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PROCEDURE REGULATIONS

AJA Friendship Cup team competition, version 2021

1. Idea and concept

1.1 Definition

The AJA (=International Association of Jumping Riding Ambassadors) is organising an annual ranking of the Small AJA team competitions for its members, under the Friendship Cup designation and for an unspecified period of time.

1.2. Aim

The aim of the Friendship Cup is to promote team spirit between the members of each nation, to create interest for a team competition and to provide the AJA's national delegates with an additional argument for motivating riders to participate in international AJA tournaments.

1.3 Implementation procedure

Each organiser of an international AJA tournament will draw up under the designation "AJA Friendship Team Competition" a competition for four-athlete teams. The competition is to be held in accordance with the corresponding FEI articles (CSI-V-B) and these AJA regulations.

The Friendship Cup year matches the calendar year. The results of all Small AJA Friendship Cup team competitions count for the final placing.

2. AJA Friendship Cup Team competitions

2.1. Holding competitions

Athletes from the small and large tours, forming either national or mixed teams, can register for a Small AJA Friendship Cup team competition.

A maximum of four and a minimum of three athletes per team.

Competition description:

- In accordance with FEI-Article: 265.2 :

This competition comprises, with the same speed, two identical courses, according to the FEI-Articles and conditions in the schedules.

Each athlete must participate with the same horse in both rounds.

2.2. Eligibility to participate in the Friendship Cup competitions

A CSIV-B is a tournament at the invitation of the organiser.

Eligible to participate in all competitions of AJA tournaments are AJA members who have paid their membership fee for the current year.

Also eligible to participate in all competitions of AJA tournaments but with the exception of the Challenge Cup competition and the Europa Cup competition, are candidates for AJA membership and possible guest athletes invited by the organiser. Athletes who have once been AJA members and whose membership has, for whatever reason, been revoked by the general assembly are not eligible to participate.

A maximum of three teams per nation are permitted to participate.

Horses may not have participated in a class for the large tour the day before this competition.

2.3 Remuneration and awarding of prizes for the AJA Friendship Cup team competitions

Prizes in kind will be awarded by the organisers of international AJA tournaments (min. 6 teams). Four honorary prizes for the winning team and plaques for the six best teams will be sponsored and presented by the AJA.

3. The AJA Friendship Cup team competition as a qualifying class for the Friendship Cup

3.1 Definition of a valid team

3.1.1 Teams made up of AJA members who have paid their yearly fees are eligible for the Friendship Cup. At least three athletes on a counting team must have the same nationality. Definitive for the nationality of an athlete is the passport or the NF licence (and not the possible guest licence).

3.1.2 If four athletes from a nation participate in the tournament and are registered for the Challenge Cup ranking, it is not allowed to admit a foreign athlete in the valid team. If a nation participates with only one team and only three athletes of a nation are eligible for the team, one foreign athlete is allowed in that team.

3.1.3 If two or three teams from one nation participate in the competition to which the outlined conditions apply, the national team counting towards the Cup ranking must have been registered one hour before the beginning of the competition as team no. 1. In case more teams per nation participate, a foreign athlete is only allowed in team no. 2 or 3.

3.1.4 Athletes are not allowed to participate with horses that have competed in one of the competitions for the large tour on the day before this competition.

3.1.5 'European team(s)':

If a maximum of two athletes of a nation are eligible for a team, foreign athletes can be allowed in that team. These teams will be named: team Europe 1, team Europe 2, etc.

3.2 Evaluation of the AJA Friendship Cup team competition

Only the number 1-teams of each country can receive points for the Friendship Cup team competition ranking:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
Points	6	5	4	3	2	1

Only Teams which are qualified for the 2nd round and which are not eliminated or have abandoned in this second round obtain points.

The Teams which are eliminated in the 1st or 2nd round do not obtain any points. The Teams which qualify for the 2nd round and are not at the start will be eliminated too and do not obtain any points.

Points are awarded according to the complete classification and European teams are included.

3.3 Final AJA Friendship Cup team competition

The last point-awarding team competition of the calendar year will be held as the Final and awards twice as many points as other tournaments.

3.4 Calculation of the Friendship Cup ranking

The ranking is the result of adding the number of points from the scoring competitions in a calendar year. Where the same number of points have been scored after the last tournament,

- the number of first place showings;
 - the number of second place showings;
 - etc.
- are decisive.

3.5 Prize-giving ceremony and remuneration for the Friendship Cup ranking

The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the last AJA outdoor tournament of each calendar year. The first three teams of the Cup ranking will receive honorary AJA prizes.

4. General

4.1 Scoring events

The tournament calendar and, hence, the organisers of the Friendship Cup competitions are proposed annually by the AJA board and approved by the annual general assembly.

4.2 Exclusion in case of sanctions

Athletes who are barred by their NF during the corresponding calendar year, will be dropped from the rankings. Furthermore, the AJA disciplinary committee can also exclude athletes in special circumstances.

4.3 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.

4.4 Administration

The technical committee of the AJA will name one or more members to manage the Friendship Cup and to be responsible for the contact between the AJA, the organisers, the athletes and possible sponsors.

4.5 Result service

The technical committee of the AJA will maintain a result service that will evaluate the rankings of the Friendship 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.

4.6 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).

4.7 Speaker

The organisers of the Small AJA team competitions will inform the local speaker about the procedures of the Friendship Cup and the current intermediate annual ranking.

4.8 Publicity/PR

The organisers of the Small AJA team competitions will undertake everything in their power to ensure that advance and subsequent media coverage is given to the Friendship Cup and that the event is recognised.

4.9 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.

4.10 Validity of the regulations

The present regulations in their fifth version dated February 2021 replace the regulations of 10 January 2018 and all other versions. In case of translation differences, the English version shall apply.

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