

CCI3* - S European Cup

Rules and Conditions

1. The Event

1.1 The European Cup runs under the FEI Rules for Eventing and is held every two years. Additional rules and conditions specific to the event are included in this document.

1.2 The European Cup is open to all European Nations.

1.3 Each nation may enter a team of 6 horses and riders to compete in the team competition and up to 2 horse and rider combinations to compete in the individual competition. All team horses and riders are automatically included in the individual competition.

1.4 If a nation is unable to form a team, they may enter up to 3 combinations to compete in the individual competition.

1.5 The homeland as organising nation is allowed to enter a team of 6 competitors and up to a further 6 individual competitors.

1.6 An entry may be accepted for a rider with 2 horses. However one combination must be a team member and the second may only compete as an individual. The combination entered in the team must always compete before the individual entry.

1.7 The event will have a ground jury of 3 members. If possible one will be invited from the host nation, one from the previous host nation and one from the next host nation.

2. Competition Phases

2.1 The event has 4 phases. They are:

Team Dressage Test

Individual Dressage Test

Cross Country

Jumping

3. Team Dressage Test

3.1 The test is performed by all 6 team horses and riders in the arena together under the command of the Chef d'équipe. A team may compete with only 5 or 4 members, but the ground jury will take this into consideration when marking the test.

3.2 Horses saddlery according to FEI rules, but double bridles are not allowed.

3.3 Riders and commander in matching riding dress, top hat and tail coats are not permitted.

4. Individual Dressage Test

4.1 The test is performed by all team members and individual competitors.

4.2 The test used will be a current FEI CCI3* Dressage Test.

4.2 Horses saddlery according to FEI rules.

4.3 Top hat and tail coats are not permitted.

5. Cross Country

Rules and conditions as per FEI Rules for Eventing.

6. Jumping

Rules and conditions as per FEI Rules for Eventing.

7. Horse and Rider Eligibility

7.1 **Riders** may compete from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16.

7.2 **Horses** may compete from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 6.

7.3 **Riders and horses** either separately or together must not have completed a CCI4* - L or a CCIO4* - L or S if this was as a member of a Nations Cup Team in the 2 years prior to the championship unless this was as a Junior or Young Rider.

7.4 **Riders and horses** either separately or together must not have completed a CCI5*, a European or World Championship or Olympic Games at any time.

7.5 FEI and National MERs must be met.

8. Scoring and Team and Individual Ranking

8.1 **The winning team** will be the team with the lowest number of penalty points taken over the 4 phases of the competition. To calculate a team score the best 4 individual scores in each team over the whole competition will be taken into account. The team dressage score will then be added to achieve a team score. In the case of equality, the result of the 4 counting scores over the cross country test will determine the ranking. If there is still equality, the better result in the team dressage is decisive. If less than 4 riders complete the event, the FEI rule is applied to riders not completing (1000 point rule) to achieve a team result.

8.2 **The team dressage** penalty score is calculated by taking the total good marks for each judge and converting that to a percentage. The average percentage is then obtained by adding the percentage of each judge together and dividing by the number of judges, rounding the result to 2 decimal digits. The result is subtracted from 100 and multiplied by 1.5 to obtain the penalty score which is rounded to one decimal digit.

8.3 **The winning individual** is the rider with the lowest number of penalty points from the Individual dressage, cross country and jumping phases. FEI rules apply in the event of equality.

9. Awards

9.1 **The winning team** receives a standard donated by His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. They retain the standard for two years and return it for the next European Cup.

9.2 Team medals and sashes are awarded as follows:

Gold medals and sashes are awarded to the riders, Chef d'équipe and team trainer of the winning team.

Silver medals are awarded to the riders, Chef d'équipe and team trainer of the second placed team.

Bronze medals are awarded to the riders, Chef d'équipe and team trainer of the third placed team.

9.3 **The winning individual** receives the "Warren Wofford Memorial Trophy" donated by Mrs. Dawn Wofford in memory of her husband. They retain the trophy for two years and return it for the next European Cup.

9.4 Individual medals and sashes are awarded as follows:

Gold medal and sash to first placed individual.

Silver medal to the second placed individual.

Bronze medal to the third placed individual.

Additional rosettes are awarded according to FEI rules.

A souvenir is awarded to all participants.

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