



WORLD CUP JUMPING



AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE

Condensed Rules effective 01 March 2013

These rules are to be read in conjunction with the FEI rules for the World Cup for Jumping Riders. Where these rules are silent, FEI Rules prevail.

Corrections made on 1 March 2013 are shown in **red bold print** in Point 9 and 13. **Please note that riders and horses participating in CSI and CSI-W competition must be FEI-registered.**

PART A – Competition

Entries, Class Size and Choice of Competition

1. Unpaid nominations for CSI-W classes will not be allowed to compete. Horses may enter for CSI-W and Mini Prix classes at the same Event. They will, however, be restricted to participation in one of these classes only.
2. ~~Entries MUST be open up until the day of the first horse inspection~~
2. **All World Cup riders must send their nominated entries to the Organising Committee 14 days before the start of the event due to new FEI requirements. This entry is only a nomination and withdrawals can be made up to the start of competition and the substitution of the horses entered, can be made up to 2 days before the start of competition, all of which the rider must inform the Organising Committee.**
3. The maximum number of competitors in each qualifier is 35.
4. "Outside of Western Europe, a rider can ride two horses in the World Cup preliminary competitions. In such cases the horse to be ridden for World Cup points must 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of the competition, a competitor may change his World Cup horse only if his originally declared World Cup horse is withdrawn from the competition and the newly declared World Cup horse competes in the same position in the starting order as the originally declared World Cup horse."
5. If there are more than 30 nominations the organisers have the right to restrict riders to one horse. If, on the day of the competition, there are fewer than 30 starters, the Organising Committee may decide to allow up to two horses per rider to start. Where the number of starters is to be restricted and the class is a qualifier for Certificates of Competency, a rider may start a third horse HC.
6. Organisers have a choice of competition formats
 - Article 238.2.2: A Competition against the clock, with a time allowed, but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be one jump-off only against the clock.
 - Article 273.3.3: A competition over two rounds without a jump-off, with the time in the second round determining places in case of equality of penalties.

The height of the obstacles is to be between 1.40m and 1.60m, with spreads of not more than 2.0m. Cups must comply with FEI rules. There must be at least one vertical at 1.50m, one vertical at 1.55m, one oxer at 1.45m by 1.70m and one oxer at 1.50m by 1.60m.

7. The time allowed is to be based on a minimum speed of 350 metres/minute. Outdoor competitions should be run at 400 metres/minute where conditions permit. The time must be recorded in 1/100

of a second. Electronic timing is compulsory.

8. Riders must wear protective headgear in accordance with Equestrian Australia (EA) rules and their dress must be according to FEI rules.
9. **Horses cannot start HC in the same ring on the day of the World Cup class PRIOR to the World Cup class.**

Horse Identification & Swabbing

10. A validated FEI passport or EA National Identification Document must be presented before a horse is allowed to start in a World Cup competition. The World Cup Coordinator, the Ground Jury or the Convenor may request the presentation of an ID document at any time.
11. Medication Control sampling ("swabbing") is compulsory at all World Cup shows and is at the expense of the Organising Committee. Competitors must re-present an FEI passport or EA National Identification Document for the swabbing procedure; failure to do so will entail elimination from the competition and forfeiture of prize money.
12. All riders and horses must be FEI-registered for the year in which the competition takes place. This must be renewed annually
13. **If a horse does not pass the Horse Inspection for the World Cup class then the horse: cannot take any further part in the show OR cannot compete for the rest of that show.**

Horse Inspection

14. The Horse Inspection ("trot-up") shall be conducted on the jumping surface or at least on a firm, level and clean non-slip surface. Inspections are conducted before the FEI Veterinary Delegate, the head of the Ground Jury, the Appeal Committee (where appointed) and the World Cup Coordinator or the Coordinator's representative.

At the inspection, a validated FEI passport or EA National Identification Document must be presented to the FEI Veterinary Delegate for identification of the horse. The horse is to be identified and the papers returned to the Person Responsible.

If any horse has a peculiar gait or movement that raises concern but in the opinion of an FEI Veterinarian has no impact on the horse's fitness to compete, it is appropriate that the FEI Veterinary Delegate prepares a written statement to this effect. Such document is to be kept with the passport or ID documents.

Attire at the horse inspection should be neat and tidy. Shorts, thongs, sandals, tank tops, and T-shirts are inappropriate. The Organising Committee reserves the right to specify the appropriate attire in their schedule.

Prize Money and Presentation Ceremony

15. The minimum total prize money for a World Cup Qualifier class is \$7,500. ~~Where prize money is in excess of \$6,000,~~ Entry fees can be up to 1.5% of the class total prize money.
16. In addition to any entry fees, there is a start levy of \$50 per horse to assist with the cost of transport of horses qualified to participate in the FEI World Cup Jumping Final.
17. Prize money will be paid to at least 8th place with the last place prize money to be a minimum of double the entry fee.
18. For safety reasons and to assist in the smooth running of the presentation ceremony, it is strongly recommended that horses are sashed, rugged and garlanded prior to entering the arena.

19. Prize money will be awarded to the first three place getters in the overall standings of the FEI World Cup Australian League and will be awarded following the completion of the final round. The prize money will be 1st \$5,000, 2nd \$2,000 and 3rd \$1,000.

