



# **LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR**

**Rules for the  
2020 – LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR  
including the rules for the LGCT Super Grand Prix**

## 1. EVENTS

The number of Global Champions Tour events in 2020 is maximum 20 (each a "GCT Event"), which includes the Global Champions Playoffs.

### OVERALL CLASSIFICATION

Athletes may take part in all GCT Events.

The GCT overall classification is based on each athlete's points from 50% of the total number of GCT Events held during the season, rounded up to the next number.

Events on borrowed horses do not count for points. In case of a tie on points for any position at the end of the season, the athlete with the greatest number of first place finishes is classified before any other athletes tied for the same number of points. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the greatest number of second place finishes is classified before the other athletes and so on until all athletes with the same number of points have been separated.

A prize money for overall classification is offered to the top 18 athletes in the GCT overall classification (tour series) as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	31%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	20%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	13%
4 <sup>th</sup> place	8%
5 <sup>th</sup> place	5%
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> places	3,5% each
8 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> places	2% each
12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> places	1,5% each
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> places	1% each
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> places	0,75% each

Prizes won by athletes who are tied are added and divided equally.

The amount of the prize money for the GCT overall classification is EUR 950'000.

The top 3 athletes in the GCT overall classification must be present at the last GCT Event of the season to receive their prize in person and to be available for the press conference. Athletes must be dressed in competition attire. No prize money is given to an athlete who does not present himself at the prize giving ceremony if required to do so.

## 2. INVITATION SYSTEM FOR EACH GCT EVENT

### Groups 1 and 2

Groups 1 and 2 consist of 60% of the number of athletes participating.

#### Group 1

Group 1 consists of 30% of the number of athletes participating and will be individual athletes taken in descending order from the Longines FEI rankings applicable for that specific GCT Event.

#### Group 2

Group 2 consists of 30% of the number of athletes participating and will be team athletes taken from the Longines FEI rankings top 250 as of August 31 of the immediately preceding year (maximum 1 per team). Team athletes are athletes participating in the Global Champions League Event ("GCL Event") taking place during the GCT Event. The unused Group 2 invitation(s) are reallocated to Group 1.

At least one athlete per GCL team must come from Group 1 or 2. If already three (3) athletes of the same GCL team are entered under Group 1, the same team cannot enter a fourth athlete under Group 2.

Substitutions are taken in descending order until 15 days prior to the start of the GCT Event (this applies also to the FEI wild card); for the GCT Events organized outside Europe, due to the requirements for horse flights and health documents, the deadline is 45 days before the GCT Event. After this date the place(s) will be allocated by the OC (Group 4).

### **Group 3**

Group 3 consists of **10% of the number of athletes participating**. Group 3 consists of 1 FEI wild card. The other athletes are home athletes selected by the home National Federation (NF).

The home athletes are selected by the home NF and the FEI wild card by the FEI. Should the NF and/or FEI not be able to meet its quota of athletes in this group, the quota will be filled by inviting additional athletes by OC (Group 4).

### **Group 4**

Group 4 consists of **30% of the number of athletes participating** selected by the OC. The invitations in Group 4 can only be used to invite GCL team athletes (so that each team participating in the GCL Event taking place during the GCT Event has 3 team athletes),. It is not obligatory that the athletes be chosen from the Longines FEI rankings. If less than 20% of the athletes have to come from Group 4 in order to accommodate GCL teams, the OC can invite individual riders up to 20%. The unused Group 4 invitation(s) are reallocated to Group 1.

The total number of athletes participating in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be according to the approved FEI schedule; provided, however, that the percentages of athletes in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be 60% for Groups 1 and 2 (30% for each); 10% for Group 3; and 30% for Group 4.

### **Group 5**

Group 5 consists of additional team athletes not competing in the GCT Grand Prix.

Group 5 does not count for the percentages of the invitation system. Athletes in Group 5 are invited only if and to the extent that the invitations are required to have 3 team athletes per team for the GCL Event taking place during the GCT Event. So if a GCL team has 3 team athletes pursuant to Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4, no athlete will be invited in Group 5.

## **3. ENTRIES**

In accordance with the current FEI rules on entries, no athlete may enter more than one event on the same weekend without the agreement of both OCs.

