



# **RULES**

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## **Rules for the FEI World Cup™ Jumping**

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### **Preamble**

This booklet sets forth the detailed Rules of the FEI World Cup™ Jumping, which is 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 not a rule to deal 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.

## **Article 650 - PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL**

### **1. Calendar**

#### **1.1. Western Europe**

A series of indoor competitions is held between October and April in Western Europe, open to all competitors qualified according to a formula based on Rolex Rankings.

The FEI Jumping Committee may authorise competitions outside Western Europe to be held earlier than June, providing that there is a break of at least one week after the FEI World Cup™ Final.

#### **1.2. Western Europe Countries with two FEI World Cup™ competitions**

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.

#### **1.3. Western Europe - authorisation to host a FEI World Cup™ competition**

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

### **2. Venue for FEI World Cup™ competitions and FEI World Cup™ Final**

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

FEI World Cup™ competitions take place at selected International Events. In Western Europe a CSI-W must have the status of a CSI-5\* event and must be run over at least three days and offer at least two competitions per day. In Western Europe FEI World Cup™ competitions must be held either in a sports arena or in a covered exhibition hall.

### **3. Maximum number of FEI World Cup™ competitions per country in Western and Central Europe and South America**

#### **3.1. Western and Central Europe – maximum number of competitions per country**

In Western and Central Europe no country may hold more than two FEI World Cup™ competitions.

The 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 second FEI World Cup™ competition may be hosted by the major countries. Preference is given to traditional FEI World Cup™ events.

#### **3.2. Maximum number of FEI World Cup™ competitions per country – South America**

In South America the maximum number of FEI World Cup™ competitions per country is limited to four.

### **4. Status of FEI World Cup™ competitions and competitions at the FEI World Cup™ Final**

A FEI World Cup™ competition is considered a Grand Prix. Of the three competitions at the FEI World Cup™ Final, the second final competition is considered a Grand Prix.

### **5. FEI World Cup™ competition format – Western Europe**

In Western Europe, the FEI World Cup™ competition must be organised according to Art.238.2.

### **6. Allocation FEI World Cup™ Final**

#### **6.1. Allocating Authority**

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The FEI World Cup™ Final is allocated by the Bureau upon recommendation of the FEI Jumping Committee. **The FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final is allocated three full years in advance. The FEI will call for bids during the fourth calendar year prior to the Final. The FEI Jumping Committee will consider bids at the spring meeting three years prior to the Final and the FEI Bureau will allocate the Final in the spring of the third year prior to the occurrence of the Final (e.g. the 2012 Final to be allocated in 2009).**

### 6.2. Withdrawal of Allocated Venue

If, for any reason, the chosen organiser of the FEI World Cup™ Final withdraws, the Bureau upon the recommendation of the FEI Jumping Committee will re-allocate the Final under the same conditions that prevailed for the original allocation, preference being given to the organiser next in line in accordance with the original vote of the FEI Jumping Committee.

### 6.3. FEI World Cup™ Final - Agreement

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

### 7. Footing Expert and Computer Data Service Company

The organisers of the FEI World Cup™ Final and of all FEI World Cup™ Western European events must use the services of an experienced footing specialist and a FEI approved computer data Service Company. These appointments must be presented to the FEI Jumping Committee for approval.

### 8. Nationality of Rider

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. Overall Authority for the FEI World Cup™

The FEI has the overall authority for the FEI World Cup™.

### 2. FEI World Cup™ Director

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

### 3. Responsibilities of an Organising Committee

The Organising Committee of the event staging a FEI World Cup™ competition is responsible for the entire organisation of the event.

### 4. Appointment of the Foreign Judge

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.

### 5. Appointment of Officials - FEI World Cup™ Final

The President of the Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge, the FEI Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the Course Designer, the FEI Foreign Technical Delegate and the President of the Appeal Committee are appointed by the FEI.

### 6. Travel and Accommodation expenses for FEI appointed Officials – FEI World Cup™ Final

Travel and accommodation expenses of these officials, as well as for the Chairman

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of the FEI Jumping Committee and the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Director are for the account of the Organiser of the Final. The FEI covers the travel and accommodation expenses at the Final for the FEI Foreign Technical Delegate.

## Art. 652 – SUB-LEAGUE COMMITTEES

### 1. Sub-League Committees

#### 1.1. Composition

NFs involved may appoint World Cup™ Sub-Committees dealing with matters in Leagues outside of Western Europe. These 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.

#### 1.2. Appointment of Chairman.

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

#### 1.3. Riders' Representative

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. Events per League

#### 1.1. Number of FEI World Cup™ competitions per League

Maximum number of events in each League:

- 15 international events (CSI) are selected in Western Europe;
- **North American League (USA, Canada and Mexico): Ideally, the maximum number of events in each League is 12; however, this number may be increased at the discretion of the FEI Jumping Committee.**
  - East League, minimum three**
  - West League, minimum three**
- 12 in South America;
- 18 events in Australia;
- Central European League:
  - 12 North; maximum two per country
  - 12 South; maximum two per country
  - Last competition (League Final) is considered an extra competition;
- 12 in any other League.

### 2. Application Conditions for FEI World Cup™ status

#### 2.1. Application for FEI World Cup™ status

Events in Western Europe applying to obtain FEI World Cup™ status must have been held successfully the previous year as a CSI-5\* event (~~from 2009/2010 season~~).

Outside Western Europe an event applying to obtain FEI World Cup™ status must have been held previously as a major national event or as a CSI.

#### 2.2. Interruption in organisation of a FEI World Cup™ event

Events that are not held for one year or more, or events, which change their venue or

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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-5\* event in Western Europe and outside Western Europe - as a major national event or as a CSI.

The FEI Jumping Committee may grant, under exceptional circumstances, an exception to the above rule.

### 2.3. Interruption for two successive years

FEI World Cup™ events in Western Europe that have been cancelled two successive years cannot be granted World Cup status again before having been held successfully as a CSI-5\* event. Outside Western Europe it has to be a major national event or a CSI event.

## 3. FEI World Cup™ Calendar

### 3.1. Establishing of FEI World Cup™ Calendar

The FEI World Cup™ Calendar is established by the FEI Jumping Committee upon recommendations from the established Sub-Committees in the respective regions in agreement with the NFs.

### 3.2. Dead line date for submitting dates

Events to be considered for inclusion in the FEI World Cup™ calendar must have submitted their dates, to FEI HQ prior to 1st October the year before the season begins.

### 3.3. Date Restriction – Olympic / Pan Am Games and World / Continental Championships

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).

### 3.4. Date Restriction – FEI World Cup™ Final

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

### 3.5. FEI Agreement for League Sponsorship

In Leagues with FEI sponsorship for FEI World Cup™ competitions, 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.

