

REGULATIONS ON THE TOP TEN FINALS FOR AJA MEMBERS

1. Concept

Every year, the AJA (International Association of Jumping Riding Ambassadors) holds a special competition for their members in collaboration with an AJA tournament organizer: the Top Ten Final, which brings together the 10 best athletes from the current rankings list “Best of Ambassadors”.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Top Ten Final is to highlight the importance of the ranking list “Best of Ambassadors” and to provide the 10 highest ranked athletes, the organizer and the public with an additional equestrian climax.

3. Participation eligibility

The 10 best athletes from the current ranking list “Best of Ambassadors” principally qualify. If two or more athletes share 10th place with the same number of points, all athletes have the right to participate. If one or more qualified athlete should opt not to participate, the next best athletes qualify, up to 10 maximum. The deadline for the decisive ranking list is the day after the last completed AJA tournament. The 10 qualified athletes and alternate participants are posted on the AJA website (www.ajambassadors.com). In the case that the mentioned deadline comes after the closing of entries for the next AJA tournament hosting the Top Ten Finals, the organizer will accept later entries.

4. Holding the Top Ten Final

As an alternative to the 2nd competition of the Large Tour, the organizer will carry out a Grand Prix with 2 different rounds, without jump-off (FEI Art. 273.1,2,1,3.3,4.3) which will count as the Top Ten Final.

5. Specifications for the Schedule

Large Tour

Ambassador Top-Ten Final (year)

International Riding Competition with 2 different rounds.

Obstacles 1,20 m in height, Speed 350 m/Min. No water jump.

Judging in accordance to Art. 273.1,2.1,3.3,4.3.

Course 1: Table A against the clock, starting order determined by random draw.

Course 2: Table A against the clock, starting in reverse standings order from intermediate placing.

All horses which have not been eliminated in the first course qualify for the second course.

The placing will be carried out by adding the penalties points of the two rounds and based on the time of the 2nd round.

The 10 highest ranked athletes, according to the ranking list “Best of Ambassadors” from (Date) are eligible for the Top Ten Final. In the case that two or more athletes share 10th place with the same number of points, all athletes have the right to participate.

If the 10 first athletes of the ranking list choose not to participate, the next best participants qualify up to 10 maximum.

Max. 10 athletes qualify, no eliminated athletes.

10 prizes in kind, 1 AJA honorary prize for the champion, 10 AJA plaques

1 horse per athlete. Eligible horses are those who don't compete in competitions Nr. x + Nr. y.

6. Awarding prizes and prize giving ceremony

All athletes who aren't eliminated place in the competitions. They receive the usual prizes in kind from the organizer and plaques from the AJA. The champion receives an honorary prize from the AJA.

7. Top Ten Final location selection

Each year the AJA Board selects a worthy organizer to hold the Top Ten Final. The current hosts of the Cup Finals as well of the European Championships and AJA International Championships are not considered as potential organizers.

8. Miscellaneous

For all cases not covered by the present regulations, the AJA Technical Committee must decide on a solution that best and most fairly upholds the spirit of the sport.

9. Regulations validity

The present 4th version of 1st January 2014 replaces the regulation of 10th October 2012 and all other versions. In case of differences in interpretation, the German version shall apply.

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