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PROCEDURE REGULATIONS

AJA Ambassador Cup team competition, version 2018

1. Idea and concept

1.1 Definition

The AJA (= International Association of Jumping Riding Ambassadors) is organising an annual ranking of the AJA team competitions for its members, under the Ambassador Cup designation and for an unspecified period of time.

1.2 Aim

The aim of the Ambassador Cup is to promote team spirit between the members of each nation, to create interest for a team competition and to provide the AJA's national delegates with an additional argument for motivating riders to participate in international AJA tournaments.

1.3 Implementation procedure

Each organiser of an international AJA tournament will draw up an AJA Large Tour team competition for four-athlete teams under the designation 'AJA Ambassador Cup team competition'. The competition is to be held in accordance with the corresponding FEI articles and these AJA regulations.

The Ambassador Cup year matches the calendar year. The results of all AJA team competitions count for the final placing.

2. AJA Ambassador Cup Large Tour team competitions

2.1 Holding competitions

Athletes from the small and large tours, forming either national or mixed teams, can register for an AJA Ambassador Cup Large Tour team competition. A maximum of four and a minimum of three athletes per team.

Competition description:

- in accordance with FEI-article: 265.2 : Other team competitions: other competitions for teams may be organized, according to the conditions in the schedule. However, they may never be called Nations Cup competition or Sponsor Team competition. There can be no reference to representation of a nation.

- This competition comprises, with the same speed, two identical courses, ten to twelve obstacles, height 1.20 m, spread 1.30 m and no water jump.

Each athlete must participate with the same horse in both rounds.

- First round: against the clock
- Second round: not against the clock.

Starting order of the teams: reverse order of penalties and time of the best 3 athletes in the 1st round.

Only the 6 best teams will go forward to the second round.

In case of equality of penalties and time for the 6th place after the first round, these teams concerned will all go forward to the second round.

- Placing of teams after the second round is decided as follows: 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.

Teams that have not participated to the second round are not placed.

- 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 his team will participate in the jump-off. Any one of the team members may take part in the jump-off.

The jump-off takes place against the clock over a min. of six obstacles.

In case of equality of penalties and time after the jump-off, the teams concerned will be placed equal first.

Jump-off starting order: same as 2nd round

One horse per athlete who does not participate during the same event in the AJA Friendship Cup team competition and/or in the AJA Challenge Cup.

Exceptionally, the jury may allow two horses per athlete (not in the same team).

2.2 Eligibility to participate in the Ambassador Cup competitions

A CSIV-B is a tournament at the invitation of the organiser.

Eligible to participate in all competitions of AJA tournaments are AJA members who have paid their membership fee for the current year.

Also eligible to participate in all competitions of AJA tournaments but with the exception of the Challenge Cup competition and the Europa Cup competition, are candidates for AJA membership and possible guest athletes invited by the organiser.

Athletes who have once been AJA members and whose membership has, for whatever reason, been revoked by the general assembly are not eligible to participate.

A maximum of three teams per nation are permitted to participate.

2.3 Remuneration and awarding of prizes for the AJA Ambassador Cup team competitions

Prizes in kind will be awarded by the organisers of international AJA tournaments (min. 6 teams). Four honorary prizes for the winning team and plaques for the six best teams will be sponsored and presented by the AJA.

3. The AJA Ambassador Cup Large Tour team competition as a qualifying class for the Ambassador Cup

3.1 Definition of a valid team

- 3.1.1 Teams made up of AJA members who have paid their yearly fees, candidates for AJA membership and possible guest athletes invited by the organiser, are eligible for the Ambassador Cup. At least three athletes on a counting team must have the same nationality. Definitive for the nationality of an athlete is the passport or the NF licence (and not the possible guest licence).
- 3.1.2 If four athletes from a nation participate in the tournament and are registered for the Europa Cup ranking, it is not allowed to admit a foreign athlete in the valid team. If a nation participates with only one team and only three athletes of a nation are eligible for the team, one foreign athlete is allowed in that team.
- 3.1.3 If two or three teams from one nation participate in the competition to which the outlined conditions apply, the national team counting towards the Cup ranking must have been registered one hour before the beginning of the competition as team no. 1. In case more teams per nation participate, a foreign athlete is only allowed in team no. 2 or 3.
- 3.1.4 'European team(s)':
If a maximum of two athletes of a nation are eligible for a team, foreign athletes can be allowed in that team. These teams will be named: team Europe 1, team Europe 2, etc.

3.2 Evaluation of the AJA Ambassador Cup team competition

Only the number 1-teams of each country can receive points for the Ambassador Cup team competition ranking:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
Points	6	5	4	3	2	1

The teams which are eliminated in the first or second round do not obtain any points. The teams that qualify for the second round and are not at the start will be eliminated too and do not obtain any points. Points are awarded according to the complete classification and European teams are included. Where less than three valid teams are at the start, no points will be awarded.

3.3 Final AJA Ambassador Cup team competition

The last point-awarding team competition of the calendar year will be held as the Final and awards twice as many points as other tournaments.

3.4 Calculation of the Ambassador Cup ranking

The ranking is the result of adding the number of points from the scoring competitions in a calendar year. Where the same number of points have been scored after the last tournament,

- the number of first place showings;
 - the number of second place showings;
 - etc.
- are decisive.

3.5 Prize-giving ceremony and remuneration for the Ambassador Cup ranking

The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the last AJA outdoor tournament of each calendar year. The first three teams of the Cup ranking will receive honorary AJA prizes.

4. General

4.1 Scoring events

The tournament calendar and, hence, the organisers of the Ambassador Cup competitions are proposed annually by the AJA board and approved by the annual general assembly.

4.2 Exclusion in case of sanctions

Athletes who are barred by their NF during the corresponding calendar year, will be dropped from the rankings. Furthermore, the AJA disciplinary committee can also exclude athletes in special circumstances.

4.3 Draft schedules

Draft schedules must be presented well in advance to the technical committee of the AJA for scrutiny, before they are submitted to the responsible NF.

4.4 Administration

The technical committee of the AJA will name one or more members to manage the Ambassador Cup and to be responsible for the contact between the AJA, the organisers, the athletes and possible sponsors.

4.5 Result service

The technical committee of the AJA will maintain a result service that will evaluate the rankings of the Ambassador Cup competitions, will adjust the intermediate overall ranking and will draw up the final overall ranking. The current ranking will be published on the Internet at www.ajambassadors.com.

4.6 Sponsorship

One or more sponsors can be invited to fund the prizes in kind and/or to support athletes from neighbouring Eastern European countries (payment of travelling expenses).

4.7 Speaker

The organisers of the AJA Ambassadors Cup team competitions will inform the local speaker about the procedures of this Ambassadors Cup and the current intermediate annual ranking.

4.8 Publicity/PR

The organisers of the AJA team competitions will undertake everything in their power to ensure that advance and subsequent media coverage is given to the Ambassador Cup and that the event is recognised.

4.9 Various

In all cases not covered by the present regulations, the technical director of the AJA, who is present, must make a decision based on the provisions of the FEI and with the agreement of the jury in such a manner as to ensure that a correct and fair solution is reached for the good of the sport.

4.10 Validity of the regulations

The present regulations in their fourteenth version dated **10 January 2018** replace the regulations of 10 January 2017 and all other versions. In case of translation differences, the English version shall apply.

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