

EUROPEAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

Qualifying System for DIVISION 2 FEI NATIONS CUP™ QUALIFIER

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EEF Qualifying System for Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ Qualifier

Europe - Division 2 Qualification for the D2 FEI Nations Cup™ Qualifier

Division 2 NFs are divided into four Groups as follows for the purpose of qualifying eight to nine teams for the Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier according to the qualification system below.

Group A

Consists of the following NFs: TUR; GRE; BUL; ROU; ISR; UKR

Group B

Consists of the following NFs: EST; LAT; LTU; RUS; BLR

Group C

Consists of the following NFs: HUN; SVK; SLO; CZE; POR, ESP

Group D

Consists of the following NFs: NOR; DEN; POL; FIN; LUX

The following number of Teams qualify from each Group for the FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier in Division 2:

Group A: two teams

Group B: one team

Group C: three teams

Group D: two teams

Plus the home team if not already qualified.

The Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier is allocated by the FEI and has CSIO5* status.

Division 2 Teams qualify for the FEI Nations Cup™ Division 2 qualifier through the Nations Cup Competition(s) in their own Group. Teams earn points according to their classification in the Nations Cup Competition(s) at the Event(s) in their Group, using the point scale published in Art. 8.1 of the FEI Nations Cup™ rules. The points for each team are added together to establish the Group standings. Teams may take part in CSIOs outside their own Group but may not earn points for the Group standings at these Events.

Should a qualified Team for the FEI Nations Cup™ Division 2 qualifier withdraw from participation at the qualifier it will be replaced by the next best placed team from its own Group. Substitution may only go down one place in each Group. Should it not be possible to substitute a withdrawn team with the next best placed team from the same Group, the vacant quota place will be filled from the next best placed Division 2 Team not already qualified for the Division 2 qualifier on the overall FEI Nations Cup Ranking. Points for the overall FEI Nations Cup Ranking are awarded to teams according to the point system in Art. 8.5 of the FEI Nations Cup™ rules.

Should any Group not host a Nations Cup Competition that Group's team(s) qualify for the Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier through the Nations Cup Ranking commencing with the first Nations Cup competition following the FEI Nations Cup™ Final until two weeks prior to the Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier the following year. Teams participating in the Nations Cup Competition at CSIO1*, CSIO2* and CSIO3* Events in Groups A, B, C or D will be allocated points based on the point scale for CSIO4* in Art. 8.5 of the FEI Nations Cup™ rules as the Nations Cup Competition at all Events in Groups A, B, C and D must be built at least to the specifications for CSIO4* established in JRs Art. 264.3.1.

Should any Group not fill its quota for the Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier, the vacant quota place will be filled from the next best placed Division 2 team from Group A not already qualified for the Division 2 qualifier.

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Two Division 2 teams qualify for the FEI Nations Cup™ Final from the Division 2 FEI Nations Cup™ qualifier.

Criteria for Events in Groups A, B, C, D – Division 2

The following criteria must be respected for Events to count for points in Group A, B, C and D in Division 2:

- a) Any Organiser of a Division 2 Nations Cup competition in Group A, B, C or D must sign a Host Agreement with the FEI.
- b) CSIO venues in Division 2 that have not hosted a CSIO3*, CSIO4* or CSIO5* event within three years are permitted to host a CSIO1* or CSIO2* event serving as a qualifying competition for the Division 2 FEI Nations Cup qualifier in their Group. The obstacles in the Grand Prix competition at these events may have a height of 1.60 m. The Nations Cup competition must be built according to the specifications for CSIO4* (see FEI Jumping Rules Art. 264.3.1). Such events must offer at least 20'000 Euro in prize money for the Nations Cup competition and 10'000 Euro in prize money for the Grand Prix competition. Should an event host a CSIO1* it must host a CSIO2* the following year and a CSIO3* in the third year.
- c) Each Event must have the status of at least CSIO3* level unless the provisions in the above paragraph apply. At CSIO3* Events the Nations Cup competition must be built according to the specifications for CSIO4* (see FEI Jumping Rules Art. 264.3.1).
- d) A maximum global entry fee of 550 Euro per Horse and 300 Euro per Young Horse for all CSIO Events may be charged.
- e) Each Event must respect the prize money requirements for the relevant star level category, according to the CSI/CSIO Requirements in force at the time.
- f) Quality and size of stables must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- g) Stable security must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- h) Quality of footing must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- i) CSIO3* and CSIO4* Events must offer prize money of at least CHF 30'000 for the Nations Cup Competition.
- j) CSIO5* Events must offer prize money of at least CHF 80'000 for the Nations Cup Competition.
- k) Expenses for accommodation/meals for Athletes/Chefs d'Equipe/Officials must be in accordance with FEI requirements.
- l) OCs of Events in Groups C and D must accept requests for invitations from Division 1 NFs that have declined to take part with a team in Division 1 and the NF that has been relegated from Division 1 providing it meets the minimum eligibility requirements (refer to article 7) for NFs and providing it has declared its intention to take part in the series.
- m) OCs of Events in Groups A, B, C and D must accept request for invitations from NFs in their own Group, providing they meet the minimum eligibility requirements established in Art. 7 of the FEI Nations Cup™ rules and providing they have declared their intention to take part in the series. They may accept requests for invitations from Division 2 NFs from other Groups only after all NFs from their own Group have been invited. If the quota of invited NFs has not been filled by Division 2 NFs, they may accept requests for invitations from NFs in Division 1 and other Regions.

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- n) OCs must invite teams of five Athletes.
- o) Maximum number of teams that may be invited by the OC to each Event is 13. One additional team may be nominated by the FEI for a team wild card.
- p) Individual Athletes may be invited in accordance with JRs Article 249.5 and 249.6.
- q) Refer to Art. 12 of the FEI Nations Cup™ rules for details relating to FEI wild cards for teams and individuals.