider the right to compete in the FEI World Cup™ competition.

9. In Western Europe the minimum Prize Money has been established as follows:

Whole event

9.1.		FEI World Cup™ competition
Season	EURO 175'000.	EURO 85'000.
<u>2007/2008</u>		Friday competition replacing the FEI World Cup™ qualifier or the qualifier EURO 25'000.-

9.2. The FEI World Cup™ competition must have the highest prize money at each event.

10. In the **2007 / 2008** season the IJRC will make a determined effort to have five riders from the Top Ten participate at each of the Western European FEI World Cup™ qualifiers.

However this is a verbal agreement only and the IJRC is not bound by contract.

Article 655 - THE FEI WORLD CUP™ COMPETITIONS

1. The FEI World Cup™ competitions are run according to the following formula: Competition against the clock with one initial course, with one jump-off only against the clock. Table A mixed, Art. 238.2.2.

1.1. The formula of Art.238.2.2 is to read as follows:

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Table A competition against the clock with one initial round and one jump-off against the clock. Competitors with equality of penalties for first place in the initial round jump-off against the clock. The remaining competitors are classified according to their penalties and time in the initial round.

1.2. If the number of competitors invited exceeds forty a qualifying competition must be held to qualify competitors for the seven open places created in accordance with Art. 654.3.1.

This competition must be run according to either Art. 238.2.2 or according to Art. 238.2.1. If the qualifying competition is held the day prior to the FEI World Cup™ competition this competition must be run according to Art. 238.2.1. The maximum number of riders allowed to take part in this competition is 50.

2. In Western Europe the FEI World Cup™ competition must be held during the most beneficial and prominent period of the event, preferably Sunday afternoon, ending not later than 16:30 hour (4:30 pm) CET. If Saturday is desired, a formal application giving a valid reason must be presented to the FEI.

3. The starting order for all FEI World Cup™ competitions must be established by a draw (Art. 655.6). Competitors in FEI World Cup™ Western European competitions are to be divided into two groups according to their standing on the Rolex Rankings at the time of the event. There is a draw for the starting position in each group. The last group to start will be the group with the highest number of points.

Competitors taking part in the FEI World Cup™ competition will be required to have completed at least one table A competition with a horse of their choice prior to the day of the FEI World Cup™ competition.

For the AUS and NZL Leagues competitors are

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divided into two groups according to their FEI World Cup™ standing. There must be a draw for the starting order in each group. The competitors with the highest number of points start in the last group. Competitors with two horses must ride the FEI World Cup™ horse in the first group.

4. Leagues outside Europe as mentioned below have, in addition to the present formula Art. 238.2.2, the choice of a formula as follows:

4.1. USA West Coast League: One initial course with two jump-offs, the second jump-off against the clock, Art. 238.1.3.

4.2. Australia and Canadian Leagues: Two rounds with one jump-off against the clock Art. 273.3.1 with classification according to Art. 273.4.1, or Art. 273.3.3 with classification according to Art. 273.4.3.

4.3 Arab League: Art. 273.3.3 with classification according to Art. 273.4.3.

5. Each FEI World Cup™ competition is run at a minimum speed of 350m/min. The height of the obstacles can be anything between 1.40 m and 1.60 m. The spread should be proportionate to the height and not more than 2 m. If there is a water jump it cannot be wider than 4 m indoors and 4.50 m outdoors, including guard rail or hedge

6. The time has to be recorded in 1/100 of a second.

7. The courses for the FEI World Cup™ competitions must be designed by Course Designers chosen from the FEI list of International Course Designers. In Western Europe, any change of a resident Course Designer must be approved by the FEI World Cup™ Committee.

Article 656 – POINTS

1. FEI World Cup™ points are awarded to competitors only (not competitor/horse combination) for each FEI World Cup™ competition. Points are awarded to the 16 best placed competitors.

