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# PROCEDURE REGULATIONS

## Europa Cup for AJA members, version 2018

### 1. Idea and concept

#### 1.1 Definition

The AJA (= International Association of Jumping Riding Ambassadors) is organising an international competition for its members for an unlimited time within the large tour (approx. 1.20 m) with two formulas:

formula I: the Europa Cup qualifying competitions with an annual ranking;

formula II: the Europa Cup Final.

#### 1.2 Aim

The aim of the Europa Cup is to give publicity to the Ambassador Class (women and men from the age of forty-five) and to gain recognition. Moreover, this Cup should offer the participants of the international AJA events additional riding highlights and provide the organisers with attractive information for their promotional publicity.

#### 1.3 Implementation procedure

Each organiser of an international AJA tournament will hold a 'Europa Cup competition', which will also be recorded as a scoring competition for the annual evaluation of the Europa Cup ranking and as a qualifying competition for the Europa Cup Final, respectively. The Europa Cup year is not the calendar year, but, instead, runs from one final event to the next final event.

### 2. Scoring and qualifying competitions

#### 2.1 Holding scoring and qualifying competitions, respectively

The organiser will hold analogously to the Challenge Cup competition a so called Europa Cup competition with two different rounds, both against the clock and table A without jump-off, according to FEI articles 273.1, 2.1, 3.3.1 and 4.3. After the first round, there will be a break of thirty minutes and a new course inspection. The second round will be shorter and over a new course. All participants who have not been eliminated or have not retired in the first round will start in reverse order of their intermediate placing in the second round. The penalties of both rounds and the time of the second round count for the placing. The sixteen best athletes will be placed. One horse per rider.

#### 2.2 Eligibility to participate in the Europa Cup competition

The Europa Cup is classed as an AJA competition. To participate in classes designated as AJA competitions, riders must be current members of the AJA (with membership fully paid in the current year), candidates for AJA membership, or riders invited by the organisers.

Only the AJA members who have submitted their registration for the Europa Cup and who have paid their fees for the current year are eligible.

Athletes who have once been AJA members and were excluded by the AJA general assembly for any reasons are not permitted to participate.

Horses must have participated in a class for the large tour the day before this competition.

Points are awarded for qualification and/or ranking of the Europa Cup for AJA to members who are registered in the Europa Cup and who have paid their membership fees for the current year.

Horses: six-year-olds and older.

### 2.3 Remuneration and awarding of prizes for the Europa Cup competition

Regardless of the number of participants at the start, at least the sixteen best athletes will be placed. The organiser will award them the usual prizes in kind and the AJA will award a plaque to the best sixteen combinations. The winner receives the AJA honorary prize.

## 3. Annual rankings

### 3.1 Evaluation of the Europa Cup competition as scoring and qualifying competition, respectively

Regardless of the number of participants placed by the organiser, only the first sixteen Europa Cup participants will be awarded points. Those who have been eliminated will not receive any points. The number of participants has no influence on the points:

<b>Place</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Points</b>	20	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

### 3.2 Calculation of the annual ranking

The ranking list is calculated by adding together the number of points from the qualifying competitions, where the rider and not the horse is given a score. When placing is tied, the points of the relevant placings are added and divided by the number of tied-placed riders. This will result in an equal number of points at the end:

- the number of first places;
- the number of second places;
- the number of third places;
- etc.

are decisive.

The technical committee of the AJA has the power to limit the number of scoring results per season.

### 3.3 Remuneration for the annual ranking

The first sixteen placed of the ranking will receive honorary prizes from the AJA.

### 3.4 Prize-giving ceremony for the annual ranking

The prize-giving ceremony for the annual ranking takes place when the Final is held.

## **4. Final**

### **4.1 Eligibility to participate in the Final**

In principle, all athletes who have at least one point will qualify for the Final. However, a maximum of eight athletes per nation are eligible to participate. So where more than eight athletes from one nation have scored, only eight athletes can participate in the Final: in principle, the eight best placed when qualifying. Should one or more of these eight not wish to participate, the next best placed automatically move up a place.

Should there be several riders with the same number of points in the eighth place of a country ranking, they are all eligible to participate. In such a case, when qualified riders drop out, the next placed riders can only move up until the maximum number of eight is reached.

Eight AJA members from the host nation who are registered for the Europa Cup are also eligible to participate, irrespective of whether they have qualified or not.

The winner of the current year's ranking and the winner of the previous year's Final are also qualified. Should one of the winners not participate, no-one shall move up.

The horse does not have to qualify for the Final.

All competitions of the Final are to be ridden with the same horse.

Horses that participate in the Final, can only participate in the warming-up on the first day of this event and in the 2 competitions of the Europa Cup Final.

Exception: if a combination is excluded or has abandoned the event in the Large team competition, this combination is allowed to participate in the other competitions of this CSIV-B during the next days (one competition per day).

### **4.2 Holding the Europa Cup Final competitions**

The winner and the following fifteen placed riders from the Europa Cup Final will be evaluated from four rounds table A (two rounds of the Large Tour team competition + two rounds of the Europa Cup).

