

The Rules of SIEC FEI WYS

- The SIEC FEI World Youth Series is a Team Competition for riders between ages of 12 and 21.
- The SIEC FEI World Youth Series is an Outdoor Competition
- The Series consists of 2 elements - a National Competition and a Regional Final
- The National Competition is contested over three competitions, held at 3 different shows in the participating country, between January 01 and August 31, annually.
- The Regional Final will be held at an outdoor venue during the month of September, annually.

■ National Competition Recommended heights:

- 1.15m
- 1.20m
- 1.25m
- 1.30m

The recommended heights may be lowered to facilitate inclusion of as many competitors as possible or raised to accommodate the needs of the stronger NFs. We recommend the 5cm differential be retained, where possible. By using different heights we are facilitating the inclusion of as many riders in all categories between the ages of 12 and 21. By having the various category riders compete at differing heights we allow each rider contribute equally to the team effort. This means that the child aged 12 years competing at 1.15m is as important to the team effort as the experienced rider competing at 1.30m.

- The SIEC FEI World Youth Series competition uses a Nations Cup format.
- Teams consist of four riders each riding the same horse throughout the competition.
- All team riders must participate in the first round and second rounds unless the team cannot improve its placing after its third rider has completed his/her course. In this instance, the fourth rider may be withdrawn.
- If a team can only provide three riders, due to an injury to the fourth rider or horse, the remaining three riders must compete in the height category in which they were selected by the NF.
- There will be a draw for running order in the first round prior to each competition in the National series. This will be supervised by a member of the Ground Jury and attended by a representative of each team, where possible.
- The starting order in the second round will be in reverse order of the total penalties in the first round of the best three riders in each team. In the eventuality of equality of faults the teams retain the starting order of the first round.
- All riders jumping at the lowest height (Number 1 riders) complete their first round before the course is raised for the next category of competitors (Number 2 riders) and so on until all competitors have completed their first round
- The riders in each team start in the same order as in the first round.
- In the eventuality of equal faults after 2 rounds, the 1.30m or greatest height rider will jump against the clock.
- Riders can be substituted during the 3 legs of the competition to allow for injuries to horses or riders. The NF should include a number of reserve rider/horse combinations when they select the participants of the Series.
- Team riders can go up or down the heights during the course of the 3 leg National competition, based on Chef d'Equipe's decision.
- The heights agreed by the NF at the start of the 3 leg National competition must be used throughout the 3 legs
- The Course Designer, with the approval of the Ground Jury, can raise the fences between rounds 1 and 2, if he/she feels the competition requires it.

- Only riders, including substitutes, involved since the start of the competition, are considered for selection to represent the NF at the Regional Final.
- The Regional Final will be contested over a course 1.30m in height.
- The region or group final competition should, when possible, be held at CSI/CSIO level with certain dispensations from the FEI to reduce the cost of holding such an event.
- NFs **do not have** to be represented at Regional Finals until they are ready to do so.

Guidelines for Organizing Federations

The National Federation is responsible for the following:

- Selection of participants, including substitutes – we recommend 24 to 32 competitors. This will give an interesting competition for spectators to enjoy, without becoming too long and boring. When selecting the young competitors you should be trying to identify those riders who have talent but may not have the same opportunities of riding nice horses as some of the riders who are already on your national teams at Child, Junior and Young Rider level. The NF should also select a number of Reserve rider/horse combinations to cater for injuries and non availability of competitors during the course of the national competition.
- Categorizing these riders – decide which riders ride at the various heights. Your NF has great flexibility in deciding at which heights they wish the competition to be held at and which age group they want to concentrate on.
- Organize an open draw to select the teams, if possible, attended by the riders and their parents.
- Organize Chef d'Equipes for each team to advise on course walks and supervise the team warm up.
- Name and develop an identity for each team with team colours etc. We suggest you give the competitors different coloured polo shirts with the team name and competitors name embroidered on them. In Turkey we allow the riders compete in polo shirts if the weather is very hot. We try to achieve a competitor friendly environment which emphasises the fun and enjoyment element of the sport with a healthy mix of competitive spirit.
- Select 3 venues for the National competitions, between March 01 and August 31- you only need add 1 extra competition to the existing schedule of 3 national shows, already scheduled.
- Provide logistical support to these 3 venues, if necessary.
- Organize prizes for winning team after 3 legs. These need not be expensive; we suggest medals or small trophies.
- Select team from all participants to represent NF at Regional Final.
- Provide training sessions for this team before the Regional Final in September.
- Organize the location, course designer and course for the Regional Final, if required.