## 4. Composition of North American League – USA, Canada and Mexico

North America is divided into **two** Leagues as follows:

East Coast League [USA AHSA Zones 1-7 **and eastern Canada** (Ontario and east of Ontario)];

West Coast League [USA AHSA Zones 8-12, **western Canada** (Manitoba and west of Manitoba) **and Mexico**];

## 5. North American Leagues - starting and finishing dates

The starting **and finishing** dates in **both** North American Leagues are as follows:

**Starting date** 1st June.

The finishing date is the date of the last event of the East or West Coast League. **No World Cup Qualifiers may be held in North America during December and January.**

## 6. Maximum number of starts per horse.

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™ competition.

**Art. 653****7. FEI World Cup™ points - Western European Riders**

Western European competitors competing in North America have the choice of having FEI World Cup™ points count. Should the Western European competitor decide against having the points count, the event in question does not count as one of the total number of events at which the competitor can obtain points.

**8. Western European FEI World Cup™ competitions****8.1. Maximum number of competitors**

The number of riders in a Western European FEI World Cup™ competition is limited 40.

**8.2. Duration of Events**

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

**8.3. Limitation on participation of FEI World Cup™ horse**

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.

**9. Western European FEI World Cup™ Events – Entry Fee**

**No entry fee may be charged at the Western European League FEI World Cup™ Events unless an exception is granted by the FEI Jumping Committee.**

**10. Western European FEI World Cup™ Events – Meals and Accommodation**

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 nominated entries accommodation for said riders will be extended at the organiser's expense until the morning following the event.

**11. Participation of nominated FEI World Cup™ horse**

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.

**12. Number of International Competitions per FEI World Cup™ Event**

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

**13. Number of horses per competitor in FEI World Cup™ competitions outside Western Europe**

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 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.

**Competitors may ride maximum two horses in FEI World Cup™ competitions in the following Leagues: Australia, Japan, New Zealand, North America, South America, South Africa and South East Asia.**

**Article 654 – INVITATION SYSTEM****1. Automatically Qualified – Western Europe**

**Art. 654****1.1. Invitation System – Western Europe**

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 Rolex FEI World Cup™ competition:

**1.1.1. Top Ten of the Rolex Rankings**

If a rider from the top ten of the Rolex Rankings decides not to compete at an event, he may be replaced by a rider nominated by his NF. Such replacement must be from the top 45 of the Rolex Rankings. If the NF cannot replace the rider in question, he may be replaced by the organiser 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 1.1.1 go to paragraph 1.1.5 if the total number is 40 or less and to paragraph 2 if there are more than 40.

**1.1.2. NFs hosting a FEI World Cup™ competition**

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

Selection of competitors must first be made from the Rolex Rankings position 11 to 45 if the NF has a rider in this group wishing to take part at the event. Otherwise, competitors may be selected from any position on the Rolex Rankings. **= max 11**

Unused starting places in paragraph 1.1.2 go to paragraph 1.1.5 if the total number is 40 or less and to paragraph 2 if there are more than 40.

**1.1.3. Western European countries - 3.5 Million inhabitants**

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 1.1.3 go to category 1.1.5. **= 04**

**1.1.4. Three NFs of competitors with most Points**

The three NFs 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 1.1.4 only applies to the NFs with six or less riders eligible to participate in accordance with paragraphs 1.1.1 and 1.1.2. This restriction does not apply to the home country.

The above riders are not automatically pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition. From the beginning of the second half of the season, competitors placed within the top 30 on the FEI World Cup™ standings are pre-qualified.

Unused starting places in paragraph 1.1.4 go to paragraph 1.1.5 if the total number is 40 or less and to paragraph 2 if there are more than 40. **= 03**

**1.1.5. Five additional home competitors**

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. **= 05**

**Sub-total = 33**

**Art. 654****1.1.6. Seven Wild Cards**

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.

**= 07****Total 40****2. Invitation system with more than 40 competitors****2.1. More than forty competitors invited**

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

- Host a qualifying competition for the seven to ten remaining places among the 7 Wild Cards (Art. 654.1.1.6) and the riders not automatically pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition (Art. 654.1.1.4);
- Or
- Exclude the FEI World Cup™ competition to the riders invited above the number 40. Consequently, the 7 Wild Cards (Art. 654.1.1.6) are automatically pre-qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition.

In both of the above cases the maximum number of competitors permitted to be invited is 50.

**3. FEI Wild Cards****3.1. Allocation of non-Western European FEI Wild Card**

One FEI Wild Card is at the disposal of the FEI for all Western European events. It may only be used for a non-Western European competitor. This competitor is not automatically pre-qualified for the World Cup™ competition.

**3.2. FEI Wild Card – Spring Events**

One further FEI 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 competitor is not automatically pre-qualified for the World Cup™ competition.

**4. North American Top Ten competitors**

In North America the top ten North American competitors on the Rolex Rankings, if in good standing with their NF, are automatically qualified to enter all FEI World Cup™ events in their League. It is at the discretion of the Organising Committee to decide whether competitors must take part in competitions other than the FEI World Cup™ competition at the event.

**5. Rolex Rankings****5.1. Publication Rolex Rankings**

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

**5.2. Western Europe – monthly publication of Rolex Rankings**

In Western Europe, the monthly Rolex Rankings will be used twice. The Rolex Rankings **established following the European Championship or the FEI World Equestrian Games or the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games held the summer immediately preceding the start of the Western European League** is valid for the fall events. **In any case the list used for the fall events will not be established prior to approx 2 August.**

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.

**Art. 654****6. Prize Money FEI World Cup™ competitions**

The FEI World Cup™ competition must have the highest prize money at each event. In Western Europe the minimum prize money has been established as follows:

Season	Prize Money whole event	Prize Money
2009/2010	<b>Minimum</b> CHF 500'000.-	- FEI World Cup™ competition : EUR 85'000.- minimum. - Friday competition replacing the FEI World Cup™ qualifier or the qualifier : EUR 25'000.- minimum.

**7. IJRC Commitment**

The IJRC will make a determined effort to have five riders from the top ten on the Rolex Rankings participate at each of the Western European Rolex FEI World Cup™ events. However this is a verbal agreement only and the IJRC is not bound by contract.

**Article 655 - COMPETITION FORMULA****1. Formula FEI World Cup™ competitions**

All FEI World Cup™ competitions must be run according to Art. 238.2.2 or according to Art. 273.3.3, 273.4.3, 273.2.2.

FEI World Cup™ competitions in the Western and Central European Leagues must be run according to Art. 238.2.2.

The formula of Art.238.2.2 is to read as follows: 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 take part in a jump-off against the clock. The remaining competitors are classified according to their penalties and time in the initial round.