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2. Points won by competitors who are tied are added and divided equally. Fractions of 0.5 or more are rounded up; fractions of less than 0.5 are rounded down.
3. If there are less than 16 competitors starting the initial course of a FEI World Cup™ competition, the scale of points will be reduced accordingly. Only riders who have completed the initial course will get points.

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4. Scale of points:

	If 16 or more riders have started the initial course	Number of competitors in the initial course												
		15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
1 st	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6
	points													
2 nd	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	3
3 rd	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	2	1
4 th	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
5 th	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6 th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7 th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8 th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
9 th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
10 th	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
11 th	6	5	4	3	2	1								
12 th	5	4	3	2	1									
13 th	4	3	2	1										
14 th	3	2	1											
15 th	2	1												
16 th	1													

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5. In principle a rider competes in the League in which he is domiciled. He may, however, also compete in other Leagues. But he can only earn points in other Leagues as follows:

5.1. Western European competitors may earn full points in the USA East Coast League and in Canada. In the USA West Coast League they may earn half-points.

5.2. North American competitors earn full points in any competition of their own League.

5.3. When participating outside of their own League, North American competitors may earn points as follows:

5.3.1. East Coast US riders may earn full points in any Eastern Canadian competition held during the period that competitions are sanctioned in their own League.

5.3.2. East Coast US riders may earn full points in the US West Coast League up to and including the sixth FEI World Cup™ placing of the competition in question.

No points will be awarded to East Coast US riders after the sixth placed FEI World Cup™ competitor.

East Coast US riders may earn half-points in Western Canada. East Coast US riders may earn points in this manner only at competitions held during the period that competitions are sanctioned in their own League and from a maximum of three competitions.

Should a competitor wish to compete in a FEI World Cup™ qualifying competition and count it as one of the three crossover competitions allowed, he must so declare to the show office prior to the competition. If this is not done, the first three results will count.

5.3.3. West Coast US riders may gain full points in any competition in both the US East Coast League and the Canadian League, during the period that competitions are sanctioned in their own League.

5.3.4. Canadian riders may gain full points in any competition in both the US East Coast and the US West Coast Leagues.

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5.4. Riders from all three North American Leagues may earn full points in Western Europe.

5.5. No points may be won by North American or Western European Competitors in the Central European, South American, Pacific, Asian, South African or Arab Leagues.

5.6. Riders from the Mexican Sub-League may earn full points in the USA, Canadian and Western European Leagues.

5.7. Riders from the New Zealand Sub-League may earn full points in the Australian, USA, Canadian and Western European Leagues.

5.8. Riders from the Central Asian, South American, Australian, Japanese, South African, South East Asia, and Arab Leagues may earn full points in the USA, Canadian and Western European Leagues.

5.9. Central European (North and South) competitors cannot earn points in other Leagues.

6. A rider can earn points in as many competitions as there are FEI World Cup™ events in his League. But he cannot earn points any more in another League once the last competition of his own League has been held. If he wishes to compete in more competitions he has to declare to the show office prior to each event if this competition is to count or not. Failing to do so, the competition will count, and once the number of permitted events has been reached, the remaining events no longer count.

6.1 In principle a rider may earn points in another League once his own League has started.

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7. In all the Leagues, only the best 50% of the possible results count towards the qualification for the Final, on the following scale:

Number of competitions in the League (possible results)	Number of Results to count
20 competitions	10 to count
19	10
18	9
17	9
16	8
15	8
14	7
13	7
12	6
11	6
10	5
9	5
8	4
7	4
6	3
5	3
4	2
3	2

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7.1. If in any League the number of FEI World Cup™ competitions is six or less, the following exceptions to the scale of points to count may be authorised:

6 competitions	3 or 4 to count
5 competitions	3 or 4 to count
4 competitions	2 or 3 to count
3 competitions	2 to count

7.2. If, after the adoption of the calendar at the annual meeting of the FEI World Cup™ Committee (in April), an event is cancelled, the following applies:

7.2.1. If the cancellation is known before the start of the League: the number of results to count will be adjusted if necessary;

7.2.2. If the cancellation takes place after the start of the League, the original number of results will count.

8. In the FEI World Cup™ Central European League, points can only be given if riders from at least three countries participate. In exceptional cases the World FEI World Cup™ Committee may allow an exception.

