

Rules for the "FEI Group IX" Jumping Junior Challenge 2022

ARTICLE 1 PRINCIPLES

1. The "FEI Group IX" Jumping Junior Challenge is an outdoor team competition. It may be organised by any member NF of FEI Group IX, on application and with approval, including the date by FEI Group IX.
2. There is one Category in the "FEI Group IX" Jumping Junior Challenge. There are no qualifying competitions.
3. A full team comprises four Athlete/horse combinations. If an NF invited with a team cannot provide a team of four (4) it may enter a team of three (3) Athlete/horse combinations.
4. The Challenge consists of a team Competition over two rounds, the second round will be shorter than the first round. Both rounds are not against the clock with a time allowed held during the same day, over a course designed by a Course Designer designated by "FEI Group IX."
5. The Challenge will be judged as a "Nations Cup" under Table A, Art. 264 with exceptions as stated below, especially those including second round which will be different from the first one and concerning the possible jump-off in which only one Athlete per team will participate.
6. An Athlete eliminated in the first (or second) round may start in the second round (or the jump-off). In the case of elimination due to a fall of Athlete or horse the provisions of FEI JR 2022 Article 224 will prevail.
7. An Athlete eliminated receives 20 penalties more than the lowest placed Athlete in the same round.
8. The total Penalties of the best three Athletes per team in the first round are added to the total Penalties of the best three Athletes per team in the second round to determine the winner and placed teams or inclusion in a jump-off to determine the results.
9. In case of equality of Penalties for the first place, there will be a jump-off in which one Athlete per team will participate. The Chef d'Equipe will determine which member of their team will participate in the jump-off. Any one of the four team members, (or of the three team members if applicable), may take part in the jump-off.

ARTICLE 2 PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

1. A country may only have one team participating in the Challenge. Athletes must be nominated by their NF, who confirm their capability.

The Challenge is open for Juniors as defined by the FEI JR, Annex IX, Art. 3.3 (from the start of the year in which they reach 14 until the end of the year in which they reach 18).

2. Athletes must be registered with the FEI in the current year (this is free of charge for athletes under the age of 18).
3. An Athlete domiciled in a foreign country which is part of FEI Group IX may compete in the competition for the country in which he/she is domiciled.
4. An Athlete with the nationality of a country which is part of FEI Group IX but who is domiciled in a foreign country may compete for the country of his nationality.
5. Horses do not require a FEI ID (Registration). All horses must be properly Registered within their National Federation and identifiable by diagram. All horses must have a valid vaccination certificate according to the National Rules of the Host Nation.
6. Horses must be at least six years old.
Only horses are eligible to compete. It is not allowed to compete on Ponies (FEI JR Annex XI Article 4.1. Not exceeding 148 cm at the wither without shoes).
Horses may be in the ownership of the Athlete or lent or leased from another person.

ARTICLE 3 DECLARATION AND DRAWS

1. The Chef d'Equipe will, on the day preceding the Challenge, declare the four Athletes and Horses (or the three Athletes and Horses if the NF enter a team of three Athletes), including their starting order within the team.
2. A draw will take place to decide the starting order of the teams in the first round.
3. The starting order of members of the teams in the second round will follow the reverse order merit of the total penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in the first round. The starting order of the individual team member in the jump-off (if necessary) will be in the same order as the Teams in the second round.

ARTICLE 4 ORGANISATION

1. The NF hosting the Challenge is solely responsible for the organisation of the Competition.
2. FEI Group IX will appoint the President of the Ground Jury and the Foreign Judge; these two judges must be minimum Level 3
3. The other 1 FEI Jumping Judges (minimum Level 1) can be appointed from abroad or from the host NF.
4. The NF is responsible for having a FEI Veterinary Delegate on site or on call.

5. The Organising Committee must offer Athletes who may be members of a team the opportunity to compete in at least two individual competitions with their horses before the day of the Challenge.

ARTICLE 5 THE COURSE

1. The course of the first round will consist of between ten and twelve obstacles including two doubles or one double and one treble. There will be no water jump but obstacles that include a water ditch may be used.

2. The course of the second round will consist of between eight and ten obstacles including one double or one treble.

3. The courses will be designed by an experienced FEI Course Designer (minimum Level 2) of Group IX, designated by the FEI Group IX.

4. The person responsible for building the course at the Event (if that person is not the one who designed the courses) must be a FEI Course Designer (minimum Level 1) of Group IX.

5. The following maximum dimensions apply to the two rounds:

The width of obstacles must not exceed the height by more than 10 cm, except for the triple bar:

MAX. HEIGHT/WIDTH <u>1st round</u>	MAX. HEIGHT/WIDTH <u>2nd round</u>	TRIPLE BAR SPREAD	SPEED
<i>Height / Width</i> 1.20m / 1.30m	<i>Height / Width</i> 1.20m / 1.30m	1.70m max	350 m/min

6. The size of the arena must comply with FEI JR, Art. 201.1 & 2.

ARTICLE 6 PRIZES

1. Organising Committees are free to provide rosettes, prize money or prizes in kind.

2. FEI Group IX will award medals and/or Certificates to the three best placed teams.

ARTICLE 7 RESULTS

1. FEI Group IX will publish the results of the Challenge on the FEI Group IX website.