

Rules for the FEI Group IX Jumping Children's Challenge 2022

ARTICLE 1 PRINCIPLES

1. The FEI Group IX Jumping Children's Challenge is an outdoor team competition that may be organised by any member NF of the FEI Group IX.
2. There is one Category in this FEI Group IX Jumping Children's Challenge. There are no qualifying competitions, but the Children must be nominated by their NF.
3. The Challenge consists of a team Competition over two rounds, the second round being shorter than the first one, not against the clock with a time allowed in both rounds, during the same day, over a course designed by a Course Designer designated by the FEI Group IX.
4. The Challenge will be judged under Table A, Art. 264 except for what is said in this article concerning the 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.

A full team comprises four Athletes each riding their own Horse. If an NF invited with a team cannot provide a team of four Athletes, it may enter a team of three Athletes. 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.

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 determines which member of their team will participate in the jump-off. Any one of the four team members, respectively three team members if applicable, may take part in the jump-off.

5. Horses must be at least six years old.

ARTICLE 2 PARTICIPATION

1. A country may only have one team participating in the Challenge.
2. The Challenge is open for children as defined by the Rules for Jumping Events, Annex XII, Art. 3 (from the start of the year in which they reach 12 until the end of the year in which they reach 14).
3. Athletes may compete only on Horses. It is not allowed to compete on Ponies.
4. An Athlete domiciled in a foreign country which is part of the FEI Group IX may compete in the competition for the country in which he/she is domiciled.
5. An Athlete with the nationality of a country which is part of the FEI Group IX but who is domiciled in a foreign country may compete for the country of his nationality.

6. An Athlete eliminated in the first round may start in the second round.
7. An Athlete eliminated receives 20 penalties more than the lowest placed Athlete in the same round.
8. A draw will take place to decide the starting order of the teams in the first round.
9. The starting order of the teams in the second round will follow the reverse order of total penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in the first round.
10. 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 enters a team of three Athletes), including their starting order within the team.
11. The names of the Athletes will be published on the FEI Group IX website once they have confirmed their participation.

ARTICLE 3 ORGANISATION

1. The NF hosting the Challenge is directly responsible for the organisation and judging of the Competition.
2. The Challenge is to be judged by FEI Jumping Judges (minimum Level 2) from abroad or from the home NF.
3. The President of the Ground Jury must be a FEI Jumping Judge (minimum Level 3) and he/she acts at the same time as FEI Technical Delegate.
4. The NF is also 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 4 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 (level 3) of Group IX, designated by the FEI Group IX Jumping Committee.
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 (at least level 2) 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	MAX. HEIGHT/WIDTH	TRIPLE BAR SPREAD	SPEED
1st round	2nd round		
<i>Height / Width</i>	<i>Height / Width</i>		
1.10m / 1.20m	1.10m / 1.20m	1.50m	350 m/min

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

ARTICLE 5 PRIZES

1. Organising Committees are free to provide prizemoney or prizes in kind.
2. The FEI Group IX will award medals and certificates to the three best placed teams and individuals.

ARTICLE 6 REGISTRATION

1. Athletes must be registered with the FEI in the current year (this is free of charge for athletes under the age of 18).
4. Horses don't require a FEI ID. All horses must be properly registered within their National Federation and identifiable by diagram. All horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.

ARTICLE 7 RESULTS

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