The penalty for contravening this rule is disqualification from the event(s) at which the athlete participated. This does not apply to athletes on the definite entry list who have been selected to replace another athlete at a CSIO on the same week end (Jumping rules Art. 251.14). OCs of GCT Event will permit athletes who withdraw following the deadline date for the definite entries from a GCT Event to participate at a CSI4\* or lower event on the same dates but will not allow participation of such athletes in another CSI5\* on the same dates.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GCT GRAND PRIX**

Should the number of athletes participating at any GCT Event with an invitation in Group 1, 2, 3 and 4 exceed 35, there will be a qualifying competition for the GCT Grand Prix.

Only athletes invited from Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 are eligible for qualification in the GCT Grand Prix. Athletes invited from Group 5 can participate in the qualifying competition, but cannot qualify for participation in the GCT Grand Prix.

Participation in each GCT Grand Prix is open to the first 35 athletes taken from the Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 (i.e. disregarding any Group 5 athletes) in the final result of the qualifying competition, plus any athletes tied on penalties and time for the last place providing qualification for the GCT Grand Prix.

To be eligible to start in the GCT Grand Prix, the athlete must complete at least the initial round of one FEI competition, run according to one of the formulas described in the JRs Art. 261.4.4, in the GCT Event with the horse he/she will ride in the GCT Grand Prix.

This shall mean, in case of mixed competitions (one round and jump-off or two rounds), that the athlete must have completed the first round; and, in case of a normal two phase competition (JRs Art. 274.1), that he must have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> phase. In the case of a special two-phase competition (JRs Art. 274.2), both phases must be completed in order to fulfil the horse eligibility requirement for the Grand Prix.

If for whatever reason an athlete has not been able to complete one competition (as outlined here above) on the day(s) before the GCT Event with the horse to be ridden in the GCT Grand Prix, the athlete in question may take part with the horse to be ridden in the GCT Grand Prix in a competition on the same day as the GCT Grand Prix if he/she wishes to take part in the GCT Grand Prix.

## 5. QUALIFYING COMPETITION FOR THE GCT GRAND PRIX

The qualifying competition for the GCT Grand Prix will be scored under Table A (Art. 238.2.1), and will take place either the days before or on the same day as the GCT Grand Prix.

The second competition of the GCL that takes place during the GCT Event will count as a qualifier for the GCT Grand Prix of the GCT Event concerned. There can be additional competitions at GCL Events and more competitions can count as qualifier for the GCT Grand Prix and for the ranking of the teams at a GCL Event.

If an athlete, qualified for participation in the GCT Grand Prix, decides to not take his/her place, the athlete concerned will not be replaced.

### Starting order:

Athletes are divided into two groups: the first group are the individual athletes (not competing in the GCL team competition). The starting order of the first group is established by draw. The second group are the GCL team athletes.

The athletes are classified according to their penalties and time. The amount of prize money for the qualifying competition and the tax deduction will be specified in the schedule of the GCT-GCL Event.

## 6. DESIGNATED COMPETITION FOR GCT RANKING

The competition that counts for points in the GCT ranking is the GCT Grand Prix.

The GCT Grand Prix is a jumping competition against the clock with one jump-off against the clock in case of a tie on penalties for the first place (Art. 238.2.2). The athletes not taking part in the jump-off are classified according to their penalties and time in the first round.

### Starting order:

The starting order is the reverse order of the result of the qualifying competition. In case of a tie (on penalties points and time), the athletes concerned will retain to their mutual starting order in the qualifying competition.

The order of starting in the jump-off is according to the same order as in the first round.

## 7. POINT SYSTEM

The following point system will be used for each GCT Grand Prix (place – points):

1 40;	6 31;	11 26;	16 21;	21 16;	26 11;	31 6;	36 1.
2 37;	7 30;	12 25;	17 20;	22 15;	27 10;	32 5;	
3 35;	8 29;	13 24;	18 19;	23 14;	28 9;	33 4;	
4 33;	9 28;	14 23;	19 18;	24 13;	29 8;	34 3;	
5 32;	10 27;	15 22;	20 17;	25 12;	30 7;	35 2;	

Points won by athletes who are tied are added and divided equally.

## PRIZE MONEY FOR EACH GCT GRAND PRIX

The minimum prize money of each GCT Grand Prix will be € 300'000,00. The amount for each GCT Grand Prix, its breakdown and the tax deduction percentage will be specified in the schedule of each GCT Event.