Participation in the World Cup Final

20. EA is responsible for entering riders in international competition overseas (FEI General Regulations Article 121).
21. Within 7 days of the completion of the WC series, the leading rider may be invited by the WCC to participate at the WC Final. The offer to compete may be made with funding support.
22. If the leading rider does not wish to compete, the rider will be invited to attend the Final in person. EA will make every endeavour to ensure the leading rider has the opportunity to make the most of attending the Final in person.
23. In this case, the second-placed rider may be offered the opportunity to compete at the Final.
24. If neither the first nor the second-placed rider wishes to compete in the final, the third-placed rider may be offered the opportunity to compete at the Final **subject to NF approval**.
25. No riders who place lower than third may compete at the Final.
26. Following the invitation to participate in the Final, riders should notify the National Office of their acceptance intentions within 7 days. When an invitation is accepted, arrangements will be made for a comprehensive veterinary examination to be carried out (at the expense of EA) by the National Team Veterinarian or his appointed nominee.
27. No owner will receive funding to compete at the World Cup Final unless his/her horse has passed such a Veterinary examination. Owners must sign a declaration that should their horse be sold in the calendar year in which the Final takes place, they will refund any money paid to them by the League for the cost of transport to the Final. If for whatever reason a new contract is drawn up with EA after the World Cup Final, this new contract will be the effective agreement.

PART B – Administration

Officials

28. Courses must be designed and built by a Course Designer chosen from the FEI list of International Course Designers. The same Course Designer may only course design at a maximum of 3 FEI World Cup qualifier events during each season. Organising Committees are encouraged to nominate assistant Course Designers.
29. Three EA-accredited judges must officiate, and must be available for the duration of the Event. The Chairman of the Judging Panel must be an FEI International Judge or an FEI International Candidate Judge.
30. The appointment of an Appeal Committee is optional. The Organising Committee may appoint an Appeal Committee consisting of a President only or of a President and two members. The President of the Appeal Committee must be an FEI International Judge or FEI International Candidate Judge, or a retired FEI International Judge.
31. The Chief Steward must be selected from the FEI List of Chief Stewards. Chief Stewards must send their report to the EA National Office, within 14 days after the event. The National Office will forward it to both the FEI and the General Steward. The Chief Steward must also ensure that all swabbing documentation except that forwarded to the analysing laboratory is sent to EA National Office. Organising Committees are encouraged to appoint an EA Steward to assist the FEI Steward.
32. **Bandage control:** It is obligatory to carry out boot and bandage control on all horses taking part.

33. If held on a Sunday, it is recommended that the competition begin at approximately 1pm. The competition and the presentation ceremony should be finished by 4pm. The time scheduled for the World Cup class should be published in the event program booklet and other publications.
34. **Provision Of First Aid :** As of the 1st January 2011 the World Cup Jumping Committee has adopted a First Aid Policy requiring the presence of a first aid post with at least **one paramedic** (who is capable of basic life support and able to give some medication), or level two, or above, ambulance officer, at all World Cup Jumping fixtures.

Organising Committees are advised to use a registered operator who has their own insurance. In the event that the medical personnel leave the venue, the event must be halted until such personnel return. The World Cup Jumping Committee emphasise that the First Aid Policy must be adhered to in the planning and running of a World Cup event.

Applications to Conduct a World Cup Competition, CSI-W

35. All Organising Committees of CSI-W classes must be affiliated with EA or licensed by EA to conduct the event. Payment of the franchise fee indicates acceptance of this condition.
36. A franchise fee of AUS \$ 1,800.00 is required payable in two payments of \$900, the first on notice of application approval, and the second within seven days of the competition.
37. Draft schedules, including names of all officials, are to be submitted to the Equestrian Australia National Office not less than 18 weeks prior to the event.
38. All schedules and officials must be approved by the FEI.
39. Final date for applications for qualifiers is the 30 June of the calendar year prior to the commencement of the season. Application forms are available from Equestrian Australia's National website as well as the Coordinator and are to be addressed to the World Cup Committee and returned to the Coordinator by the prescribed date. Late applications may not be considered. The applicant must accept the responsibility of ensuring that their application is received by the World Cup Committee.

Applications made after September 30th and before 31 December the year before the event will incur a late application fee of \$200. Applications made after 1 January the year of the event will incur a late fee of \$300.

40. Events that are cancelled after 01 November when the calendar has been confirmed to the FEI, will forfeit their initial franchise fee payment of \$900.
41. Organisers of events that are cancelled after the calendar has been confirmed to the FEI need special approval by the World Cup Committee for future World Cup competitions.
42. Event Organisers should make an exercise/working arena with acceptable footing available for the use by competitors. Where such an area does not exist, Event Organisers must provide access to arenas, with an Official present, for working WC horses prior to the commencement of the day's competitions.
43. Where possible, on-site stabling should be provided for World Cup horses.

Definitions:

"Event" is the duration of the show.

"Class" is each single competition.

"CSI-W" is a single International Class within the Event. This type of class is a World Cup preliminary competition.

The FEI Conflict of Interest clause has been suspended for competitions in Australia. In general, however, organising committees should avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest when making appointments to officiating positions.