

# Baltic League JUMPING General Rules

## 1. GOAL OF THE SERIES:

- Promote the sport of jumping in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and Poland
- Find out our best athletes of our region, competing at our national levels
- Promote the co-operation between the NFs and friendship of athletes from participating countries
- Prepare our Children, Juniors, Young riders, Seniors and Amateurs for future international competition

## 2. General ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (GOC):

The Baltic League Series is set forth by the Baltic League General Organizing Committee, consisting of persons appointed by each NF. The General Organizing Committee will co-ordinate the arrangements for competitions in all disciplines and all competition venues and work with the local Organizing Committees (OC).

## 3. DATES OF COMPETITIONS:

During the 2014 season each participating NF will organize one competition in their country.

- LITHUANIA – 18-20.07. 2014
- LATVIA – 06-07.09. 2014
- ESTONIA – 13-14.09. 2014

The Schedules of each competition have to be published in the respective NFs calendars and on the Baltic Jumping League web site at least 8 weeks before the date of the competition.

## 4. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

Participation is open for all athletes of EST, LAT, LTU, POL, BLR, FIN etc. nationality. All athletes and horses have to be registered by their respective NF and their competitive licences have to be valid and up to date.

Horses have to be vaccinated according to the respective NF's regulations.

Participants registered with other NFs than EST, LAT and LTU won't be able to collect points towards the final Baltic League ranking, except foreign nationals who are residents of EST, LAT and LTU.

The competition will be generally following FEI Jumping Rules 24th edition, effective January 1st, 2014.

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## 5. COMPETITION CLASSES AND LEVELS:

<i>Division / age</i>	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>
Seniors (Open Class)	130 cm FEI art 238.2.1	135 cm FEI art 238.2.2
<b>Team Competition (Open Class)</b>		<b>130 cm over 2 rounds by Regulations of Nations Cup</b>
Young Riders (up to 21 y)	125 cm FEI art 238.2.1	130 cm FEI art 238.2.2
Juniors (up to 18 y)	115 cm FEI art 238.2.1	120 cm FEI art 238.2.2
Young Horses (6-7y)	120/125 cm FEI art 238.2.1	125/130 cm FEI art 238.2.2
Pony class (up to 16 y)	100 cm FEI art 238.2.1	105 cm FEI art 238.2.2

**Team Competition is held by the Nations Cup rules. Teams consist of 4 athletes, 3 best results are counted. A country can enter more than one team to the competition.**

Each OC will have the option to add classes to their competition. All additional classes have to be listed in the Schedule of the competition.

If the age bracket permits, one rider/horse combination can compete at two adjacent levels, for example a Junior can also participate in the Your Riders division.

## 6. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITIONS:

Each competition will be held over 2 (two) days.

~~Horse Inspection will be mandatory for each competition, time of which will be left up to the OC.~~

~~For practical reasons, most horses can be inspected in the evening of the arrival day and some local horses who arrive on the first day of competition, can be inspected that morning.~~

**Educational Seminar:** Organizing an educational seminar with the officiating FEI judge is highly recommended, the seminar can take place either before or after the competition.

## **7. OFFICIALS:**

For each competition, the following officials will be appointed and listed in the Schedule:

**Judges:** National judges will be appointed by each NF.

**Stewards:** At least one steward (national or FEI) and one assistant steward.

**Veterinarian:** To be present during the horse inspection and the competition.

**Farrrier:** To be available on call.

## **8. ENTRIES**

Entries are due through each National Federation 14 days before the start of the each competition. It is up to the OC to accept late entries, for a double entry fee.

Entry- and starting fees will be determined by each OC and have to be outlined separately in each competition's Schedule.

## **9. ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES AND RIDERS**

Accommodation for horses, athletes and grooms is at the athletes' expense.

Accommodation for the horses will be arranged by the OC, the cost, the terms and the procedure for booking the stalls has to be outlined in the competition Schedule.

The OC can either offer accommodation for athletes/grooms or publish a list of nearby hotels/motels or camping facilities in the Schedule.

## 10. PRIZES

Each event consists of 2 competitions, one on each day of the event. **The winners of each competition** will be awarded with ribbons (25% of participants, but not less than 3 best combinations).

**The winners of each competition** will receive prizes or prize money, as outlined in the Schedule of the competition.

## 9. BALTIC JUMPING LEAGUE RANKINGS AND OVERALL WINNERS

Riders will collect points for the Baltic Jumping League overall ranking. **In young horses class there is the competition between horses and young horses will collect points for the Baltic Jumping League overall ranking.**

The ranking points per event will be given according to the score over two days as follows:

The 1<sup>st</sup> day points (1<sup>st</sup> place 0 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1 point, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2 points etc) and penalties from the first round on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be added (the lower score gives the better position) and the 18 best riders according to these scores get BJJ ranking points – 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

If a rider participates on two or more horses in one division of a BJJ competition, the best result will count for the Baltic Jumping League ranking from said competition.

The Baltic Jumping League overall winners will be determined by adding up the best results from different events, depending on the total number of Baltic Jumping League competitions held during the 2014 season:

3 best results out of 4 or 5 competitions or 2 best results out of 3 competitions

Baltic Jumping League winners of each division will be awarded with a horse cooler blanket and 3 best riders from each division will receive Baltic Jumping League trophies.

If there are sponsors, prize money or prizes in kind are also possible for all or certain divisions.

## **9. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOC AND OC**

The GOC and OC will not be responsible for any material or physical loss or damage (accident, injury, theft, illness, etc.) that can happen either as a direct or indirect result of actions of horses, athletes and/or their representatives, horse owners, grooms, parents, spectators or third parties or due to other unforeseen circumstances at the competition grounds, before, during or after the competitions.

The GOC and OC strongly recommend having health and property insurance coverage for everyone involved in the competitions.