



## 2009 Season - HSBC FEI WORLD CUP™ EVENTING – Rules

Vision: the HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing is to be the showcase of the Eventing sport for the future and is aimed to promote the emblematic values of Eventing to the public at large as well as sponsors through constant review of sport, with the participation of the world's best riders and horse 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 in the FEI World Cup™-Eventing rules, the current Rules for Eventing will apply.

The HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing is a series for individual riders organized through Three Star (3\*) level Qualifiers and Final.

### 1. HSBC - FEI World Cup™ Eventing Qualifiers

#### 1.1. CALENDAR

For the FEI World Cup™ Eventing 2008 Series, Qualifiers will be organized from **1 January 2009 to 2 weeks** before the Final.

*Calendar published as separate document on FEI Web-site.*

#### 1.2 NUMBER OF COMPETITORS AND NUMBER OF HORSES PER COMPETITOR

For the HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing Qualifiers, the Organising Committees will set the limitation of riders' entries, 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:

- competitors may ride only one horse;
- priority must be given to riders not already ranked in the series.

#### 1.3 HSBC FEI WORLD CUP™ EVENTING POINT SYSTEM

World Cup™ points will be awarded to riders (not combination of horse/riders) for each HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing Qualifier.

Points will be awarded to all riders having completed and obtained a qualifying result at a qualifier and according to the following table for the Special HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing Standings:

The number of points awarded take into account if the rider has finished in the top 25% of the classification of the event as for the HSBC World Event Rider ranking:

| <b>Classification</b> (to include 25% of starters) | <b>POINTS</b><br>(= CCI3*) |
|--|----------------------------|
| Placed 1 <sup>st</sup>                             | <b>71</b>                  |
| Placed 2 <sup>nd</sup>                             | <b>67</b>                  |
| Placed 3 <sup>rd</sup>                             | <b>64</b>                  |
| Placed 4 <sup>th</sup>                             | <b>61</b>                  |
| Placed 5 <sup>th</sup>                             | <b>58</b>                  |
| Placed 6 <sup>th</sup>                             | <b>55</b>                  |
| Placed 7 <sup>th</sup>                             | <b>52</b>                  |
| Placed 8 <sup>th</sup>                             | <b>49</b>                  |
| Placed 9 <sup>th</sup>                             | <b>46</b>                  |
| Placed 10 <sup>th</sup>                            | <b>43</b>                  |
| Placed 11 <sup>th</sup>                            | <b>40</b>                  |
| Placed 12 <sup>th</sup>                            | <b>37</b>                  |

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|--|-------------------|
| Placed 13 <sup>th</sup>                      | <b>Etc to 25%</b> |
| Etc up to 25% of starters                    | <b>3 etc</b>      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> last rider completed with QR | <b>3</b>          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> last rider completed with QR | <b>3</b>          |
| Last completed with QR                       | <b>3</b>          |

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 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.

#### 1.5 TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

Following conditions will apply to all qualifiers:

- 10-12 HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing qualifiers for the 2009 season.
- One Qualifier event per country
- The Qualifier to be the highest level class of the overall event (national events or CCI 1\*/2\* or CIC 1\*/2\*/3\* level can be included).
- **Competition format:** Order of tests: Dressage – Cross Country and Jumping. 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:** 4000m (including 10% variation) for the Cross Country test.
- **Horse Inspection:** Formal Horse Inspection to be organised with Ground Jury before Jumping. compulsory for all World Cup™ Qualifiers, according to Rules for Eventing
- **Number of participation:** Minimum of 20 riders to participate.
- **Ranking points and qualification status of riders:** will be according to CCI3\* for qualifiers
- **Venue selection:** should an NF submit several candidatures for Qualifiers; the FEI will select the venue that will optimise the defined technical and commercial criteria and FEI World Cup™ Eventing vision.
- **Dressage: 2009:** 3\* Test.
- **Show Jumping:** at least 4 of the obstacles in the Show Jumping test must be 130 cm. However If it is a 2-day 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.

