



**CIEF National Jumping Series and National Jumping
Championship Rules (the “Rules”)
(November 30th 2015 Revision)**

The Competition

1. The National Jumping Series will be comprised of four shows (the “NJS Shows” and each an “NJS Show”) to be held from October to June (the “Season”).
2. Each NJS show will consist of ten different classes, each representing National Jumping Championship Categories (the “Categories” and each a “Category”) as follows:
 - a. .60m Pony
 - b. .60m Horse
 - c. .70m Pony
 - d. .70m Horse
 - e. .80m Pony
 - f. .80m Horse
 - g. .90m Open
 - h. 1.0m Open
 - i. 1.1m Open
 - j. 1.2m Open
3. Any equine measuring 14hh or below is classified as a Pony (a “Pony”) and any equine measuring above 14hh is classified as a Horse (a “Horse”) for purposes of the above Categories. Only a Pony may compete in Pony Categories and only a Horse may compete in Horse Categories. Both Horses and Ponies may compete in Open Categories. Any reference to a ‘horse’ in the remainder of these Rules is deemed to include a Horse or Pony.
4. At least 50% of the jumping efforts in each Category will be at the maximum height.
5. The time allowed and time limits in each class will be determined at the following speeds:
 - a. Pony classes at 300m/min.
 - b. Horse classes at 325m/min.
 - c. Open classes at 325m/min.
6. All classes will consist of a clear round (“Round 1”) followed by an immediate jump off (the “Jump off”).

7. In Round 1, penalties, including time faults, will be awarded in accordance with FEI Table A. Only those competitors who incur no penalties in Round 1 may compete in the Jump Off.
8. Placings will be awarded first to those competitors in the Jump Off in the order of penalties incurred in the Jump Off. Any ties between competitors with an equality of penalties in the Jump Off will be broken by reference to their time in the Jump Off with the fastest time placing highest.
9. Further placings will be awarded to other competitors in the order of their penalties incurred in Round 1. Any ties between competitors with an equality of penalties in Round 1 will be broken by reference to their time in Round 1. Their time in Round 1 will be compared to a time equal to 4 seconds less (faster) than time allowed (the "Optimum Time") and placings will be awarded in descending order with the time closest to Optimum Time (higher or lower) placing highest.
10. The starting order in each class will be determined by a draw.
11. After retiring or being eliminated for reasons other than a fall, a rider has the right to jump any one single obstacle which they have already jumped.
12. If a rider has been eliminated for a fall they must exit the arena on foot.
13. A horse or rider is deemed to have competed in an NJS Show and/or a Category under these Rules if they have started a round by being in the competition arena more than forty five seconds after the starting bell has rung and includes any horse or rider who is eliminated or withdraws more than forty five seconds after the starting bell has rung, with the exception that a horse and rider combination that enters a class HC will not be deemed to have competed.
14. Hors Concours ("HC") entries will be accepted for any class in an NJS Show. Entries must be noted as such when the entry is submitted and are subject to the stated entry and administration fee, where applicable, for the class. HC entries will not be placed within the class.
15. Where these Rules are silent on any matter, the FEI Jumping Rules and FEI General Regulations shall be consulted for guidance and applied where necessary and possible.

The Championship Awards

16. A Champion Award (the "Champion Award") and a Reserve Champion Award will be awarded at the end of the Season in each Category (the "Awards").
17. Subject to these Rules, to be eligible for Awards in a given Season, riders must declare the Categories in which they wish to accumulate Championship Points (the "Points") by submitting a declaration in the form of Schedule 2, with their NJS Show entry form prior to competing in those Categories. A separate

declaration must be submitted for each horse a rider competes on and each horse and rider combination may only declare in a maximum of two Categories which must be consecutive.

18. Subject to these Rules, a horse and rider combination may change their declaration during the Season, only if their newly declared Categories remain consecutive and include a Category higher than their previous declaration. Any Points accumulated in the lower Category, which has been dropped from the horse and rider's declaration, will no longer count towards Awards in that Category. The change in declaration must be submitted to the NJS Show manager prior to the horse and rider combination competing in the newly declared Category at an NJS Show.
19. Subject to these Rules, a horse and rider combination may not compete or declare in Categories lower than the two highest heights in which the horse and rider combination has previously declared. In any Season, a horse and rider combination may also not compete or declare in Categories lower than the two highest heights in which the horse and rider competed at in any NJS Show held in the prior Season.
20. Notwithstanding paragraph 16 and subject to paragraphs 18 and 19 which still apply, where either the horse or the rider has been injured and has not competed in any of the previous four NJS Shows (held in the current and previous Season), the horse and rider combination may compete and declare in Categories deemed suitable by the CIEF Board in consultation with the rider and their coach.
21. A rider may not compete or declare in a Category in which they have previously won the Champion Award two times. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a junior rider who has won the Champion Award in a junior Category twice may compete and declare in that same height Category as an adult in a subsequent Season regardless of their age.
22. If a junior rider has placed first a total of four times in a junior Category at NJS Shows they may continue to compete in that junior Category until the end of the current Season, but may only compete and declare at that same height Category as an adult in a subsequent Season regardless of their age.
23. Notwithstanding these Rules, a rider may compete and declare in any Category on a newly purchased or leased horse, or on a green horse, that they have not competed on in any previous Season.