9. In Leagues outside Western Europe and North America (USA and Canada), the League may conclude with a League Final to which the top riders in the point standings are invited to participate. All riders competing in the Final will carry over their points.

10. The League Final may consist of one or two competitions as follows:

10.1. League Final as one competition: Table A jump-off (Art. 238.1.2). Starting order in reverse order of League standings.

10.2. League Final with two competitions:

10.2.1. Table C over Table A course (Art. 239);

10.2.2. Table A jump-off (Art. 238.1.2);

Starting order in 10.2.1.: reverse order of League standings.

Starting order in 10.2.2.: reverse order of results in 1st

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League Final competition.

10.3. The League Final competition(s) to count 100 % or 150 %.

10.4. The points of the League Final competition(s) are counted as the normal FEI World Cup™ competitions, i.e. if the number of competitions to count has been reached before the League Final, there will be a drop score.

Article 657 - QUALIFICATION FOR THE FINAL

Qualified for the Final are:

1.1. Eighteen Western European competitors with the highest total points in the Western European League.

1.2. Seven North American competitors from the US East Coast League.

1.3. Three North American competitors from the US West Coast League.

1.4. Two North American competitors from the Canadian League.

1.5. Any competitor (extra rider) from another League domiciled a country of the League in which he is participating, having gained at least as many points as the lowest placed competitor qualified for the Final in the League in which he has competed.

1.6. The number of finalists from other Leagues will be determined by the FEI World Cup™ Committee according to the overall standard of their own League (refer to par. 1.7).

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1.7. In case not all qualified riders in the final standings of a League or Sub-League can go to the Final, the following applies:

Western European	18 places, substitution up to 27 th place
USA-East Coast	7 places, substitution up to 12 th place
USA-West Coast	3 places, substitution up to 5 th place
Central Europe	3 places, substitution up to 4 th place in the final standings
Canada, South America South and Mexico	2 places, substitution up to 4 th place in the final standings
Australia	2 places, substitution up to 3 rd place
Japan, South America North*, New Zealand, South East Asia, Central Asia and South Africa	1 place, substitution up to 2 nd place in the final standings
Arab	2 places, substitution to 4 th place.

* (South America North consists of COL, ECU + VEN.

South America South consists of ARG, BRA, CHI and URU.

BOL, PAR and PER may be added to the South America North or South list).

1.8. The FEI World Cup™ Committee may allocate one "Wild Card" for the Final, based on extraordinary circumstances of a rider who ordinarily could not qualify.

1.9. In principle each rider qualified for the Final may

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enter three horses. Any support towards the air transport of horses, riders and grooms depends on the available funds, either from sponsorship or from the organiser of the Final.

2. In case of a tie for the winner of a League or the last qualified rider, riders will be separated by the number of wins, second places etc...

3. The country holding the Final may nominate two home riders otherwise not qualified for the Final. In principle, these two-riders are from the home country and are those next in line in the point standings of the respective League. The FEI World Cup™ Committee, upon receipt of a request from the host NF, may give one of its two places in the Final as a wild card to a rider proposed by the NF. The two-home riders qualified for the Final as Wild Cards must ride a qualified FEI World Cup™ horse (having finished one World Cup competition as a combination). The number of wild cards as described above may be increased at the discretion of the FEI World Cup™ Committee.

4. The holder of the FEI World Cup™ (Defending Champion) is allowed to enter the next Final as an extra competitor, entering two horses of his choice.

5. Competitors starting in the Final must ride horses on which they, during the season, have completed at least one FEI World Cup™ competition, as a nominated FEI World Cup™ horse.

6. The 1st reserve rider on the Final Standings List of the League where the Final is held is invited to travel to the site of the Final with two horses. If nobody of his League drops out, he may compete in the non- FEI World Cup™ CSI competitions of the Final.