#### 1.6 OFFICIALS

Following conditions will apply to all qualifiers:

- **Course Designer:** Experienced Course Designer from the FEI International List of Course Designers to be approved by the FEI.
- **Ground Jury:** The President must be an International Judge.
- **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:** minimum CHF 41'000 (exchange rate used: approx. \$1 = CHF 1.21).
- Franchise fee integrated in the overall financial support.
- 2-year contract for each OC – with review of each event after first year should technical or commercial issues not be fulfilled the FEI reserves the right not to accredit the event with the World Cup™ label for the second year.

## 2. HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing Final 2009

### 2.1 INVITATIONS OF RIDERS TO THE FINAL

The deadline for riders and horses to qualify for the Final will be set to two weeks (15 days) before the Final.

Completion of the HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing Final with a Qualifying Result will allow the rider and horse to obtain a comparable result to a CCI4\* for ranking points and qualification.

Riders will be qualified to participate in the final according to their final standing and subject to the following quota per nation:

|         |   |                           |
|---------|---|---------------------------|
| Group 1 | Australia, Great Britain, USA, New Zealand, France, Germany | 6 riders from each Nation |
| Group 2 | Ireland, Sweden   | 5 riders from each Nation |
| Group 3 | Belgium, Brazil, Italy                                      | 4 riders from each Nation |
| Group 4 | All other nations   | 2-riders from each Nation |

If a national quota cannot be filled, and upon decision of the Eventing Committee, the best riders according to classification from the overall ranking will then be invited regardless of national quota limitations to fill the quota.

1 wild card per nation will be allocated by the Eventing Committee to nations of Group 1 (see above) or to a rider from another nation with exceptionally successful results.

A maximum number of 40 riders will be invited to the Final (wild cards included).

The winner of the FEI World Cup™ Eventing (defending Champion) will be invited to the next final as an extra competitor not counting for the national quota, providing that he has participated in a qualifier leading up to the final in question.

### 2.2 NUMBER OF HORSES PER COMPETITOR AND QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

- In the Final, a competitor may only ride one horse.
- Horses competing in the Final do not necessarily have to have participated in a qualifier; however they must have obtained a qualifying result at 3 star levels, during the normal qualification period.

### 2.3 TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

- **Date of Final:** Preferably mid-September to end November 2009.
- **Format:** Event over 2 days and Show-jumping test held as last competition.
- Max 40 riders will be invited.
- Each rider may only compete with one horse.
- **Qualification deadline:** for horses and riders to qualify for the Final: minimum 2 weeks before the event.
- **National quota** of riders to participate based on rankings rules and lists published.
- **Formal Horse Inspection** (with Ground Jury) will take place between the Cross Country and Jumping.
- **Starting order** must be done by draw at riders briefing.
- **Dressage Test:** A 3\* CCI/CIC 2009 Dressage Tests or a special test if produced (free-style Dressage test may be considered in the future)
- **Cross Country distance:** of 4000-4400 meters.
- **Jumping Test** obstacles height 130cm.
- **Prize-giving:** the ceremony will include the horses.
- **Ranking points** and qualification status for the Final of riders according to CCI4\*

#### 2.4 OFFICIALS

- **Ground Jury:** to consist of three members appointed by the FEI Eventing Committee.
- **Technical Delegate:** appointed by the FEI Eventing Committee from FEI International List and Veterinary Delegate.
- **Course Designer:** must be experienced from the FEI list of International Course Designers and approved by the FEI.

#### 2.5 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- **Prize-money:** minimum CHF 197'000.- (exchange rate used: approx. \$1 = CHF 1.21).
- The FEI will provide a financial contribution of USD 230'000,- to the organiser of the Final from which an amount of USD 75'000.- will need to be added to the above mentioned prize-money.
- The franchise fee is integrated in the overall financial support.