The Championship Points

24. Points will be awarded to places 1st through 6th in each class at each show as follows:
 - a. 1st place = 7 points
 - b. 2nd place = 5 points
 - c. 3rd place = 4 points
 - d. 4th place = 3 points
 - e. 5th place = 2 points
 - f. 6th place = 1 point

25. Points will accumulate and be awarded on the basis of the rider only.
26. Riders may declare in a Category on more than one horse, but will only be awarded Points for their highest placing in the class.
27. In the event of joint placing, joint Points will be awarded.
28. The Points for each rider's best three results for each Category will be totalled at the end of the Season. The Champion Award for each Category will be given to the rider with the highest number of total Points and the Reserve Champion Award for each Category will be given to the rider with the second highest number of total Points.
29. Riders must have competed in at least two NJS Shows within a Season to be eligible for Awards.
30. No adjustment to Point allocations will be made to exclude the placing of any riders competing in a class who are not eligible for Awards.
31. HC entries do not accumulate Points and are not eligible for Awards with respect to their HC entry to a class.
32. Only Points obtained in the current Season accumulate. No Points may be carried over from one Season to the next.

Judge

33. No person, except the show manager, should approach the Judge during an NJS Show unless they have been given permission to do so by the Judge.

Protests

34. A protest may be lodged by a rider or a coach against any person involved in an NJS Show for failure to observe these Rules or for violation of the common principles of behaviour, fairness, or accepted standards of sportsmanship, whether occurring during or in connection with an NJS Show or at any other time.
35. The timing for the lodging of a protest shall be as set out in Article 163 Rule 4 of the FEI General Regulations.
36. All protests must be in writing, signed by the person making the protest, and be accompanied, as the case may be, by any supporting evidence, including the names of any witnesses.
37. The Judge will consider all protests lodged provided that any decision of the Judge during an NJS Show arising from the field of play is final and binding and no protest may be lodged in respect thereof. For

these purposes, decisions arising from the field of play shall include, but not be limited to, those matters set out in Article 159 rule 6 of the FEI General Regulations.

38. The Judge may, but is not obliged to, take up to one week to consider a protest. The Judge's decision on a protest may be given orally if given on the day of the NJS Show. Regardless of whether the Judge's decision is given orally or not, the Judge must always confirm their decision in writing to the Secretary-General of the CIEF, who will notify all interested parties of their decision.

Code of Conduct

39. All athletes should comply with the FEI's Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse in force from time to time and the CIEF's Code of Conduct. If any person breaches either of these codes, the Judge may apply any of the penalties set out in the FEI General Regulations.

Definitions

40. The following definitions will apply to these Rules:

"CIEF" mean the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation;

"CIEF's Code of Conduct" is the code set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules, as amended from time to time;

"Competitors" refers to those horse and rider combinations that have competed in a class as set out in these Rules.

"FEI General Regulations" means the FEI General Regulations 23rd Edition, as amended from time to time.

"FEI Jumping Rules" means the FEI Rules for Jumping Championships and Olympic Games 24th Edition, as amended from time to time;

"FEI Table A" means Table A of the FEI Jumping Rules;

Words importing the singular in these Rules shall include the plural and vice versa unless the context requires otherwise.

Any reference to any document or set of rules in these Rules shall be a reference to that document or set of rules as amended from time to time.

These Rules are subject to amendment at any time

Schedule 1

CIEF'S Code of Conduct

Application

1. This Code shall apply to all members of CIEF and, in the case of members under the age of 18, their parents and guardians ("Applicable Persons").

FEI Code of Ethics

2. The FEI's Code of Ethics set out in Appendix F of the FEI General Regulations shall be incorporated by reference into this Code.

General Principles

3. No Applicable Person shall violate the common principles of behaviour, fairness or accepted standards of sportsmanship at any event organized by CIEF.

Volunteers and Officials

4. All Applicable Persons:
 - 4.1 must respect coaches, officials and volunteers at CIEF events, their authority and decisions and the rules and regulations under which CIEF events operate and must not dispute any such decisions other than in accordance with applicable rules;
 - 4.2 must not engage in or condone unsportsmanlike behaviour such as booing, taunting, using profane language, refusing to congratulate winners etc;
 - 4.3 must not criticize coaches, officials, volunteers or each other on social networking sites; and
 - 4.4 must respect the property and equipment used at any CIEF event, considering safety uppermost in all situations.

Breach of the Code

5. Breach of this Code may entail the imposition of any of the penalties set out in the FEI General Regulations which may be imposed by a judge at the event where the breach occurs, if it occurs at an event or by the CIEF after consideration of all the evidence.

Definitions

"FEI General Regulations" means the FEI General Regulations 23rd Edition, as amended from time to time.

Schedule 2
2016 National Jumping Series Declaration Form

Rider: _____

Horse: _____

I hereby declare that the above horse and rider combination will compete in the following Categories for the 2016 Season:

Choose two consecutive Categories:

- 0.60m Pony
- 0.60m Horse
- 0.70m Pony
- 0.70m Horse
- 0.80m Pony
- 0.80m Horse
- 0.90m Open
- 1.0m Open
- 1.1m Open
- 1.2m Open

Rider's Signature (Parent or
Guardian's signature if rider
is under 18 yrs of age)

Date

Name of Parent or Guardian
if rider is under 18 yrs of age