

## **RULES FOR THE AFRICAN GAMES**

### **1. ORGANISATION**

- 1.1. Every two years, African Games may be organised under the authority of the FEI according to the following principles:
  - 1.1.1. The host Nation will be designated by ACES.
  - 1.1.2. These Games must be organised in full agreement with the GRs, the JRs and the following conditions.
  - 1.1.4. These Games must be held out-doors.

### **2. GROUND JURY, FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND COURSE DESIGNER**

- 2.1. The President of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee, and ACES in accordance with the provisions of the GRs. He must reach agreement with the OC and with the FEI with regard to the appointment of the members of the Ground Jury.

The President of the Ground Jury and Foreign Judge must be chosen from the list of Level 3 Judges and the members of the Ground Jury from the list of Level 1, 2 or Level 3 Judges. The President of the Ground Jury may also act as the Foreign Judge.
- 2.2. The Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee in accordance with the provisions of the GRs. He must be selected from the list of Level 3 Course Designers.
- 2.3. The Course Designer must be chosen from the list of Level 2 or 3 Course Designers.

### **3. APPEAL COMMITTEE AND VETERINARY COMMISSION**

- 3.1. The President and the members of the Appeal Committee must be appointed in accordance with the provisions set forth in the GRs.
- 3.2. The President and the Associate Member of the Veterinary Commission shall be appointed by the host NF or the OC in agreement with the FEI Veterinary Committee. The FEI Veterinary Committee shall appoint the Foreign Veterinary Delegate and all must be selected from the FEI List of Event Veterinarians.

### **4. ENTRIES**

- 4.1. After approval of the Schedule by FEI Jumping Director, the invitations for these Games together with the Schedule, are sent by the host NF/OC to all NFs affiliated to the FEI, that are allowed to take part in the Games.
- 4.2. Athletes and Horses entered on the list of nominated entries (four weeks before the Games) can be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in GRs Art. 116.2.3(i) until the date of definite entries (at the latest four days before the start of the Games).

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognised doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one hour before the first Horse Inspection of the Games, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses can be made. Such substitutions must be taken from the updated list of nominated entries and require Ground Jury approval.

- 4.3. Teams

A team comprises three Athletes and three Horses. Each qualified NF may enter a maximum of 10 Athletes and 10 Horses with its nominated entries and a maximum of four Athletes and four Horses with its definite entries; however, each NF may only send a maximum of four Athletes, of whom three may participate in the Games. Each NF may in addition send a Chef d'Equipe to whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.

- 4.4. Individuals instead of a team

An NF, which cannot send a full team, may enter one or two individual Athletes with one Horse each.

### **5. DECLARATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF STARTERS (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS)**

- 5.1. Declaration

The declaration of starters will take place after the training session, which must be provided on the day preceding the first Competition of the Games (paragraph 8). At a time fixed by the OC, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing the members of their team (three) or their individual Athletes and the names of their Horses (a single and same Horse for each Athlete for the three Competitions of the Games) as starters in the Competitions of the Games.

- 5.2. Substitution

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse between the submission of declarations and one hour before the start of the first Games Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse may, on production of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury and the Appeal Committee, be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse formally entered with the definite entries or substituted according to paragraph 4.2 .

**6. QUALIFICATIONS**

6.1. Horses

The Horses must be six years old or more.

6.2. Athletes

The Games are confined to Athletes from the year in which they reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday

6.3. Certificates of Capability

Only those Athletes and Horses likely to be able to complete the Games may be entered. NFs must send to the FEI a Certificate of Capability to this effect (see GRs). Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.

This Certificate of Capability must include a record of the results obtained in Competitions satisfying the requirements as laid down in the qualification procedure attached to the present rules.

Upon arrival at the Games, Chefs d'Equipe can exchange Athletes and Horses at will, whether originally qualified as combinations or not. After the first Competition, no further changes are permitted.

**7. EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

7.1. The OC is responsible for meeting agreed expenses of officials as well as the Athletes and their Horses as covered in the African Championships by the OC and the NF.

**8. TRAINING SESSION**

8.1. The day prior to the first official Competition, the OC must provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of approximately eight obstacles including a combination.

8.2. Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of 90 seconds per Horse.