7. Pre-Final

7.1. The Pre-Final, if held, is open to all riders outside of Western Europe, USA and Canada, qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Final. For the other competitions at the event, other competitors may be invited.

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7.2. At the Pre-Final there are two competitions on two consecutive days:

- Table C, 1.40 m.
- Table A with jump-off 1.45 m.

It is foreseen that the two competitions are held on days 1 and 2 of a 3-day CSI. On day 3 the FEI World Cup™ riders of the pre-final may choose to enter the Grand Prix or a smaller competition.

7.3. In the Table C competition only the FEI World Cup™ riders as defined in Art. 657.7.1 may compete. In the Table A competition with jump-off, also the riders from the home country qualified for the final and/or invited to the CSI held in conjunction with the Final may compete. On day 3 all riders at the event will compete.

7.4. On day 1 the competitions are preceded by an informal training competition, held in the morning, with obstacles of approximately 1.35 m in height. There will be no time allowed, no paying audience, no prize-money, no saluting and no classification.

7.5. The FEI World Cup™ riders as defined in Art. 657.7.1 may ride in the 2 competitions only qualified FEI World Cup™ horses. If they have two or more horses qualified, they may ride all, but only the first in the course counts towards the overall classification of the Pre-Final.

7.6. An overall classification of the Pre-Final is based on the two competitions, with points going to the riders on their first horses on the course as follows: winner of both competitions gets one point more than the number of starters in the first competition. The second placed gets two points less, the 3rd placed 3 points less and so on.

Article 658 - FORMULA FOR THE FINAL

1. In the Final competitors start with zero points.
2. The Final will be held over five or six days with a total of three final competitions. If the Final lasts 5 days, day 4 will be a rest day. If the Final lasts 6 days, days 3 and

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5 will be rest days. The schedule as well as the formulas for the three final competitions is binding:

2.1. First day: Training session and Warm-up competitions

A training session, with obstacles of approximately 1.40 m in height, will be held in the morning of the first day of the Final. This session is open to all horses at the event. There will be no time allowed, no paying audience, no prize money, no saluting and no classification.

There will be three warm-up competitions (with paying audience) in the afternoon and/or evening, as follows:
p.m.: Competition over two Phases (integrated jump-off), 1.40 m
Eve.: Table A with jump-off, 1.50 m
Eve.: Table A, against the clock, 1.40 m. A horse may compete in the training session in the morning and in one of the 3 warm-up competitions. The FEI World Cup™ horses (maximum two) are to be declared 30 minutes after the end of the last warm-up competition. Only declared horses may compete in the 3 Final competitions. The warm-up competitions, although not obligatory for riders to enter, are part of the FEI World Cup™ Final.

2.2. Second day: 1st final competition: Table C over a Table A course. Art. 239 and 263. Maximum height: 1.50 m. No jump-off in case of equal time. (It is not intended that this course should have the character of a Table C "Epreuve de maniabilité,", but rather a type Table A course with bigger fences. The sole purpose for using Table C scoring is to give a skilful rider with an unlucky knockdown an opportunity to obtain a reasonable placing).

2.3. Third day: 2nd final competition: Table A, not against the clock. One round and one jump-off only, against the clock. Art. 238.1.2, Height: 1.50 m-1.60 m. Competitors who are eliminated or who retire in the 1st final competition are not permitted to take part in this competition.

2.3.1. In the first two final competitions points are given

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to all competitors having finished the initial round.

2.3.2. The winner of both competitions gets one point more than the number of starters in the first final competition. The second placed gets two points less than the winner, the third placed three points less than the winner, and so on.

2.3.3. Competitors who have been eliminated or have retired in the initial round do not get points.

2.3.4. Points won by competitors who are tied are added up and divided equally. Fractions of 0,5 and more are rounded up; fractions of less than 0,5 are rounded down.

