



EQUESTRIAN BAHAMAS NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the National Equestrian Athlete Ranking System is to establish a transparent, equitable and internationally aligned system for ranking Bahamian equestrian athletes. The ranking system supports athlete development, team selection, competition eligibility and long-term high-performance planning. It provides external stakeholders with clear, easily understood information regarding the performance of our equestrian athletes.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The EB National Ranking System is based on the following principles:

- Fairness and transparency: All athletes are ranked using the same published criteria
- Merit-based assessment: Rankings reflect demonstrated performance in sanctioned competitions, with higher levels of competition yielding higher rankings
- International alignment: The system aligns with FEI Rules, the Longines Ranking principles, and best practices within the sport.
- Accessibility: Athletes competing at the national level have an opportunity to remain competitive within the ranking structure
- Reinforcing a Development Pathway: The system encourages progression from national to international competition.

SCOPE

The National Ranking System will be rolled out in several phases. The first phase of the policy will apply to all EB-registered athletes competing in Show Jumping. The second phase will build a ranking system for Dressage. Ranking systems for Eventing and other FEI disciplines will follow as necessary.

STRUCTURE

The EB National Ranking System for Jumping takes 3 elements into account:

1. **Category of competition** - There are 8 levels of competition, each with a different base level of difficulty. The different base levels establish category prestige and clearly differentiate the FEI CSI competition as the level to which our ranking riders should aspire.
2. **Level of competition** - In the EB show jumping rankings height becomes the dominant differentiator after the category of competition, reflecting the increased technical difficulty required. Point allocation is non-linear. The exponential nature of the point allocation rewards competition at higher fence heights.
3. **Performance Factor** - The performance factor answers the question *“How did the rider perform relative to the field?”*. This is an important statistic for understanding the consistency of an athlete’s performance at a certain level of competition. The formula awards larger class sizes, but not in a way that overwhelms fence heights.

WHAT COMPETITIONS COUNT TOWARDS AN ATHLETE’S RANKING?

In Show Jumping only competitions at 0.75m or above are counted in the EB National Ranking System. An athlete’s ranking may include results from eligible Jumping classes at:

- Any national EB-sanctioned show
- Regional and FEI events taking place locally (Caribbean Equestrian Association Jumping Challenges; FEI World Jumping Challenge)
- Any non-FEI Jumping competition abroad (borrowed horse or otherwise) sanctioned by a foreign National Federation
- Any FEI Jumping competition abroad
- Regional, Continental and Olympic Games

WHAT COMPETITIONS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS AN ATHLETE’S RANKING?

- Competitions where the listed height is below 0.75m
- Equitation, Jumping Medal and Hunter competitions
- “Blue Ribbon” and Schooling classes or any competition where the competitors are not ranked.
- IEA and IHSA competitions
- A competition taking place at an Unsanctioned Event. As per FEI GR Art. 113.5 an ‘Unsanctioned Event’ is an event and/or a competition that is neither published in the official Calendar nor authorised by an NF and/or a National Event authorised or organised by a NF that is suspended by the FEI.

CALCULATION PERIOD

- The EB National Ranking System operates on a rolling 12-month system beginning January 1 of each year.
- All eligible results are entered. Rankings are updated monthly and published quarterly. **Athletes may obtain their point breakdown at any time by submitting a written request to Equestrian Bahamas.**
- At each monthly update period an athlete's 5 best results will be used to determine their ranking.
- As new results are added, points from the same month in the previous year will be deleted. This is known as "points defense", ensuring that all athletes are operating only on a 12-month performance span.
- If an event spans 2 months, all results are assigned to the month in which the event began.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING RESULTS AND CALCULATING THE RANKINGS?

- The Equestrian Bahamas Rules, Competition and Athlete Development Subcommittee is responsible for recording submitted results, calculating and publishing the Rankings.
- For national competitions, the Show Organizing Committee is responsible for submitting local Competition results to the Equestrian Bahamas Rules, Competition and Athlete Development Committee within 7 days of the competition.
- Equestrian Bahamas is responsible for submitting the results of riders competing in CEA competitions, the FEI World Challenge, or on Equestrian Bahamas teams competing abroad.
- **Athletes competing individually abroad are responsible for submitting their own results on the form provided for that purpose.** Equestrian Bahamas cannot guarantee inclusion of results in ranking calculations if the results are not submitted as required.

QUESTIONS?

For questions about your ranking please email administration@equestrianbahamas.org