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PROCEDURE REGULATIONS

Europa Cup for AJA members, version 2021

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, according to FEI articles and conditions in the Schedule. The sixteen best athletes will receive points for the annual ranking. 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.

Non-AJA-members are allowed to participate in the competitions for either the Challenge Cup or for the Europa Cup by means of an AJA-Wildcard, issued by the AJA Technical delegate.

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:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Points	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 over two rounds according to FEI article 265.2 and the description in the Schedule.

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 over two different rounds and no jump-off, according to the FEI articles and the description in the Schedule.

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

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

This is a competition over 3 days.

The day before the competitions:	Veterinary inspection
First day:	1m20 Large Tour competition, not counting for the Final.
Second day:	Two rounds of competition 1: the Large Tour team competition
Third day:	Competition : Europa Cup

4.3 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.

4.4 Prize-giving ceremony for the Final competition

The prize-giving ceremony for the Large Tour team competition will take place immediately after that competition. 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 Final 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.

4.5 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.

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 **February 2021** replace the regulations of January 2018 and all other versions. In case of translation differences, the English version shall apply.

As of February 2021