2.3.5. After the second final competition, FEI World Cup™ points are transformed into penalties. The competitor with the highest number of FEI World Cup™ points after two competitions will have 0 penalties. For all other competitors the number of penalties will be calculated by multiplying with the coefficient of 0.50 the difference between their number of World Cup points and the FEI World Cup™ points of the leading competitor after two competitions.

2.3.6. In this procedure all decimals are rounded down.

2.4. **Fourth day** The horse to compete in the third final competition of the FEI World Cup™ must be entered 30 minutes after the end of the 2nd Final competition. It may not compete on the rest day.

2.4.1. Every FEI World Cup™ rider who has earned points in the first two final competitions but decides not to enter the 3rd final competition may compete in the major competition of the fourth day.

2.5. **Fifth day:** 3rd final competition:

Table A, not against the clock. Two rounds over a Grand Prix course.

Height 1.50 m - 1.60 m. The second round will be shortened or will be different from the first round. The number of obstacles in the second round is set at 8-9 obstacles, with 10-12 efforts. There will be no jump-off

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for victory of the third competition.

2.5.1. Only two thirds (plus ties) of the starters in the first final competition are allowed to compete in the first round of the third final competition. Qualified riders unable to start will not be replaced.

2.5.2. Only 50% (plus ties) of the starters in the first final competition are allowed to start in the second round of the third final competition.

2.5.3. Competitors with a clear score in the first round are allowed to start in the second round, even if their total score does not bring them in the 50% allowed for the second round.

2.5.4. The 3rd final competition may not start later than 15.00 hours (3pm), to end before 18.00 hours (6pm).

2.6. Horses competing in a FEI World Cup™ Final competition may only compete in one competition on that day.

3. The overall winner will be the competitor with the lowest number of penalties after the three final competitions.

4. If competitors are tied for first place after the three final competitions, there will be a jump-off against the clock over a reduced course of 6 obstacles. In case of equality of penalties and time in this jump-off a second jump-off, against the clock, will be held over the same course. Competitors not in the jump-off but tying on penalties are placed equal.

5. A competitor may enter and ride two different horses in the three final competitions, but only one horse in each final competition.

6. The starting order for the three final competitions is established as follows:

6.1. The starting order in the first final competition is based on the final standings in the Leagues according to the following formula.

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6.1.1. The provisional starting list will be established by dividing the riders into four sections, as follows:

League with one **finalist**

- Section 4 **qualified rider**
- Section 3 no rider from the League
- Section 2 no rider from the League
- Section 1 no rider from in the League

League with two **finalists**

- Section 4 the **best qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**
- Section 2 no rider from the League
- Section 1 no rider from in the League

League with three **finalists**

- Section 4 the **best qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**
- Section 1 no rider from in the League

League with four **finalists**

- Section 4 the **best qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**

League with five riders qualified

- Section 4 the two **best qualified riders**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**

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League with seven riders qualified

- Section 4 the two **best qualified riders**
- Section 3 the next two best **qualified riders**
- Section 3 the next two best **qualified riders**
- Section 3 the next best **qualified rider**

League with eighteen riders qualified

- Section 4 the five **best qualified riders**
- Section 3 the next five best **qualified riders**
- Section 3 the next four best **qualified riders**
- Section 3 the next best four **qualified riders**

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6.1.2. To further explain the above riders from Leagues with four or more finalists are equally distributed among the four sections. Remaining riders going to the higher number sections, as follows:

Number of Riders	Sections			
	1.	2.	3.	4.
Western Europe	4	4	5	5
USA East Coast	1	2	2	2

6.1.3. The defending champion (Art. 657.4) is put in Section 4. The two extra home riders (Art. 657.3) are put in Section 1. Riders domiciled outside their own League who compete as extra riders in the League in which they are domiciled are placed in the section for the League through which they have qualified according to their position in the League final classification.

6.1.4. Within the Sections, all starting places are drawn by name and number. Last to start in the 1st Final competition is section 4, 3rd last to start is section 3, 2nd to start is section 2 and 1st to start is section 1.

