

ANNEX VIII QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR WORLD AND CONTINENTAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Except for the Olympic Games Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.
2. Refer to the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games for the qualification procedure for the Olympic Games.
3. **For the World Championship and for Continental Championships** that have the status of a qualifying Event for achieving the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) for the Olympic Games and/or World Championship, Athletes/Horses must achieve the MER between 1 January of the year preceding the World Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability (for paragraphs 3.5 through 3.8 the Certificate of Capability can only be validated pending confirmation after the Event that the course of the respective Competitions met the requirements of paragraph 4):
 - 3.1. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the Individual Final at the last Olympic Games;
 - 3.2. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the first team Competition (Team Qualifier) or in the second team Competition (Team Final) at the last Olympic Games.
 - 3.3. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championship or Pan American Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship has the status of a qualifying Event for achieving the MER for the Olympic Games and/or World Championship).
 - 3.4. Athletes and Horses that have completed the individual Final at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or other FEI Jumping Continental Championship for Seniors (provided the Continental Championship has the status of a qualifying Event for achieving the MER for the Olympic Games and/or World Championship).
 - 3.5. FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competitions
 - 3.5.1. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of three FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competitions conducted at a height of 1.55 m at:
 - Selected CSI(O)1* to 3*-W outdoor Events
 - CSI(O)4* to 5*-W outdoor Events
With a Score of four (4) penalties or less.
 - 3.5.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of three FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competitions conducted at height of 1.60 m at:
 - Selected CSI(O)1* to 3*-W outdoor Events
 - CSI(O)4* to 5*-W outdoor Events
With a Score eight (8) penalties or less.
 - 3.6. Grand Prix Competitions
 - 3.6.1. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of three Grand Prix Competitions conducted at a height of 1.55 m at:
 - Selected CSI(O)3* (-W) outdoor Events
 - CSI(O)4* to 5* (-W) outdoor Events
With a Score of four (4) penalties or less.
 - 3.6.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of three Grand Prix Competitions conducted at a height of 1.60 m at:
 - Selected CSI(O)3* (-W) outdoor Events
 - CSI(O)4* to 5* (-W) outdoor Events
With a Score of eight (8) penalties or less.
 - 3.7. Nations Cup and Longines League of Nations™ Competitions
 - 3.7.1. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first or second round of three Nations Cup Competitions conducted at a height of 1.55 m at CSIO4* to 5* (-W) outdoor Events with a Score of four (4) penalties or less.
 - 3.7.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first or second round of three Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ Competitions conducted at a height of 1.60 m at CSIO5* (-W) outdoor Events with a score of eight (8) penalties or less.
 - 3.8. For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a minimum score in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition, FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competition or in the first or second round of a Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ in order to earn a Certificate of Capability may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI Jumping World Cup™/Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ Competition towards the overall total of minimum results required. For example, Athletes and Horses with a score of four (4) penalties in the first round of one FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competition at 1.55m, a score of four (4) penalties in the first round of one Grand Prix Competition 1.55 m Event and a score of eight (8) penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ Competition at 1.60 m are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability.
4. Courses of selected Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™, Grand Prix and FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competitions must technical specifications.

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The Course Designer must clearly identify on the course plan of the Competition the specific obstacles that must be included as per the technical specifications, e.g. planks, wall, gate, narrow obstacle, etc.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

The composition of the course includes:

- Minimum 12 and maximum 14 obstacles;
- Minimum one triple and one double combination (three doubles are not allowed);
- The triple combination must have at least one oxer and at least one one-stride distance either from A to B or from B to C;
- Two liverpool obstacles, one vertical and one spread. If the course includes a water jump, a minimum of one liverpool will be allowed;
- Approximately 50% of the efforts must be vertical obstacles and 50% must be spread obstacles (e.g. oxer, triple bar, Swedish oxer, narrow oxer, etc.). Nevertheless, no more than 55% of the efforts may be vertical and no more than 60% of the efforts may be spread obstacles, including the water jump if there is one (NB: a water jump is compulsory in nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ Competitions, refer to JRs Art. 264.3 and Longines League of Nations™ Rules (LLN Rules) Art. 4.11 / 6.13);
- Depth of cups for the top pole: minimum 50% of cups must have a depth of 18 mm, for special obstacles material cups be shallower (refer to JRs Art. 208.6); depth of cups maximum 20 mm;
- A minimum course length of 400 meters with a minimum speed of 375m/min.

At least three of the following five obstacles must be included in the course:

- A set of planks on flat cups or a vertical of poles with a plank on flat cups as the top element;
- One triple bar;
- One wall;
- One narrow vertical or spread obstacle with frontal width between 2.50 to 3.00 m;
- One gate.

At least three of the following criteria must be included in the course:

- Bend or straight line of up to six strides between two single obstacles;
- One line between two obstacles should be a forward line up to five strides;
- One bend or straight line up to seven strides with minimum three obstacles;
- Double combination in a bend or a straight line with an obstacle before or after at maximum seven strides;
- A related distance bend or straight line of up to eight strides leading to the triple combination or up to seven strides following the triple combination;
- One of the combinations must have a related distance (maximum seven strides) with an obstacle (before or after the combination) in a straight line.

Dimension of the obstacles:

	Comp. at 1.55 m	Comp. at 1.60 m
The minimum height of obstacles is:	1.45 m	1.50 m
A minimum number of verticals with a height of at least:	4 x 1.55 m	3 x 1.60 m
A minimum number of spread obstacles (excl. triple bar) with a height/spread of at least:	3 x 1.50/1.60 m	GP/WC: 3 x 1.53/1.60 m NC/LLN: 2 x 1.50/1.70 m
One oxer in the triple combination needs to have a minimum height/spread of:	1.50/1.60 m	1.52/1.60 m
Triple bar with minimum height/spread of:	1.50/1.90 m	1.55/1.90 m

* For Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ Competitions, the above technical specifications relating to the dimensions of the obstacles take precedence over the dimensions of the obstacles established in JRs Art. 264.3.1 and LLN Rules Art 4.11 / 6.13.

5. For CSI, CSI-W / CSIO-W and CSIO Events mentioned above, selection will be made from Events which take place from 1 January the year preceding the Games or Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date to be fixed by the FEI. A list of Events will be published by the FEI in the year preceding the Olympic Games or FEI Championship.
6. At Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ and Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSIOs, at FEI Jumping World Cup™ Competitions and at CSI 3*/4*/5* Grand Prix Competitions, the Foreign Judge is responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions and will confirm to the FEI that technical specifications have been respected. If the course is not built according to the required specifications, the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability will not have been achieved and the Competition will be removed from the list of qualifying Competitions for the Olympic Games, respectively the World or Continental Championship.
7. NFs not represented by a team at any of the CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete "hors concours" in round 1 and round 2 of the Nations Cup/Longines League of Nations™ Competition, should the NF need the opportunity for their Athlete(s) and/or Horse(s) to attempt to fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements for the Olympic Games, World Championship or Continental Championship.
8. Certificates of Capability must be received by the FEI for Athletes and Horses not later than the date fixed for nominated entries or date fixed by the FEI. Athletes and Horses for whom Certificates of Capability have not been received will not be allowed to be entered for the Olympic Games or World or Continental Championship concerned.

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9. Any and all "*hors concours*" participation provided for directly or indirectly in the present Annex and/or in any special Rules of the Jumping Discipline are in compliance with the permissible exceptions as per GRs Art. 117.6.
10. The report of the Foreign Judge must be sent to the FEI Jumping Department. The NFs of the qualified Horses and Athletes will be informed by the FEI immediately after the qualification is confirmed.