The formula of Art. 273.3.3, 273.4.3, 273.2.2 is to read as follows: Table A two round competition against or not against the clock in the first round and against the clock in the second round. Competitors return for the second round in accordance with Art. 273.2.2. Competitors are classified according to their aggregate penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round.

**2. Qualifying competition for FEI World Cup™ competitions in the Western European League**

At Western European League events if the number of competitors invited exceeds forty a qualifying competition must be held to qualify competitors for the seven or ten open places created in accordance with Art. 654.2.

This competition must be run according to 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.

**3. Starting Time for FEI World Cup™ competitions in the Western European League****3.1. Western Europe**

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 hours (4:30 pm) CET. If Saturday is desired, a formal application giving a valid reason must be presented to the FEI.

**Article 655****4. Starting Order in FEI World Cup™ competitions****4.1. Draw**

The starting order for all FEI World Cup™ competitions must be established by a draw.

**4.2. Two Groups**

Competitors in FEI World Cup™ Western European competitions are 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 is the group with competitors highest placed on the Rolex Rankings.

**4.3. Requirement**

Competitors taking part in the FEI World Cup™ competition in the Western European League 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.

**4.4. AUS and NZL Leagues**

For the AUS and NZL Leagues competitors are 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.

**4.5. Competitors with two horses**

Competitors with two horses must ride the FEI World Cup™ horse in the first group.

**5. FEI World Cup™ Competition Speed and Height**

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. FEI World Cup™ Competition Time Recorded**

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

**7. Status of Course Designer**

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 presented to the FEI Jumping Committee for approval.

**Article 656 – FEI WORLD CUP™ POINTS****1. FEI World Cup™ Point System****1.1. Number of competitors attributed points**

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.

**1.2. Equality of points**

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.

**1.3. Competitions with less than sixteen competitors**

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 round will get points.

**1.4. Qualifying competitions with less than 16 competitors – Outside Europe**

If, outside Western Europe, an event uses a separate competition to qualify

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competitors for the FEI World Cup™ competition on the same day and if the number of competitors finishing the initial round in the FEI World Cup™ competition 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.

**2. 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 <sup>st</sup>	20 points	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	2	1
4 <sup>th</sup>	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
5 <sup>th</sup>	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
6 <sup>th</sup>	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7 <sup>th</sup>	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
8 <sup>th</sup>	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
9 <sup>th</sup>	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
10 <sup>th</sup>	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
11 <sup>th</sup>	6	5	4	3	2	1								
12 <sup>th</sup>	5	4	3	2	1									
13 <sup>th</sup>	4	3	2	1										
14 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	1											
15 <sup>th</sup>	2	1												
16 <sup>th</sup>	1													

**3. Crossing Over of FEI World Cup™ Points from other Leagues**

In principle, a rider competes in the League in which he is domiciled and may earn points in another League once his own League has started.

A rider can earn points in as many competitions as there are FEI World Cup™ events in his League. But he cannot earn points 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.

A competitor may, however, also compete in other Leagues but can only earn points in other Leagues as follows:

**3.1. Western European**

Western European competitors may earn full points in the **North American East and West** Coast Leagues.

**3.2. North American**

No points may be transferred from other Leagues before the North American League has started.

Competitors from Central Asian, South East Asian, Australian, New Zealand, Japanese, South African, Central European, South American and South African Leagues may earn full points in **both** North American Leagues.

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North American competitors earn full points in any competition of their own League. However, when participating outside of their own League, North American competitors may earn points as follows in North America:

**3.2.1 North American Leagues**

**3.2.1.1 Competitors will earn points in the League in which they are domiciled. However, competitors obtain World Cup points for their country of citizenship, regardless of where they are domiciled in North America (e.g. Mexican citizens residing in East League; Canadian citizens from East League residing in West League USA or Mexico etc). Competitors may earn full points in either North American League. Should a competitor wish to obtain points in the North American League where he is not a resident, he must notify the FEI Headquarters and Sally Ike (sally.ike@usef.org, fax + 1 908/234-9417) in writing prior to the first competition in which he participates.**

**Full points can be obtained in both Leagues; however, a competitor may never earn points in more than the number of Qualifiers in his "home" League (best 50% of results to count for qualification for the Final); however, if one League comprises more qualifiers than the other, the number of results to count for qualification in each League will be the same as that established for the League with the lowest number of qualifiers.**

**3.3. Central European, South American, Pacific, Asian, South African or Arab Leagues.**

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

**3.4 Western European League**

**3.4.1.** Competitors from all Leagues may earn full points in the Western European League.

**3.5. Australian and New Zealand Leagues**

**3.5.1.** Competitors from the New Zealand League may earn full points in the Australian League and competitors from the Australian League may earn full points in the New Zealand League.

**3.6. Central European**

**3.6.1.** Central European (North and South) competitors **may earn full points in the Western European and North American Leagues.**

**4. Number of competitions counting for FEI World Cup™ Points per League per competitor.****4.1. Number of Competitions counting for points**

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

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12	6
11	6
10	5
9	5
8	4
7	4
6	3
5	3
4	2
3	2

**4.2. Exceptions to the competition scale of points**

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

**4.3. Number of competitions to count for FEI World Cup™ points in case of event cancellation**

If, after the adoption of the calendar at the spring meeting of the FEI Jumping Committee, an event is cancelled, the following applies:

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

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

**4.4. Allocation of FEI World Cup™ points for Central European competitions**

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 FEI Jumping Committee may allow an exception.

**4.5. League Finals**

In Leagues outside Western Europe and North America (USA, Canada **and Mexico**), 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.

**4.6. League Finals - Formula**

The League Final may consist of one or two competitions as follows (**exception for the Central European League Final; refer to Annex E**):

**4.6.1. League Final as one competition:** Table A jump-off (Art. 238.2.2). Starting order in reverse order of League standings or according to Art. 655.4.

**4.6.2. League Final with two competitions:**

- Table C over Table A course (Art. 239);
- Table A jump-off (Art. 238.2.2);

**4.6.2.1.** Starting order in the Table C competition is according to the reverse order of League standings.

**4.6.2.2.** Starting order in the Table A competition is according to the reverse order of results in the first League Final competition.

**Art. 656****4.7. FEI World Cup™ Points for League Final Competition(s)**

**4.7.1.** The League Final competition(s) to count 100 % or 150 % or double points.

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

**Article 657 - QUALIFICATION FOR THE FEI WORLD CUP™ FINAL****1. Qualification per League**

Qualified for the Final are:

**1.1. Western Europe**

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

**1.2. North America**

**Competitors obtain FEI World Cup™ points for their country of citizenship, i.e. USA, Canada or Mexico, regardless of where they are domiciled in North America.**

1.2.1. Seven **USA** competitors from the East Coast League.

1.2.2. Three **USA** competitors from the West Coast League.

1.2.3. Two **Canadian** competitors from the **East or West Coast** League **(the two competitors with the most points).**

**1.2.4. Two Mexican competitors from the East or West Coast League (the two competitors with the most points).**

**1.3. Extra Competitors**

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

**1.4. Number of Finalists from other Leagues**

The number of finalists from other Leagues will be determined by the FEI Jumping Committee according to the overall standard of their own League.