6.2. In both the second and the third final competitions, the starting order is the reverse order of merit after the first final competition, after the second final competition, or after Round A of the third final competition.

6.2.1. Competitors who tie with the same number of points or penalties will retain the same starting order among themselves as in the previous competition or round which ever is appropriate.

7. The time has to be recorded in 1/100 of a second.

8. If there are two course designers at a final event, the one responsible for the three final competitions must

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also design the courses for the three warm-up competitions.

9. In all three final competitions, a fall of horse and/or rider eliminates the rider from the competition.

Article 659 - MEDICATION CONTROL

Medication control is compulsory at the FEI World Cup™ Final, at the Western European League Final and at all CSI-W held with international participation. Medication control is desirable at the other FEI World Cup™ competitions. The medication control is to be conducted in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.

Article 660 - TRANSPORT AND LODGING

1. Organising Committees are required to meet the conditions laid down in the General Regulations of the FEI.

If funds are available, transport contributions may be allocated to finalists qualified for the Final.

Article 661 - PRIZE MONEY

1. In the Western Europe League the minimum prize money has been established as laid down in Article 654.9.1.

2. If, as first prize, a car is offered, the Organising Committee may, from its own funds, add cash to the value in kind of the car, providing the conditions of Art. 129.2 FEI General Regulations are not contravened.

3. If there are more competitors in the jump-off than there are prizes, those outside prize money placing must be awarded a cash prize equivalent to the entry fee per horse for the entire event. This amount must not exceed the prize for the last placed horse.

4. In Western Europe, 25% of riders and in any case all those in the jump-off must be awarded a cash prize.

Article 662 – EXCEPTIONS

The FEI World Cup™ Committee has the authority to allow reasonable exceptions to the above rules.

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CROSSOVER POINTS

Riders from (below) can win points from (right)	Western Europe	Central Europe	Central Asia	USA East	USA West	Canada	Mexico	South America	Australia	New Zealand	Japan	South Africa	South East Asia
Western Europe		NO	NO	FULL	HALF	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Central Europe	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Central Asia	FULL	NO		FULL	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
USA East	FULL	NO	NO		FULL**	FULL/HALF*	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
USA West	FULL	NO	NO	FULL		FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Canada	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Mexico	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
South America	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Australia	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO
New Zealand	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO
Japan	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO
South Africa	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO
South East Asia	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Arab	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

* US East Coast Riders FULL points in Eastern

** US East Coast Riders FULL points in US

Canada, HALF points in Western Canada.

West Coast events if placed in top six.

Annex B – CRITERIA FOR THE ROLEX RANKINGS

Generals

The Rolex Rankings takes into account the points obtained over a twelve months period beginning on the 1 January and ending on the 31 December.

The Rolex Rankings will be produced by the FEI Secretariat.

The Rolex Rankings will be updated weekly but will be released on the first week of each month only. The updated version during the month will not be published or distributed.

The Rolex Rankings begins on the 1 January each year with the carry over of the total number of points, which have been accumulated during the previous year until the 31 December.

At the end of each month the points earned during that month are added to the list. The points from the same month the previous year are dropped from the list.

Points obtained at Games and Championships are retained on the list depending on the frequency of the events. If the event is held every four years, 25% of the points held are dropped after one year, 50% after two years, 75% after three years and the rest after four years. If the event is held every two years, 50% of the points held are dropped after one year and the rest after two years.

Point System

Competitions are divided into groups depending on their level. Refer to definition of Groups.

For Individual competitions, riders obtain points related to their placing in the competitions. The scale of points differs from one group to the other. Refer to scales of points.

For team competitions, riders obtain points related to their results. If they obtain four penalty points or less in at least one of the rounds, they obtain points. Refer to Nations Cup.

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For main Championships, riders placed in the first three (or four) obtain bonus points in addition to the points gained during the competitions. Refer to bonus. Refer to bonus.

The sixteen best placed competitors (plus the riders tying for the last place to count) will obtain points in all individual competitions counting for the ranking. Points won by riders who are tied are added and divided equally among them. Two decimals are kept. The second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

Riders placed more than once in the first sixteen obtain points for their best placing only.

