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2010 Season - HSBC FEI WORLD CUP™ EVENTING – Rules

Vision: the HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing is 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 2010 Series, Qualifiers will be organized from **1 January 2010 to 2 weeks** before the Final.

Calendar published as separate document on FEI Web-site.

A review of each event will be made at the end of 2010 to review the technical and commercial issues. The FEI reserves the right not to accredit the event with the World Cup™ label for the following year

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:

Classification (to include 25% of starters) = based on HSBC FEI World Rider Rankings	POINTS (= CCI3*)
Placed 1 st	71
Placed 2 nd	67
Placed 3 rd	64
Placed 4 th	61

Placed 5 th	58
Placed 6 th	55
Placed 7 th	52
Placed 8 th	49
Placed 9 th	46
Placed 10 th	43
Placed 11 th	40
Placed 12 th	37
Placed 13 th	Etc to 25%
Etc up to 25% of starters	3 etc
3 rd last rider completed with QR	3
2 nd last rider completed with QR	3
Last completed with QR	3

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. An additional event in NFs can be agreed to for countries organising more than five 3star events. Such a request will be reviewed by the Eventing Committee.

1.5 TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

Following conditions will apply to all qualifiers:

- **a maximum of 15** HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing qualifiers for the **2010** season.
- 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:** A Formal Horse Inspection to be organised with Ground Jury before Jumping is 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 **CIC3*** 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. One Qualifier event per country **unless a specific agreement has been reached.**

- **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 U\$ 25'000**
- **The FEI will provide a financial contribution to each organisers**
- **An individual contract for each OC will be established to for each event, taking into account the requirement of the overall sponsor.**
- Franchise fee integrated in the overall financial support.

2. HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing Final 2010

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.

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

The best riders according to classification from the overall ranking will be invited regardless of national quota limitations to fill the quota.

Wild card can be allocated by the Eventing Committee to a rider with exceptionally successful results.

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.

2.3 Horses competing in the Final **must** have to have participated in a qualifier **in the 2 previous year and obtained a Minimum requirement result;**

2.4 TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

- **Date of Final: mid-October to end November 2009 or May-June 2011**

- **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.
- **An additional 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 or B 3*** CCI/CIC 2009 Dressage Tests
- **Cross Country distance:** of 4000-4400 meters. (or per special agreement)
- **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 **CIC3***

2.5 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.

2.6 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- **Prize-money:** minimum U\$ 180'000
- **The FEI will provide a financial contribution to the organiser of the Final to contribute for Prize-money, transport fees, rider appearance fee or riders costs as well as sponsorship activation.**
- Franchise fee integrated in the overall financial support.
- **An individual contract will be established for the OC of the Final taking into account the requirements of the overall sponsor.**