**1.5. Substitution of FEI World Cup™ qualified competitors**

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

**1.5.1. Western European**

18 places, extra competitors excluded, substitution up to 27<sup>th</sup> place in the final standings, extra competitors included

**1.5.2. North America - East Coast**

7 **USA** places, extra competitors excluded; substitution up to 12th placed **USA competitor from the East League** in the final standings, extra competitors included

**1.5.3. North America - West Coast**

3 **USA** places, extra competitors excluded; substitution up to 5th placed **USA competitor from the West League** in the final standings, extra competitors included

**1.5.4. North America - Canada and Mexico (East and West Coast)**

**2 places each, extra competitor excluded, substitution up to 5<sup>th</sup> placed competitor from Canada, respectively Mexico, in the final standings, extra competitors included**

**1.5.5. Central Europe**

3 places, extra competitors excluded; substitution up to 4th place in the

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final standings, extra competitors included

**1.5.6. South America South**

2 places, extra competitors excluded; substitution up to 4th place in the final standings, extra competitors included.

**1.5.7. Australia**

2 places, extra competitors excluded, substitution up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the final standings, extra competitors included

**1.5.8. Japan, South America North\*, New Zealand, South East Asia, Central Asia and South Africa**

1 place, extra competitors excluded, substitution up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the final standings, extra competitors included

**1.5.9. Arab**

2 places, extra competitors excluded, substitution up to 4<sup>th</sup> place in the final standings, extra competitors included

**1.5.10. Caucasus**

1 place, extra competitors excluded, no substitution.

\*(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).

**1.6. Equality of Points**

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...

**1.7. FEI World Cup™ Final Wild Card**

The FEI Jumping Committee may allocate one wild card for the FEI World Cup™ Final, based on extraordinary circumstances of a rider who ordinarily could not qualify.

**NB: effective as of the 2011 Final the following will apply:** The FEI Jumping Committee may allocate one wild card for the FEI World Cup™ Final **to a competitor from the host country and in consultation with the host NF, if the host country has no qualified riders in the Final.**

**1.8. Wild Cards Host Country**

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 Jumping 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 FEI World Cup™ competition as a combination). The number of wild cards as described above may be increased at the discretion of the FEI Jumping Committee.

**NB: effective as of the 2011 Final the following will apply:** 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 two home riders qualified for the Final as Wild Cards must ride a qualified FEI World Cup™ horse (having finished one FEI World Cup™ competition as a combination).

**1.9. FEI World Cup™ Final Entries**

In principle, each competitor qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Final may enter three horses.

**Art. 657****1.10. Defending FEI World Cup™ Champion**

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.

**1.11. Horse Qualification**

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

Should a competitor who has qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Final find it impossible to transport his qualified horse to the Final due to quarantine restrictions, the FEI Jumping Committee may authorise a special qualification to be held with a view to qualifying another horse for this competitor or may authorise this new pair to participate in a FEI World Cup™ qualifier outside the competitor's League and after his own League has finished. The FEI Jumping Committee has the right to establish a standard to be met by the new pair involved.

**1.12. Participation of first reserve competitor of the host country**

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. Should none of the qualified participants of his League drop out, he can compete in the non-FEI World Cup™ CSI competitions of the Final.

**1.13. Eligibility of riders and horses having qualified at outdoor lower level Leagues**

All competitors having qualified at outdoor lower level Leagues must complete the first round of at least one indoor CSI-3\* Grand Prix competition with the FEI World Cup™ qualified horse. His score in the first round must not exceed eight penalties.

**Article 658 – FEI WORLD CUP™ PRE-FINAL****1. Eligible for FEI World Cup™ Pre-Final Participation**

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

**1. FEI World Cup™ Pre-Final Competition format****1.1. Type of competition**

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.

**1.2. Time table**

The two competitions are held on days one and two of a three-day CSI. On day three the FEI World Cup™ competitors of the Pre-Final may choose to enter the Grand Prix or a smaller competition.

**1.3. Eligible to Participate**

**1.3.1.** In the Table C competition only the FEI World Cup™ competitors as defined in Art. 657.1.5.5, 1.5.7, 1.5.8, 1.5.9 and 1.5.10 may compete.

**1.3.2.** In the Table A competition with jump-off, also the riders from the host country qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Final and/or invited to the CSI held in conjunction with the FEI World Cup™ Final may compete. On day three all competitors at the event must participate.

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**1.3.3.** The FEI World Cup™ competitors may ride in the two 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.

**1.4. Training Session**

On day one the competitions are preceded by a training session, 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.

**1.5. Overall Classification**

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 than the winner, the 3rd placed 3 points less and so on.

**Article 659 - FEI WORLD CUP™ FINAL****1. Formula****1.1. Number of horses per competitor**

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

At the FEI World Cup™ Final competitors start with zero points.

**1.1. Duration**

The FEI World Cup™ Final is held over five or six days with a total of three Final competitions. If the Final lasts five days, day four is a rest day. If the Final lasts six days, days three and five are rest days.

**1.2. Competition Schedule**

The competition schedule as well as the formula for the three Final competitions are binding and are laid down as follows:

**1.2.1 First day:**

**Training session:** 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.

**Warm-up competitions:** 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.

**1.2.2. First Final competition - Second day**

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 "Speed and Handiness", 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).

**Art. 659****1.2.3. Second Final competition - Third day**

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 1<sup>st</sup> final competition are not permitted to take part in this competition.

**1.2.4. Rest day – Fourth day**

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.

**1.2.5. Third Final competition - Fifth day**

Table A, not against the clock. Two rounds over a Grand Prix course. Height 1.50 m - 1.60 m. The two rounds are equal in the number of obstacles and length of the course, the second round having an increased level of difficulty.

There will be no jump-off for victory of the third competition.

**1.2.6. Declaration for the Third Final competition**

The horse to compete in the third Final competition of the FEI World Cup™ Final must be entered 30 minutes after the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Final competition. It may not compete on the rest day.

**1.2.7. Eligible for the first round of the third Final competition**

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.

**1.2.8. Eligible for the second round of the third Final competition**

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.

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.

**1.2.9. Starting time of the third Final competition**

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

**2. Limitation on participation of FEI World Cup™ horse**

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

**3. Point system for the FEI World Cup™ Final****3.1. First two Final competitions**

In the first two Final competitions points are given to all competitors having finished the initial round.

