

ANNEX V CSI INVITATION RULES

Invitation Rules for CSI3*/CSI4* Events in Europe

The list of the Longines Rankings established **two** months prior to the event is to be used for the selection of riders. The Organising Committee must print in the schedule the number of the list which applies for the invitation of athletes, as well as the total number of athletes to be invited.

Section 1 Athletes at top of the list of the Longines Rankings

The top 25 athletes (for CSI4*) / the top 15 athletes (for CSI3*) on the list of the Longines Rankings must be invited; substitutions for the top 25 (for CSI4*) or top 15 (CSI3*) athletes must be made in descending order of the Longines Rankings. The maximum number of athletes from any foreign NF in this section must be limited to five.

Section 2 Home Athletes

The number of home athletes who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining home athletes to be invited. The number of home athletes must neither exceed 50% nor be less than 35% of the total number of athletes invited. The NF/OC decides on the exact percentage for this section, which must be printed in the schedule. If the home nation does not fill its quota, the remaining places are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 3.

Depending on the number of home athletes competing internationally, the number of home athletes may be increased to 60% of the total number of athletes at the event. This may only be done upon receipt of a request from the NF concerned and may or may not be granted at the discretion of the Director of the FEI Jumping Department.

Section 3 Foreign Athletes

3.1 The number of foreign athletes who accept the invitation under **Section 1** will determine the number of remaining foreign athletes to be invited. 50% of the remaining foreign athletes must be selected in descending order of the list of Longines Rankings to the 300th position for CSI-4* or to the 600th position for CSI3* and 50% may be selected from any position on the list, or may be unranked.

3.2 At least 7 foreign NFs must be represented (This includes NFs represented by athletes in **Section 1**).

3.3 If a NF is invited to send athletes but decides not to participate, the Organising Committee selects another NF in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes under section 3.1.

Section 4 OC Wildcards

The OC is free to invite 15% for CSI4* or 20% for CSI-3* of the total number of athletes as wildcards. These athletes must be selected from the top 600 on the list of the Longines Rankings. These invitations (for foreign and/or home athletes) should be under the same conditions as for other participants and must in no way be directly or indirectly connected with a financial contribution for participation at any international Jumping event. At the same time, it is also unacceptable for riders to ask for an appearance fee.

Section 5 FEI Invitations for foreign athletes or home athletes domiciled outside the home country

The FEI has the right to nominate two athletes by the deadline date established for nominated entries. The maximum number of times an athlete can be nominated during the same season for this group is three. Vacant places under this section are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 4.

OCs of CSI3*/CSI4* events that are part of "Tours" (multiple events held on consecutive weekends at the same venue) must respect the Invitation Rules for their category; however, if due to lack of space not all entries can be accepted, OCs may state in the Schedule that preference will be given to athletes who enter the entire Tour.

SUMMARY OF INVITATION SYSTEM FOR CSI-3* & CSI-4* EVENTS IN EUROPE

To be printed in Schedule: total number of invited athletes, the percentage of home athletes to be invited (min. 35% - max. 50%) and the number of the list of the Longines Rankings which applies. (list established 2 months prior to event)	CSI-4*	CSI-3*
1) Invite athletes at top of the Longines Rankings up to N° (max. 5 athletes per foreign NF) <i>The number of home/foreign athletes who accept this invitation will determine the number of remaining home/foreign athletes to be invited in Sections 2 & 3.</i>	25	15
2) Remaining home athletes:	open to ranked or unranked athletes	
3) Remaining foreign athletes to be invited in descending order after invitations under Section 1: (min. 7 foreign NFs in Sections 1 & 3)	50% within top 300; 50% open (ranked or unranked athletes)	50% within top 600; 50% open (ranked or unranked athletes)
4) O.C. Wildcards maximum	15% within top 600	20% within top 600
5) FEI Invitations	2	2

The following fines will be imposed on Organising Committees not respecting the above procedure: 1st offence CHF 20'000.-; 2nd offence CHF 40'000.- ; at the 3rd offence, the event will not be permitted to take place. These fines will be payable directly by the Organising Committees concerned to the FEI.

Invitation Rules for CSI5* Events (Worldwide)

Section 1 Compulsory Invitations

- 1.1 70% of the total number of athletes invited must be from the top 150 on the FEI World Ranking list established by the FEI two months prior to the event. The following conditions must be respected. Consequently this percentage may need to be reduced.
 - 1.1.1 Athletes are invited in descending order from the first athlete on the FEI World Ranking list.
 - 1.1.2 At least ten foreign NFs must be invited with at least two athletes per NF.
 - 1.1.3 If a NF has only one athlete in the above percentage, the NF in question has the right to enter a second athlete providing that he is within the top 150 on this list.
 - 1.1.4 Organising Committees may limit the number of athletes from a single foreign NF to five. However, they are free to accept more than five athletes from the same NF providing they are within the above percentage and providing the other NFs invited have entered a second athlete.
 - 1.1.5 If the Organising Committee cannot fill its quota from the top 150 on the FEI World Ranking list, vacant places will be filled by inviting athletes from 150th place on the FEI World Ranking list in descending order.
 - 1.1.6 The total number of athletes to be invited to the event, as well as the date of the FEI World Ranking list which applies for invitation of athletes must be printed in the Schedule.
- 1.2 If an NF is invited to send participants but decides not to participate, another NF is selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 1.1.2

Section 2 OC Invitations

Maximum 30% of the total number of athletes invited can be invited as wild cards by the Organising Committee through their NFs (these may consist of foreign and/or home athletes). These athletes can be taken from any position on the FEI World Ranking list.

These invitations (foreign and/or home athletes) should be under the same conditions as for other participants and cannot be granted in return for a financial contribution.

At the same time, it is also unacceptable for athletes to ask for an appearance fee.

Section 3 FEI Invitations for Foreign athletes or home athletes domiciled outside the home country

The FEI has the right to nominate one athlete for CSI5* events by the deadline date established for nominated entries. The level of the nominated athlete must be of the required standard for a CSI5* event. The maximum number of times an athlete can be nominated during the same season for this section is three. Vacant places under this section are filled in accordance with the conditions established for invitation of athletes in section 2.

OCs of CSI5* events that are part of "Tours" (multiple events run on consecutive weekends at the same venue) must respect the Invitation Rules for CSI5* events; however, if due to lack of space not all entries can be accepted, OCs may state in the Schedule that preference will be given to athletes who enter the entire Tour.

National events

OCs that wish to organize a National event must comply with the FEI rules for National events. These include the restrictions on the number of foreign athletes and the number of NFs represented by athletes.

Sanctions and consequences

If prior to a CSI-5* event it is known that the event will not follow the FEI technical conditions and the FEI Rules for invitation of athletes, the event may be removed from the FEI calendar at the discretion of the FEI.

If sufficient proof can be established after the event that the FEI technical conditions and the FEI Rules for invitation of athletes have not been respected FEI World Ranking points may be withdrawn at the discretion of the FEI and CSI status may be refused for the following season.

If the event is an FEI World Cup™ event it may lose its status for the coming season if the conditions for invitations laid down in the FEI World Cup™ Jumping Rules are not respected. For FEI World Cup™ events it is forbidden to accept invitations in return for payment of any kind.

If the event is organized outside the jurisdiction of the FEI, participating athletes will not be allowed to participate at other FEI Events.