Competitions excluded: knock-out, puissance, six bar, relay, team competition other than Nations Cup and show or special competitions.

There will be no limit on the number of competitions per event which count for the Rolex Rankings providing they meet the criteria of a group.

Number of results to count for the computer list and Olympic Games qualification

There is no limit to the number of results to count per rider per year.

For the purpose of qualifying for the Olympic Games the number of competitions to count will be limited to 30. Conditions for qualifying for the Olympic Games are laid down in the rule book covering the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games.

Horse/Rider/Owner Rankings

In accordance with the above rules a Rankings for the Horse/Rider will be established. If any of these three change during the year the points will start from scratch. This list begins for each combination with zero points on the 1st January and finishes on the 31 December (only the points of the current year are taken into account; there is no carry over of previous Championships or Games points).

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Definition of Groups

Individual Competitions

Group		Competitions
A		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All competitions with a total prize-money of CHF 187'500 (Euros 125'000) and more ▪ Final Competition at European Championships, World Cup™ Final
B		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All competitions with a total prize-money from CHF 112'500 (EUROS 75'000) to CHF 187'499 (EUROS 124'999) ▪ Speed Competition at World Championships, European Championships ▪ Speed Competition and Second Competition at World Cup™ Final ▪ First Competition at Olympic Games
C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All competitions with a total prize-money from CHF 75'000 (EUROS 50'000) to CHF 112'999 (EUROS 74'999) ▪ Final Competitions at Pan American Games
D		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All competitions with a total prize-money from CHF 30'000 (EUROS 20'000) to CHF 74'999 (EUROS 49'999) ▪ Speed Competition at Pan American Games
E		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All World Cup competitions not included above ▪ All CSI2* Grand Prix competitions with at least CHF 7'500 (EUROS 5'000) in prize money ▪ The first and last competitions at Regional or Continental, Games or Championships not mentioned above, providing the height of first round is 1.40 m.
F	=2xA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final Competition at Olympic Games ▪ Semi-Final at World Championship

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Team Competitions

Group		Competitions
H		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All 5* Nations Cup Competitions
I		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All 4* Nations Cup Competitions
J		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All 3* Nations Cup Competitions
K		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All 2* Nations Cup Competitions ▪ Team Competition at Regional, Continental, Games or Championships not mentioned below
L		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All 1* Nations Cup Competitions
M	= 1.5xI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team Competition at Pam American Games
N	= 2xH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team Competition at Olympic Games and World Championship
O	= 1.5xH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Team Competition at European Championships

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Scales of Points

Place	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	130	100	80	50	30	260
2	110	80	70	45	25	220
3	90	70	60	40	20	180
4	80	60	55	35	15	160
5	70	55	50	30	10	140
6	60	50	45	25	5	120
7	55	45	40	20	4	110
8	50	40	35	15	4	100
9	45	35	30	10	3	90
10	40	30	25	10	3	80
11	35	25	20	5	2	70
12	30	20	15	5	2	60
13	25	15	10	5	1	50
14	20	10	5	5	1	40
15	15	5	5	5	1	30
16	10	5	5	5	1	20

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Nations Cup

Result	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
Double Clear	100	50	20	12	6	75	200	150
One clear + one up to 4	70	35	14	10	5	52.5	140	105
One clear	50	25	10	8	4	37.5	100	75
Two up to 4	40	20	8	4	2	30	80	60
One up to 4	20	10	4	2	1	15	40	30

Bonus

Place	Olympic Games FEI World Cup™ Final European Championships Pan Am Games	World Championships
	1	60
2	40	60
3	20	40
4		20

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THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT **FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE**

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.

2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.

3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.

4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.

5. The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

A full copy of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale, Avenue Mon-Repos 24, CH-1000, Lausanne 5, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 21 310 47 47. The Code is available in English & French. The Code is also available on the FEI's website:
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