**3.2. Point System**

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.

**3.3. Competitors eliminated or retiring**

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

**3.4. Equality of points among competitors**

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.

**Art. 659****3.5. Transformation of points to penalties**

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.

**3.5.1.** In this procedure all decimals are rounded down.

**4. FEI World Cup™ Final Overall Classification****4.1. Classification**

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

**4.1.1.** 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 at least six 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. Starting Order**

The starting order for the three Final competitions is established as follows:

**5.1. FEI World Cup™ Final First Competition**

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

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

**League with one finalist**

- Section 4 the 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 2 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 2 the next best qualified rider
- Section 1 the next best qualified rider

**League with five riders qualified**

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

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- Section 2 the next best qualified rider
  - Section 1 the next best qualified rider
- League with seven riders qualified**
- Section 4 the two best qualified riders
  - Section 3 the next two best qualified riders
  - Section 2 the next two best qualified riders
  - Section 1 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 2 the next four best qualified riders
  - Section 1 the next four best qualified riders

**5.1.2.** To further explain the above riders from Leagues with four or more finalists are equally distributed among the four sections. Remaining riders are placed in the higher number sections, as follows:

Number of Riders	Sections			
	1	2	3	4
	.	.	.	.
<b>Western Europe</b> 18	4	4	5	5
<b>USA East Coast</b> 7	1	2	2	2

**5.1.3.** The defending champion (Art. 657.1.10) is put in Section 4. The two extra home riders (Art. 657.1.8) 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.

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

**5.2. Starting order second and third FEI World Cup™ Final Competitions**

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.

**5.2.1.** 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.

**6. Time Recorded**

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

**7. Course Designer**

If there are two course designers at a final event, the one responsible for the three final competitions must also design the courses for the three warm-up **competitions.**

**8. Fall of horse and/or rider**

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

**Article 660 - 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 661 – EXPENSES**

### **661.1. Transport and Lodging**

Organising Committees of the FEI World Cup™ Final are required to meet the conditions laid down in the FEI/OC/NF Working Agreement.

### **661.2. Transport Contribution for**

Transport contributions are allocated to finalists in accordance with the FEI/OC/NF Working Agreement.

## **Article 662 - PRIZE MONEY**

### **662.1. Minimum Prize Money**

In the Western Europe League the minimum prize money has been established as laid down in Article 654.6.

### **662.2. First prize**

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 127.2 FEI General Regulations are not contravened.

### **662.3. More competitors in the jump-off than prizes**

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.

## **Article 663 – AUTHORISATION OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES**

The FEI Jumping Committee has the authority to allow reasonable exceptions to the above rules.

# ANNEX A

## CROSSOVER POINTS

Riders from (below) can win points from (right)	Western Europe	Central Europe	Central Asia	North American East	North American West	South America	Australia	New Zealand	Japan	South Africa	South East Asia	Arab	Caucasus
Western Europe		NO	NO	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Central Europe	FULL		NO	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Central Asia	FULL	NO		FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
North American East	FULL	NO	NO		FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
North American West	FULL	NO	NO	FULL		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
South America	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Australia	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Zealand	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Japan	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO
South Africa	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO
South East Asia	FULL	NO	NO	FULL	FULL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO
Arab	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO
Caucasus	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	

**Countries/regions involved in the North American EAST Coast League :**

USA AHSA Zones 1-7, eastern Canada (Ontario and east of Ontario).

**Countries/regions involved in the North American WEST Coast League:**

USA AHSA Zones 8-12, western Canada (Manitoba and west of Manitoba) and Mexico.

## ANNEX B

### ROLEX RANKINGS CALCULATION FOR 2009 LISTS

#### Generals

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

The list for the Rolex Rankings is produced by the FEI Headquarters.

The list for the Rolex Rankings is updated weekly but is released on the first week of each month only. The updated version during the month is not published or distributed, except for specific purposes (FEI World Cup™ invitations, selection for Top Ten Final etc).

The list for the Rolex Rankings begins on 1 January each year with the carry over of the total number of points, which have been accumulated during the previous year until 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 obtained are dropped after one year, 50% after two years, 75% after three years and the remainder after four years. If the event is held every two years, 50% of the points obtained are dropped after one year and the remainder 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 another. *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 earn points. *Refer to Nations Cup.*

For Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, European Championship (Seniors), Rolex FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final **and Asian Games**, the first three placed riders obtain bonus points in addition to the points obtained during the competitions. *See "bonus".*

The 16 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 up 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 16 obtain points for their best placing only.

Competitions excluded: Special competitions, **meaning show competitions or competitions for which participation is based on personal invitations or for which not all riders at the event have the chance to qualify (such as Top Ten, Masters, rotating horses [n/a to Rotating Individual Final FEI World Championship])**, Knock-out, Puissance, Six-bar, Relay, team competitions other than Nations Cup.

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

#### Number of results to count for the list for the Rolex Rankings and Olympic Games qualification

The number of results to count per rider per year for the list for the Rolex Rankings is limited to the best 50.

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 Rules for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games.

#### Horse/Rider Combination Ranking List

In accordance with the above rules a ranking list for the Horse/Rider Combination is established each year. If one of the two elements forming the combination changes during the year, the points start again from scratch. This list begins for each combination with zero point on 1 January and finishes on 31 December (only the points of the current year are taken into account; there is no carry over of previous championships or Games points).

**Definition of Groups**

Individual Competitions

<b>Group</b>		<b>Competitions</b>
<b>AA</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All competitions with a total prize money of CHF 328'000 and more</li> <li>▪ <b>Final Competition at European Championship, Rolex FEI World Cup™ Final</b></li> </ul>
<b>A</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All competitions with a total prize-money of CHF 187,500 to CHF 327'999</li> <li>▪ <b>Speed Competition at FEI World Championship, European Championship</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Speed Competition and 2nd Competition at Rolex FEI World Cup™ Final</b></li> <li>▪ <b>First Competition at Olympic Games</b></li> </ul>
<b>B</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All competitions with a total prize-money from CHF 112,500 to CHF 187,499</li> <li>▪ <b>Final Competitions at Pan American Games</b></li> </ul>
<b>C</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All competitions with a total prize-money from CHF 75,000 to CHF 112,499</li> </ul>
<b>D</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All competitions with a total prize-money from CHF 30.000 to CHF 74,999</li> <li>▪ Speed Competition at Pan American Games</li> </ul>
<b>E</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All FEI World Cup™ competitions not included above</li> <li>▪ All CSI2* Grand Prix competitions with at least CHF 7'500 in prize money.</li> <li>▪ The first and last competitions at Regional or Continental Games or Championships not mentioned above, providing the height of first round is 140 cm.</li> </ul>
<b>F</b>	=2xA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Final Competition at Olympic Games</li> <li>▪ Semi-Final at FEI World Championship</li> </ul>
<b>R</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Final Competition at FEI World Championship</li> </ul>

