

FEI World Cup™ Eventing Rules – Qualifiers 2008/2009

The FEI World Cup™ Eventing has committed itself to be the showcase of the Eventing sport in the future and is aimed to promote the emblematic values of Eventing to the general public as well as sponsors through constant innovation of the format of the competition with the participation of the world's best riders and horses in a series of qualifiers culminating in a final.

This series has been created to present the sport at its best advantage to the general public and stands as a concept with its own special rules and regulations, annually reviewed by the Eventing Committee. Unless otherwise stated current Rules for Eventing will apply.

The FEI World Cup™ Eventing is a series for individual riders organized through Three Star level qualifiers and Final.

Should other categories be organized together with the qualifiers or final, priorities should always be given to the World Cup™ category.

1. FEI World Cup™ Eventing Qualifiers

1.1 Calendar

For the FEI World Cup™ Eventing 2008 Series, Qualifiers will be organized **from January 1st, 2008** to 4 weeks before the Final (date and venue: TBC).

1.2 Number of competitors and number of horses per competitor

For the FEI World Cup™ Eventing Qualifiers, **the Organising Committees will set the limitation of riders' entries** and the number of horses a competitor may ride, but a FEI World Cup™ Eventing Qualifier cannot be divided in sections.

Where an event has more entries than it can accommodate, the following applies:

- no competitor may ride more than one horse;
- priority must be given to riders not already ranked in the series.

1.3 FEI World Cup™ Eventing Point System

World Cup™ points will be awarded to riders (not combination of horse/riders) for each FEI World Cup™ Eventing Qualifier. Points will be awarded to all riders having completed the competition regardless of the number of starters and according to the following table:

Ranking	POINTS
Placed 1 st	= 100
Placed 2 nd	= 60
Placed 3 rd	= 40
Placed 4 th	= 30
Placed 5 th	= 25
Placed 6 th	= 20
Placed 7 th	= 18
Placed 8 th	= 16
Placed 9 th	= 14
Placed 10 th	= 12
Placed 11 th	= 11
Placed 12 th	= 10
Placed 13 th	= 9
Placed 14 th	= 8
Placed 15 th	= 7
Placed 16 th	= 6
Placed 17 th	= 5
Placed 18 th	= 4
Placed 19 th	= 3
Placed 20 th	= 2
All riders completed after 20 th place	= 1

Only the riders who have obtained a qualifying result at a qualifier will be awarded points for the FEI World Cup™ Eventing Standings.

The calculation of points may be updated during the season to take into account the number of starters at the qualifier in question.

A rider riding more than one horse in a qualifier will be awarded points for each qualifying result.

A rider can participate in as many qualifiers as he wishes, but only the best 3 results from the qualifiers will count for participation in the World Cup™ Final.

Should two or more riders have equal points in the final ranking; the following tie breaker system will be applied to determine the priority of riders' participation in the Final:

1. rider with highest placing in qualifiers;
2. in the case of equal placing in qualifiers, lower total of penalties points.

1.4 Qualifying Competitions per Nation

Each NF will be allocated one Qualifying Event per country. With the agreement of the Eventing Committee, larger countries (of minimum 15,000 miles/24,135 Km across country) may be granted permission to organise one additional qualifier. **(This rule will be implemented as from 1st January 2009).**

1.5 Technical conditions

Following conditions will apply to all qualifiers:

- **Dressage:** 3* Test.
- **Competition format:** the event will be run over 2 or 3 days and the Show Jumping test must take place last. Additionally, 2 hours break minimum will be compulsory if the Cross Country and the Show Jumping tests are held on the same day.
- **Cross Country:** distance will be 3600 to 4400 metres.
- **Horse Inspection:** compulsory for all World Cup™ Qualifiers.
 - If it is a 2-days event (Cross Country & Show Jumping tests held the same day), the Organising Committee will have to organise a Veterinary Examination.
 - 1st Horse Inspection: Veterinary Examination conducted by the FEI Veterinary Delegate.
 - 2nd Horse Inspection: Trot-up after the Cross Country with a Member of Ground Jury and the FEI Veterinary Delegate.
- **Show Jumping:** at least 4 of the obstacles in the Show Jumping test must be of a maximum height of 130 cm.
 - If it is a 2-days event (Cross Country & Show Jumping tests held the same day), the obstacles in the Jumping Test must be of a maximum height of 125 cm.
- **Prize-giving:** the ceremony will include the horses; however, the lap of honour will have to be removed.

1.6 Officials

Following conditions will apply to all qualifiers:

- The President of the Ground Jury must be an International Judge.
- The Technical Delegate must be an FEI International TD.
- Either the President or the Technical Delegate must be of a foreign nationality.

1.7 Financial Conditions

- **Prize money:** CHF 41,000 (approx € 25'000).

The Organizer should award, at its cost, a Prize money of minimum CHF 41,000.- for a qualifier. NFs/OC with less than 20 riders participating in the qualifier will have to contact the FEI as the Prize money amount can be discussed.

- **Franchise fee** FEI World Cup™ Eventing: CHF 3,900 (approx € 2'400).