The first competition counting for the Europa Cup Final is the Large Tour Team competition and will take place according to FEI article 265.2 and the following specifications: two rounds over the same course, ten to twelve obstacles, height 1.20 m, spread 1.30 m and no water jump. Speed: 350 m/minute.

Qualified athletes who are not in a team will participate in the Large Tour team competition as individual participants .

All participants in the Final who are not eliminated or have not abandoned the competition in the first round of the Large Tour team competition may start in the second round, either as members of one of the best six teams or as an individual participant. The starting order of the individual participants will be decided by a draw and they will start before the teams.

All athletes who have not been eliminated or have not retired in the team competition qualify for the second competition of the Europa Cup Final on the last day.

The second competition counting for the Europa Cup Final, will take place according to FEI articles 273.1, 2.1, 3.3.1 and 4.3. with two different rounds and a jump-off.

First round: table A against the clock. Eleven to twelve obstacles, height 1.20 m, width 1.30 m and no water jump. Speed: 350 m/minute

Starting order in reverse of the placing (penalties/time) after the first competition counting for the Final (team competition)

After the first round, there will be a break of thirty minutes and a new course inspection. The second round will be shortened and over a new course. All participants who have not been eliminated or have not abandoned the competition in the first round will start in the second round.

Second round: table A against the clock. Nine to ten obstacles, height 1.20 m and width 1.30 m.

Speed: 350 m/minute

Starting order in reverse of the intermediate placing after the team competition and the first round of the second competition of the Europa Cup Final.

Where the points are equal after four rounds, there will be a jump-off against the clock to determine the first three placings.

Jump-off: table A against the clock.

Starting order as in the second round of the second competition.

It is the time of the second round of the second competition of the Europa Cup Final that counts for the following placings.

One horse per athlete. All competitions of the Final must be ridden with the same horse.

Recommendation for the timetable for the Europa Cup Final classes, option I:

First day in the morning:	Veterinary inspection
First day in the afternoon:	Qualifying warm-up competition
Second day:	First round of competition 1: the Large Tour team competition
Third day:	Second round of competition 1: the Large Tour team competition
Fourth day:	Competition 2: Europa Cup

Recommendation for the timetable for the Final classes, option II:

First day in the morning:	Veterinary inspection
First day in the afternoon:	Qualifying warm-up competition
Second day:	Two rounds of competition 1: the Large Tour team competition
Third day:	Rest day
Fourth day:	Competition : Europa Cup

#### 4.3 Participation of the horses in the Final

The horse participating in the Final can only be ridden for the warm-up competition of the Final and for the competitions counting for the Final.

Exception: if an athlete is eliminated by the jury from a Large Tour team competition, the horse can participate in the competitions of the CSIV-B during the next days. Athletes who retire officially from the Final are not permitted to start in the CSIV-B competitions.

#### 4.4 Invitation of participants in the Final

After the last competition before the Cup Final, the technical committee will draw up a list immediately showing the qualified riders from each nation and the reserve participants.

#### 4.5 Prize-giving ceremony for the Final competition

The prize-giving ceremony for the nations Large Tour team competition will take place in the usual manner. The prizes in kind will be provided by the organiser. The honorary prizes for the winning team and the twenty-four plaques for the six best teams will be provided by the AJA.

The prize-giving ceremony for the Europa Cup will take place immediately after the Europa Cup of the Final. Irrespective of the number of participants, the sixteen best athletes in the final

placing will receive honorary prizes from the AJA as well as prizes in kind and plaques from the organiser. No separate prize-giving ceremony is prepared for the Europa Cup Final.

Irrespective of the above, a separate classification will be held for the Europa Cup Final based on the penalties after two rounds (before a possible jump-off) and on the time of the second round. On the basis of this classification, points of the Europa Cup will be awarded to the following Europa Cup year. If an athlete participates with two different horses in the two Europa Cup competitions during the weekend of the Final, it is the best result that counts for the annual ranking of the Europa Cup.

#### 4.6 Cancellation of the Final

If there are less than ten qualified participants for the Final or athletes from less than three nations, the Final will not be held.

### 5. General

#### 5.1 Scoring, qualifying and Final events

The tournament calendar and, hence, the organisers of the Europa Cup competitions are proposed annually by the AJA board and approved by the annual general assembly. The organiser of the Final is selected by the AJA board.

#### 5.2 Change from the Challenge Cup

Every AJA member can change once per year from the Challenge Cup to the Europa Cup or vice versa. The change must be notified to the technical committee by the close of entries for the next tournament. In case of a change, the points gained in one Cup cannot be carried over to the next.

#### 5.3 Exclusion in case of sanctions

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

#### 5.4 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.

#### 5.5 Administration

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

#### 5.6 Result service

The technical committee of the AJA will maintain a result service that will evaluate the rankings of the Europa 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](http://www.ajambassadors.com).

#### 5.7 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).

#### 5.8 Publicity/PR

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

### 5.9 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.

### 5.10 Validity of the regulations

The present regulations in their thirteenth version dated **10 January 2017** replace the regulations of 1 August 2014 and all other versions. In case of translation differences, the English version shall apply.

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