**Note:** All categories are defined in Swiss Francs (CHF). The average exchange rate used for 2009 is the following:

USD - US Dollars	<b>1 USD = 1.24 CHF</b>	EUR - Euros	<b>1 EUR = 1.53 CHF</b>
GBP - Pound Sterling	<b>1 GBP = 1.88 CHF</b>	CAD - Canadian Dollars	<b>1 CAD = 0.96 CHF</b>
SEK = Swedish Kroner	<b>1 SEK = 0.15 CHF</b>	BRL - Brazilian Real	<b>1 BRL = 0.50 CHF</b>

Team Competitions

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

**Scales of Points**

Place	AA	A	B	C	D	E	F	R
<b>1</b>	150	130	100	80	50	30	260	80
<b>2</b>	130	110	80	70	45	25	220	60
<b>3</b>	115	90	70	60	40	20	180	40
<b>4</b>	100	80	60	55	35	15	160	20
<b>5</b>	85	70	55	50	30	10	140	
<b>6</b>	75	60	50	45	25	5	120	
<b>7</b>	65	55	45	40	20	4	110	
<b>8</b>	60	50	40	35	15	4	100	
<b>9</b>	55	45	35	30	10	3	90	
<b>10</b>	50	40	30	25	10	3	80	
<b>11</b>	45	35	25	20	5	2	70	
<b>12</b>	40	30	20	15	5	2	60	
<b>13</b>	35	25	15	10	5	1	50	
<b>14</b>	30	20	10	5	5	1	40	
<b>15</b>	25	15	5	5	5	1	30	
<b>16</b>	20	10	5	5	5	1	20	

Nations Cup

Result	HH	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
<b>Double Clear</b>	<b>130</b>	100	70	30	20	10	105	200	150
<b>One clear + one up to 4</b>	<b>90</b>	70	45	25	15	5	67.5	140	105
<b>One clear</b>	<b>65</b>	50	35	20	10	4	52.5	100	75
<b>Two up to 4</b>	<b>50</b>	40	30	15	5	2	45	80	60
<b>One up to 4</b>	<b>25</b>	20	20	10	2	1	30	40	30

Bonus

Place	Olympic Games	Rolex FEI World Cup™ Final European Championship	Pan Am Games	Asian Games
1	<b>120</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>30</b>
2	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>
3	<b>80</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>

## ANNEX C

### 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 **Rumine 37**, 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: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org).

## ANNEX D

### Rules for the FEI World Cup™ Jumping - Arab League 2009 / 2010

#### LEAGUE PRINCIPLES & GENERAL

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| - Participating Countries               | All Group VII members                       |
| - Dates <b>for the 2009/2010 season</b> | <b>Feb-March 2009; Oct 2009 to Jan 2010</b> |
| - Minimum Competitions                  | 3   |
| - Maximum Competitions                  | 12  |
| - Maximum number of events per country  | 2 (exception : UAE = 3)                     |
| - Venue Types                           | Outdoor and Indoor                          |
| - Types of event                        | CSI and CSIO                                |

#### ADMINISTRATION & OFFICIALS

- The FEI appoints the Foreign Judge for each event who will also act as President of the Ground Jury for all FEI World Cup™ Competitions.
- The Course Designer must be chosen from the FEI list of International Course Designers and be approved by the FEI.

#### FEI WORLD CUP™ SUB COMMITTEE

- The FEI World Cup™ Sub-Committee Arab League consists of the following persons appointed as Representatives by the NFs involved in the League :
  - H.E. Sheikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa (BRN)
  - Mr Sultan Abdulla Al Marzouqi (UAE)
  - Gen. Samy Negm El Din (EGY)
  - Mr Sami Al Duhami (KSA)
  - **Mr Attef Zeiback** (SYR)
  - Mr Haider Zubi (JOR)
- FEI World Cup™ Jumping Director                      Mr John P. Roche
- FEI World Cup™ Arab League Coordinator              Mr Jihad J. Ibrahim (LIB)
- The Committee will hold at least one meeting per year where representatives of all Group VII NFs will be invited to attend.

#### EVENTS

- The FEI World Cup™ Arab League consists of a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve FEI World Cup™ events per season.
- A one month break before the FEI World Cup™ Final was considered to be essential for good preparation of both horses and riders.
- One week rest is mandatory if competitions are more than 1000 km apart.
- FEI World Cup™ dates must be submitted to the FEI World Cup™ office before end of March of the commenced season.

#### PARTICIPATION AT EVENTS

- Invitations for the FEI World Cup™ Competitions must be extended to include at least 50% Foreign Arab League riders.
- The host NF may invite additional Foreign non League riders to take part in the CSI-W. All riders must be entered by their NFs for the CSI-W.
- In addition to the Arab League riders and non-Arab League riders invited for all the competitions of the CSI-W, the host NF may also invite additional riders who are permitted to take part in the small competitions only each day.
- Three horses per rider are permitted at each FEI World Cup event in order to allow riders to give greater experience to young horses should the event hold competitions especially for young horses. Permitting a third horse will help riders better manage their horses, participate in more competitions and train youngsters over smaller courses.

### **FOOTING FOR THE FEI WORLD CUP™ EVENTS**

- Quality of the grounds, obstacles with greater variation and technical quality of venues is paramount to safeguard the welfare of the horse and thus organisers should ensure that they are of the highest standards. Organisers who ignore these issues run risk of losing the right to organize an international event.

### **PRIZE MONEY**

- Prize money should be sufficient to allow riders cover their costs.
- Prize money stated on the invitation should be paid in full to riders without any hidden deductions.

### **TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES TO FEI WORLD CUP™ EVENTS**

- Horse welfare here is paramount.
- Everything possible should be made to guarantee the transportation process with the minimum of negative impact on horses.
- The type of trailers should be adequate for long distance travel
- All necessary papers should be in order to guarantee minimum processing time at the borders.
- An attempt will be made on a regional level to aid NFs with their respective authorities, in order to facilitate the process of entry and exit from each country into the next.

