

Invitation System for CSI 3* + 4* events in Europe (2008)

The list of the Rolex Rankings established **three** months prior to the event is to be used for the selection of riders. **The Organising Committee must print in the schedule the number of the list which applies for the invitation of riders, as well as the total number of riders to be invited.**

Section 1 Riders at top of the list of the Rolex Rankings

The top 25 riders for CSI-4* / the top 15 riders for CSI-3* on the list of the Rolex Rankings must be invited. The maximum number of riders from a foreign NF in this section must be limited to five.

Section 2 Home Riders

The number of home riders who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining home riders to be invited. The number of home riders must neither exceed 50% nor be less than 35% of the total number of riders invited. The NF/OC decides on the exact percentage for this section, which must be printed in the schedule. If the home nation does not fill its quota, the remaining places are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of riders in section 3.

Depending on the number of home riders competing internationally, the number of home riders may be increased to 60% of the total number of riders at the event. This may only be done upon receipt of a request from the NF concerned and may or may not be granted at the discretion of the Director of the FEI Jumping Department.

Section 3 Foreign Riders

3.1 The number of foreign riders who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining foreign riders to be invited. 50% of the remaining foreign riders must be selected from the top 300 for CSI-4* or the top 600 for CSI-3* on the list of Rolex Rankings and 50% may be selected from any position on the list or may be unranked.

3.2 At least 7 foreign NFs must be represented (This includes NFs represented by riders in **Section 1**).

3.3 If a NF is invited to send riders but decides not to participate, the Organising Committee selects another NF in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of riders under section 3.1.

Section 4 OC Wildcards

The OC is free to invite 15% for CSI-4* or 20% for CSI-3* of the total number of riders as wildcards. These riders must be selected from the top 600 on the list of the Rolex Rankings. These invitations (for foreign and/or home riders) should be under the same conditions as for other participants and must in no way be directly or indirectly connected with a financial contribution for participation at any international Jumping event. At the same time, it is also unacceptable for riders to ask for an appearance fee.

Section 5 FEI Invitations for Foreign Riders

The FEI has the right to nominate two riders by the deadline date established for nominated entries. The maximum number of times a rider can be nominated during the same season for this group is three. Vacant places under this section are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of riders in section 4.

SUMMARY OF INVITATION SYSTEM FOR CSI-3* & CSI-4* EVENTS IN EUROPE (2008)

To be printed in Schedule: total number of invited riders, the percentage of home riders to be invited (min. 35% - max. 50%) and the number of the list of the Rolex Rankings which applies. (list established 3 months prior to event)	CSI-4*	CSI-3*
1) Invite riders at top of the Rolex Rankings up to N° (max. 5 riders per foreign NF)	25	15
2) Remaining home riders to be invited:	open to ranked or unranked riders	
3) Remaining foreign riders to be invited after invitations under Section 1: (min. 7 foreign NFs in Sections 1 & 3)	50% within top 300; 50% open (ranked or unranked riders)	50% within top 600; 50% open (ranked or unranked riders)
4) O.C. Wildcards maximum	15% within top 600	20% within top 600
5) FEI Invitations	2	2

There are no restrictions on Organising Committees in relation to the invitation of participants for Amateur Owner competitions and riders specifically invited for small tour competitions only. However, the total number of horses in the small tour must not exceed 100.

The following fines will be imposed on Organising Committees not respecting the above procedure:

1st offence CHF 20'000.-; 2nd offence CHF 40'000.- ; at the 3rd offence, the event will not be permitted to take place. These fines will be payable directly by the Organising Committees concerned to the FEI.