8.3. Dress is informal; boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

8.4. The public may not be charged to enter and prizes of any kind may not be offered.

8.5. Obstacles:

Height 0,90 m, width 1.00 m, triple bar 1.20m,

**9. COMPETITIONS**

9.1. The Games comprises two Competitions, each taking place on a different day. The total Penalties incurred by the three Athletes of each Nation in the two rounds of the first Competition count towards the team placing and the total Penalties incurred in each of the Competitions count towards the individual placing.

9.2. The design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability must be approved by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer. Should a dispute arise relating to these obstacles, the Technical Delegate has the final decision.

9.3.

9.4. A sponsored obstacle is defined as one where there is advertising material or a sponsor's product or representation of a product inside the flags. If advertising or a product on the obstacle wings is more than 0.50 m<sup>2</sup> the obstacle is also considered to be a sponsored obstacle. If the wings of an obstacle have advertising of 0.50 m<sup>2</sup> or less, the obstacle is not considered a sponsored obstacle. No more than 30% of the efforts rounded up to the next whole number may be sponsored obstacles. .

**10. FIRST (TEAM FINAL COMPETITION, First INDIVIDUAL)**

10.1. Conduct, Table, Speed

This second Competition is conducted over two rounds, run on the same day under Table A not against the clock and without a jump-off at a speed of 350 m per minute.

10.2. Obstacles, Length of the courses

Twelve to fourteen obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. Height 1.00 m maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding 1.20 m (1.40 m for the triple bar). A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of 1.00 m or less may be used.

Length: 500 m minimum, 700 m maximum.

10.3. Participation - Round 1

The Athletes and Horses declared as starters for the Team and Individual are qualified to take part in this first Competition.

10.3.1. Participation - Round 2

10.3.1.1. Individuals

All Athletes if not eliminated or retiring in Round 1 are allowed to participate in Round 2 of the Team Competition.

10.3.2. Teams

11.3.2.1. Round 2 of the Team Competition takes place after the Individuals have participated.

11.3.2.2. All teams if not eliminated or retiring in Round 1 are allowed to compete in Round 2 of the Team Competition and carry their Penalties forward from Round 1 of the Team Competition.

11.4. Starting order

Individuals and Teams – Round 1:

The starting order for Round 1 is drawn in the presence of the Ground Jury, the Foreign Technical Delegate and the Chefs d'Equipe, at a time fixed by the President of the Ground Jury in agreement with the OC after the training session. The draw for the starting order for individuals and teams will be conducted in accordance with the procedure laid down in JRs Art. 252.

11.4.1. Individuals – Round 2

11.4.1.1. First to start in Round 2 of the Team Final Competition are all individuals. The starting order of the Individuals qualified to compete as mentioned herein above under section 11.3.1.1 is set according to the reverse order of the aggregate Penalties incurred in the First and the Second Individual Qualifying Competitions. In case of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the score of the first Competition will decide their starting order.

11.4.2. Teams – Round 2

11.4.2.1. The starting order of Teams in Round 2 is set according to the reverse order of total Penalties of the three Athletes per team incurred in Round 1 of the team Competition.

Teams with equality of the Penalties retain the starting order of Round 1.

11.4.2.2. Scores of Individuals who are members of any team eligible to participate in Round 2 as provided herein above will count for the classification of their team in the Team Competition but also as their personal result in the Third Qualifying Competition if they are among the Athletes mentioned in paragraph 11.3.1.1 above.

11.5. Team Placing

Teams receive their placing by adding the Penalties incurred by the three Athletes in each in each of the two rounds of the first Competition. The team, which has obtained the least number of Penalties will be placed first and declared Gold Medal winner.

In the event of equality of Penalties between teams for first, second and/or third place, there will be a jump-off against the clock in which all team Athletes may take part, over six obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread at a speed of 350 m per minute. In case of equality of Penalties for any other placing, teams will be placed equal.

The score in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties incurred by the three Athletes in each team, but in the event of further equality of Penalties, the times of these three Athletes in the jump-off added together will decide the winning team as well as those placed second or third. The score of this jump-off is only to determine the placing of the teams and will not count towards the final scores of the individual Athletes.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first and the second place.

If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one of the first three places, the teams concerned will be placed equal.

Teams not taking part in Round 2 of the Team Competition providing they are not eliminated or retire in Round 1 receive their placing by adding the Penalties incurred by the three Athletes in each team in the first Competition.