### **QUALIFYING COMPETITION FOR THE FEI WORLD CUP™ COMPETITION**

- One Qualifying Competition per event is held before each FEI World Cup™ competition.
- This competition is run according to the following conditions:
  - The number of riders permitted to participate in the Qualifying competition for the FEI World Cup™ competition is open.
  - This competition must be open to all Foreign Arab League riders invited to the CSI-W.
  - The number of horses allowed per rider for this competition is two.
  - When a rider takes part with more than one horse in the Qualification competition for the FEI World Cup™ competition, the horse with which the rider wishes to qualify for the FEI World Cup™ competition must be declared to the Ground Jury. The rider must ride this horse first.
  - Once the competition has begun, a rider can not change his FEI World Cup™ horse.
  - This competition must be run under Table A, competition against the clock, according to either Art. 238.2.1 or Art. 238.2.2, with a height of 1.40m and a speed of 350 m/min.
  - There can only be individual classification in this competition.

### **FEI WORLD CUP™ COMPETITION – ARAB LEAGUE**

- The FEI World Cup™ competition is open to the top 25 placed riders in the Qualifying competition, provided they were not eliminated or retired.
- Only one horse per rider is allowed in this competition.
- If the home country does not have a rider among the top 25 qualified riders, the highest placed home-rider in the qualifying competition may compete in the FEI World Cup™ competition as an extra rider bringing the starting field to 26. If there is a home rider among the top 25, the number of riders in this competition is limited to 25.
- If non Arab League Riders have participated in the Qualifying competition the number of riders eligible for participation in the FEI World Cup™ competition will be increased until the 25<sup>th</sup> Arab League Rider is qualified at all times.
- If one or more qualified rider(s) decide(s) not to participate, the next best placed competitor according to the result of the Qualifying competition may take his place,

providing that the competitor concerned has not been eliminated or has retired in the qualifying competition. Such replacements are allowed until two hours before the start of the FEI World Cup™ competition.

- If the best placed competitor, according to the results of the qualifying competition, is a non Arab League Rider, both this competitor and the next best placed Arab League Rider will be eligible for participation in the FEI World Cup™ competition.
- Riders qualified for this competition can participate with the horse of their choice.
- The FEI World Cup™ competition is run according to the following formula :
  - Over a two round competition with the first round not against the clock and the second round against the clock, Art. 273.3.3. The top 25% of competitors on points from the first round, in any case all clear rounds, qualify for the second round based on their penalties in the first round. Those not qualified for the second round are placed according to their penalties in the first round.
  - Classification will be according to Art.273.4.3.
- If the FEI World Cup™ competition takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of a 3 day event, the riders will be allowed to enter the Grand Prix or a smaller competition on day 3 with the FEI World Cup™ horse.
- If the FEI World Cup™ competition is the Grand Prix on day 3, day 1 should include a competition with obstacles of approximately 1.35 m in height.
- Each FEI World Cup™ competition is run at a minimum speed of 350m/min. The height of the obstacles can be anything between 1.40m and 1.60m. The spread must be proportional to the height and not more than 2m. If there is a water jump, it cannot be wider than 4m outdoor.
- The starting order in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ competition is established according to a draw.

### POINTS

- FEI World Cup™ points are awarded to competitors only (not competitor/horse combination) for each FEI World Cup™ competition. Depending on the number of participants, points are awarded to the competitors in accordance with the FEI World Cup™ rules.
- Points may not be carried over from other Leagues. Only points earned at FEI World Cup™ competitions held in Arab League countries will count. The calendar of events will be FEI approved. Dates must be received by the FEI by October 1<sup>st</sup> the year before the season commences.
- Scale of points will be decided according to the FEI formula as laid down in Art. 656.4.
- Points won by competitors who are tied are added and divided equally. Fractions of .5 or more are rounded up, fractions less are rounded down.
- If there are less than 16 riders starting the initial course, the scale of points will be reduced according to the points system established in Art. 656.2 of the FEI Rules.
- Results that count towards the qualification for the Final will follow the scale laid down in Art.656.2 of the FEI Rules.

### QUALIFICATION FOR THE FINAL

- The number of riders qualified for the Final from the Arab League will be two. There will be substitution to fourth place in the Arab League Overall Standings.

### FEI CALENDAR, FRANCHISE AND ORGANISING FEES

- Each NF will be invoiced by the FEI a Calendar Fee of CHF 500.- once the date is entered in the calendar whether the event is held or not.
- The FEI Franchise Fee per FEI World Cup™ event is CHF 2'000.-.
- The FEI Organization Fee is tabulated according to the total prize money offered for all the international classes at each event and as follows for the 2008/2009 season:
  - **4.7%** on amounts up to CHF 149'999.-.
  - **4.2%** on amounts between CHF 150'000.- and 249'999.-.

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- 3.0% on amounts between CHF 250'000.- and 499'999.-.
  - 2.5% on amounts between CHF 500'000.- and 799'999.-.
  - 2.0% on amounts between CHF 800'000.- and 999'999.-.
  - 1.0% on amounts above CHF 1'000'000.-.
- The FEI fee must not be deducted from the Prize Money declared in the Schedule.

## ANNEX E

### Rules for the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Central European League

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The FEI World Cup™ Jumping Central European League is divided into the two Sub-Leagues as follows:

#### Central European Sub-League

##### North

BLR

CZE

EST

LAT

LTU

POL

RUS

**SVK**

UKR

#### Central European Sub-League

##### South

BUL

CRO

GRE

HUN

**ROU**

SLO

TUR

#### Rules for both Sub-Leagues

- All FEI World Cup™ Jumping courses must be built to the dimensions established for CSIO-4\* FEI Nations Cup competitions:

Number of obstacles	12
Min./max.	
Height	1.30/1.50 m
At least 2 vertical obstacles with a height of	1.50 m
At least six other obstacles with a height of	1.45 m
At least 2 spread obstacles with a minimum height/ spread of	1.45/1.60 m
Max. spread	1.90 m
Max. spread of triple bar	2.10 m
Min./max. length of the course	500/700 m
Speed outdoor	375 m / min
Speed indoor	350 m / min

- Each Sub-League may have a maximum of twelve FEI World Cup™ Jumping events
- No country may have more than two FEI World Cup™ events with the exception of the country hosting the final event which may have a maximum of three;
- All FEI World Cup™ competitions must be run according to article 238.2.2;
- The best ten results per rider count for the FEI World Cup™ standings prior to the League Final as qualification for the Central European League (CEL)**

**Final regardless of the Sub-League in which the points were earned, plus the results of the FEI World Cup™ competitions at the League final in Tallinn (EST);**

