



# **CIEF NATIONAL JUMPING SERIES and CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

## **and CIEF National Show Jumping Rules (the “Rules”)**

(July 2018 Revision)

### **The Competition**

1. The National Jumping Series will be comprised of three 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. 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.

### **The NJS Championship Awards**

11. A Champion Award (the “Champion Award”) and a Reserve Champion Award (“Reserve Champion Award”) will be awarded at the end of the Season in each Category (the “Awards”).
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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 for the NJS
15. Notwithstanding paragraph 14 and subject to paragraph 16 which still applies, where either the horse or the rider has been injured and has not competed in any of the previous four (4) 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.
16. If a rider has previously won the Champion Award twice in a single Category, they are no longer eligible to accrue points for an Award in that Category while riding any horse on which they had accrued points to win such Champion Awards. However, such a rider may continue to compete in that Category on such horse(s) (but not qualify for an Award), subject to the NJS rules regarding Declarations contained herein. Any points accrued by such horse-rider combinations will be considered “dead points” and will not be reallocated within the class. For clarification, any Reserve Champion Awards received will not be counted in the calculation of the number of Champion Awards won. In addition, this rule does not preclude any rider who has won the Champion Award twice in a Category, from accruing points toward an Award in that same Category when competing on a new horse or horse that such rider had not ridden to achieve such Champion Awards.
17. 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**

18. Points will be awarded to places 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> in each class at each show as follows:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> place = 7 points
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 5 points
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 4 points
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> place = 3 points
  - e. 5<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points
  - f. 6<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point
19. Points will accumulate and be awarded on the basis of the rider only.

20. Riders may declare in a Category on more than one horse but will only be awarded Points for their highest placing in the class.
21. In the event of joint placing, joint Points will be awarded.
22. 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.
23. Riders must have competed in at least two NJS Shows within a Season to be eligible for Awards.
24. 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.
25. HC entries do not accumulate Points and are not eligible for Awards with respect to their HC entry to a class.
26. Only Points obtained in the current Season accumulate. No Points may be carried over from one Season to the next.

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27. The starting order in each class will be determined by a draw.
28. After retiring or being eliminated for reasons other than a fall, a rider has the right to jump the rest of the jumps in the course. However, if eliminated, they will be marked as eliminated on the scorecard and will not obtain any year end points.
29. If a rider has been eliminated for a fall they must exit the arena on foot.
30. Hors Concours ("HC") entries will be accepted for any class. 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.
31. Protective Headgear. All competitors at CIEF horse shows must wear protective headgear (as defined under FEI rules) at all times when mounted. Any rider found mounted on a horse without protective headgear will be eliminated from the show.
32. Entry Fees. All show entry fees must be paid in advance. Competitors who fail to pay their entry fees (or show proof of payment), or who have an outstanding balance owed to the CIEF, shall be disqualified and not allowed to compete until such time as their accounts payable to the CIEF have been paid in full.
33. 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.
34. No person, except the show manager, should approach the Judge during a CIEF horse show unless they have been given permission to do so by the Judge.

**Protests**

35. A protest may be lodged by a rider or a coach against any person involved in any CIEF horse 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.
36. The timing for the lodging of a protest shall be as set out in Article 163 Rule 4 of the FEI General Regulations.

37. 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.
38. The Judge will consider all protests lodged provided that any decision of the Judge during a 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.
39. 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 horse 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**

40. 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**

41. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition, as amended from time to time.

"FEI Jumping Rules" means the FEI Rules for Jumping Championships and Olympic Games 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition, as amended from time to time.

Schedule 2

**2018-19 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 2018/2019 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

Important Notes:

- Each separate horse-rider combination must fill out a declaration form. If a rider is competing on different horses at the various NJS Shows held during the show Season, a declaration form must be completed by that rider for EACH horse she/he rides. Therefore, riders will need to fill out a new declaration form every time they enter an NJS Show on a new horse.
- 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 at any previous NJS Show.
- 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.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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