Medals will be awarded for teams: Gold for the first place, Silver for the second place and Bronze for the third place.

11.6. Rest Day

A rest day must be scheduled between the first and second Competitions.

**12. SECOND COMPETITION (INDIVIDUAL FINAL)**

12.1. Conduct, Table, Speed

This third Competition is conducted over two rounds (A) and (B) each judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed at a speed of 375 m per minute (JRs Art. 238.1.1).

12.2. Obstacles, Length of the Courses

12.2.1. Round A

Ten to twelve obstacles, including one double and one treble or three doubles. Height: 1.05 m maximum with a spread in proportion, not exceeding 1.20 m (1.40 m for the triple bar). A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of 1.00 m or less may be used.

Length: 500 m minimum, 600 m maximum.

12.2.2. Round B

A different course from Round A comprising eight to ten obstacles including only one combination (one double or one treble). Height 1.05 m maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding 1.20 m (1.40 m for the triple bar). A maximum of two spread obstacles with a width of 1.00 m or less may be used.

Length: 400 m minimum, 500 m maximum.

12.3. Participation

This second Competition is compulsory for all the Athletes and Horses providing they have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the Round 1 and Round 2 of the second Competition (without having been eliminated or having retired).

- 12.4. Inspection of Course B  
Athletes will be invited to inspect the course for Round B at the conclusion of Round A.
- 12.5. Starting order
- 12.5.1. The starting order for Round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second Competitions.
- 12.5.2. The starting order for Round B will follow the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in Round A of the Final Competition, as well as in the first and second Competitions. The Athlete with the most Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the score of the first Competition will decide their starting order.
- 12.6. Individual Placing Second Competition  
The Individual placing for this Competition is determined by adding together for each Athlete the Penalties incurred in Round A and Round B. The Athlete with the least Penalties will be placed first and declared the Gold Medal Winner.  
In the event of equality for one of the first three places after Round B of the third Competition, there will be a jump-off against the clock at a speed of 350 m per minute over eight obstacles from the courses of Rounds A and B. The Athletes will be invited to inspect the jump-off course.  
If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first place and the second place. If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one of the first three places, Athletes concerned will be placed equal.  
Medals will be awarded for individuals: Gold for the first place, Silver for the second place and Bronze for the third place.  
Ribbons will be awarded for the first six combinations. Six combinations are invited to the Prize Giving Ceremony mounted.

### **13. OVERALL INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION**

The overall individual classification is determined by adding together for each Athlete the Penalties incurred in the two Rounds of the first Competition, as well as the two Rounds of the second Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in the jump-off if there is one)

The Athlete with the least Penalties will be placed first and declared the Gold Medal Winner.

In the event of equality for one of the first three overall places after Round B of the second Competition, there will be a jump-off against the clock at a speed of 375 m per minute over eight obstacles from the courses of Rounds A and B. The course of the jump-off for the Third Competition will be used for the jump-off for the overall Individual classification. The Athletes will be invited to inspect the jump-off course.

If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first place and the second place. If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one of the first three places, Athletes concerned will be placed equal.

No Athlete will be required to take part in two jump-offs to decide the overall Individual classification and the Third Competition classification. If an Athlete is involved in more than one tie, e.g. a tie for first, second or third place in the Third Competition and a tie for one of the first three places in the overall Individual classification, he will participate in only one jump-off, i.e. the jump-off for the Third Competition; his score in this jump-off will count as his score in the jump-off for the overall classification.

Medals will be awarded for individuals: Gold for the First place, Silver for the Second place and Bronze for the Third place.

Ribbons will be awarded for the first six combinations and these combinations will be invited to the Prize Giving Ceremony mounted.

### **14. PRIZES**

- 14.1. Prizes must be awarded for individual placing in the First and Third Competition. The allocation of prizes must follow the provisions of the GRs. Ribbons are awarded to the six best placed Athletes.
- 14.2. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the three best placed teams in the Team Final and to the individuals placed first, second and third in the Individual First and Third Competition and the Overall classification.

### **15. QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE AFRICAN Championships**

The qualification procedure for the African Championships must be approved by the FEI Jumping Committee and the FEI Board and will be published on the FEI website; any modifications to the approved qualification procedure must be presented to the FEI Jumping Committee and the FEI Board for approval.