- The top ten competitors on the previous season's final FEI World Cup™ standings **of each Sub-League must be invited to the first qualifier of the following season** in their respective Sub-League;
- The top ten riders on the FEI World Cup™ standings **of each Sub-League three weeks prior to a given FEI World Cup™ qualifier in either Sub-League must be accepted to that event, providing that the entry procedure is followed according to the event Schedule. Such competitors are not automatically qualified for the FEI World Cup™ competition if a qualification procedure is foreseen in the Schedule.** This also applies to CSIO events; **however, if the FEI World Cup™ qualifier is the Grand Prix of a CSIO, a NF is not allowed to ask for the FEI World Cup™ riders to be invited in excess of the number of riders permitted to be invited to a CSIO in accordance with the rules for CSIO invitations (Art 249);**
- The starting order for each FEI World Cup™ competition is established in accordance with the provisions laid down in article 655.4 FEI World Cup™ rules;
- **For the 2009/2010 season only, NFs hosting two events must organise one event either as a CSIO-2\* at least or as a CSI-2\* at least, not as 1\* event; SLO may exceptionally organise two CSI-2\* events that will count as FEI World Cup™ qualifiers;**
- **Regardless of the star level of the event, the technical specifications (Art 655.5) for FEI World Cup™ qualifiers must be followed and the** organiser must offer at least 10'000 CHF in prize money for the FEI World Cup™ competition;
- The entry fee which includes stabling fee and first bedding cannot exceed 400 Euro per horse;
- The FEI World Cup™ Jumping competition must be the competition with the highest prize money at each event, with the exception of FEI Nations Cup competition;
- Both Sub-Leagues must have common starting and finishing dates;
- Both Sub-Leagues will conclude with a common Final, which may be in addition to the above list of events.

#### **FEI World Cup™ Jumping Central European League (CEL) Final event**

- The 2010 combined Sub-League final event will take place in **Tallinn (EST). Warsaw (POL) will exceptionally be granted authorisation to organise a qualifier the weekend prior to the 2010 CEL Final, even if this means there are three events in Poland during the 2009/2010 season. The 2011 CEL Final will take place in Warsaw. In future the CEL Final will be allocated two years in advance.**
- **The CEL Final takes place over four days and includes three FEI World Cup™ competitions.**
  - Day 1: Table C competition over a Table A course at 1.45m.**
  - Day 2: Table A according to Art 238.2.2 at 1.50m**
  - Day 3: (only non- FEI World Cup™ competitions)**
  - Day 4: Table A 238.2.2 at 1.55m**
- **Competitors qualified for the CEL Final carry the points of their five best qualifiers into the final. In addition, points are given as follows in the three competitions of the CEL Final:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Competition: points to the ten best placed: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Competition: points to the sixteen best placed as per the normal FEI World Cup™ points table;**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Competition: double points to the sixteen best placed based on the FEI World Cup™ points table.**

**If riders are placed ex-aequo in any of the three competitions the points for the relevant placings will be added together and divided equally among the riders concerned. In case of a tie on points after the CEL Final, the best result in the 3<sup>rd</sup> competition of the final will be the determining factor; in case of further ties the best result of the 2<sup>nd</sup> competition is taken into account and so on until a tie no longer exists.**

- Competitors wishing to take part in the 2010 FEI Rolex FEI World Cup™ Final must take part in the **CEL Final** at CSI-W **Tallin (EST)** 2010;
- The top twenty competitors from each of the FEI World Cup™ Central European Sub-League standings, plus those tying for 20<sup>th</sup> place in each Sub-League are invited to participate;
- Substitutions from both Sub-Leagues may be made to 35<sup>th</sup> position on each of the Sub-League standings at the end of the season;
- The host nation may invite additionally 10 home competitors;
- Each competitor is permitted to participate with three horses during the event;
- The Final event must be held indoors;
- The FEI World Cup™ Central European League Final event must be held at least three weeks prior to the Rolex FEI World Cup™ Final;
- The Organising Committee of the FEI World Cup™ Central European League final event **must** offer **at least** 100'000 Euro in prize money for the entire event **and at least three competitions counting for the Rolex Rankings**;
- At least 25'000 Euro will be offered as prize money for the Grand Prix competition;
- The entry fee per horse cannot exceed 400 Euro, the stabling fee and first bedding is included in this amount;
- There will be no transport allowance offered by the Organising Committee;
- The Organising Committee will ensure that special low rates will be offered for accommodation to each rider taking part in the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Central European League final event;

## ANNEX F

### Conditions for the FEI World Cup™ Jumping –North American Leagues 2009 / 2010

North American League – The North American League will consist of two leagues:

- **East Coast League (USA AHSA zones 1-7 and eastern Canada [Ontario and east])**
- **West Coast League (USA AHSA zones 8-12, western Canada [Manitoba and west] and Mexico)**

Time Period for the Leagues – **Each League will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> and finish no later than 3 weeks before the FEI World Cup™ Final. No FEI World Cup™ Qualifiers may be held in North America during December and January.**

Number of Qualifiers per League – **The Qualifiers in each League will be determined each season by the FEI Jumping Committee following consultation with the North American Working Group–(minimum of three Qualifiers per League). Ideally, the maximum number of Qualifiers in each League is 12. However, this number may be increased at the discretion of the FEI Jumping Committee. In principle each country should host at least one event in each League (Mexico only in the West League).**

FEI rules must be followed, including for security, stabling, schooling, and medication. The following requirements must be met to host a CSI-W in North America:

1. Proper stable security, stable minimum size 3m x 3m, stables must have a certain standard/quality, that is be safely constructed, have a roof and be dry;
2. Footing must be of at least minimum standard, that is the footing must be either sand or grass and provide a certain elasticity and give;
3. The obstacles must be of a certain quality; that is obstacle material must be varied and must be properly painted if the material is not rustic, poles cannot weigh more 15 kilos and must have a diameter of 9.5 cm minimum and 10 cm maximum and must in general be either 3.5 m or 4 m in length, cups can have a depth of 18 mm minimum and 30 mm maximum, approved safety cups must also be used, planks cannot weigh more than 15 kilos;
4. The general event organisation must be acceptable; that is the show must be efficiently run, start lists and results sheets must be timely produced;
5. There must be public attending the event (the number of spectators is assessed by taking the location of the event and the size of the venue into account);
6. The event must be properly marketed through advertising, radio, press and TV coverage. There must be sponsor involvement at the event;
7. The FEI World Cup™ competition must have at least USD 50'000.- in prize money and it must be the highest prize money competition of the event;
8. There must be at least one additional competition counting for Rolex Ranking points with a minimum prize money of CHF 30'000.- (The FEI establishes the exchange rate in December of each year which will be valid for the duration of the following year.);
9. The event must be held over minimum two days; the warm up competition can be held on the first day.

**10. CSI-W status is not granted to shows that have not hosted a minimum of one CSI at the venue being proposed for the CSI-W within the past two years.**

**11. Management must have organized a minimum of one CSI within the past two years.**

**12. A marketing plan must be submitted with management's application to host a CSI-W.**

Events not meeting the above requirements will not be granted FEI World Cup™ status.

Applications for the coming season are to be sent to the FEI by 1 October of the preceding year. Applications will not receive final approval until the calendar has been approved by the FEI.