The partition of the prize money is as follows in percentage:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	33%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	20%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	15%
4 <sup>th</sup> place	10%
5 <sup>th</sup> place	6%
6 <sup>th</sup> place	4,5%
7 <sup>th</sup> place	3%
8 <sup>th</sup> place	2,5%
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> place	2%
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> place	1%

If more than 12 Athletes are starting in the Jump Off, the prize money amount for each athlete placed 13<sup>th</sup> and beyond is € 1'500,00.

The OC has the right to round off slightly the amounts, maintaining the proportions of the percentage.

Prizes won by athletes who are tied are added and divided equally.

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 8.1 Every conceivable eventuality cannot be provided for in these GCT rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury to make a decision in a sporting spirit, based on common sense and fair play, by approaching as near as possible the intention of these rules.
- 8.2 Should there remain any omissions in the GCL rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.

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## 9. Longines Global Champions Tour (LGCT) Super Grand Prix

### General

The following is part of the 2020 Longines Global Champions Tour (LGCT) rules.

### Venue and date

This competition will be held in Prague (CZE) at the same venue as the GC Playoffs, due to take place on 19 – 22 November 2020.

### Longines Rankings

The results of the competition will not count for the allocation of Longines Ranking points.

### Qualification

The only Athletes permitted to take part in this competition are those that qualify in accordance with the LGCT Super Grand Prix qualification system.

The 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix is a competition open to the winners of each Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix in the 2020 season. The FEI rules and Regulations governing date clashes will be respected. The invitation rules for the Global Champions (GC) Playoffs will be respected.

If an Athlete wins (2) two or more LGCT Grand Prix competitions in the same season, he/she is invited as the winner of his/her 1<sup>st</sup> LGCT Grand Prix competition of the season; the Athlete placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> LGCT GP referred to above is invited to take part in the LGCT Super Grand Prix, and so on.

If there are (2) two winners of the same LGCT GP during the season (equal on penalties and time) both Athletes are invited to participate in the LGCT Super Grand Prix.

### Substitution

If the winner of a LGCT Grand Prix declines his/her invitation for the LGCT Super Grand Prix, the Athlete placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the same LGCT Grand Prix will be invited to participate; if the Athlete placed 2<sup>nd</sup> declines his/her invitation, the Athlete placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same competition is invited, and so on.

The deadline for these substitutions expires however at the date for definite entries for the GC Playoffs, as mentioned in the event's official schedule. Once this deadline has expired, under no circumstances substitution of athletes for the LGCT Super Grand Prix will be accepted.

### Horses

Each Athlete is allowed to take part with one (1) horse in the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition. Each Athlete can also bring a second horse to compete in the individual classes held in conjunction with the GCL Play-off at the same venue.

Horses entered for the LGCT Super Grand Prix must – on the penalty of losing their eligibility to compete in the LGCT Super Grand Prix – be presented at the event's first Horse Inspection and are permitted to take part in the individual competitions on days other than the day the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

To be eligible to start in the LGCT Super Grand Prix, the athlete must complete at least the initial round of one FEI competition, run according to one of the formulas described in the JRs Art. 261.4.4, in the GCT Event with the horse he/she will ride in the LGCT Super Grand Prix.

This shall mean, in case of mixed competitions (one round and jump-off or two rounds), that the horse must have completed the first round; and, in case of a normal two phase competition (JRs Art. 274.1), that the horse must have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> phase. In the case of a special two-phase competition (JRs Art. 274.2), both phases must be completed in order to fulfil the horse eligibility requirement for the Grand Prix.

No horse is permitted to take part in more than one competition per day.

### Number of horses per Athlete

The number of horses an athlete will be allowed to bring to the GC Playoffs will depend on each individual athlete's personal type of involvement in the event, to be defined in detail as follows:

**a. Option 1**

Athletes, qualified for participation in the 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix, not being a 2020 GCL Team member at all and consequently not competing in any of the 2020 GC Playoffs competitions.

**Eligibility**

These athletes can bring two horses maximum to the Event, in order to compete in the individual competitions held in conjunction with the GC Playoffs. The athlete will decide by the deadline for declarations for the LGCT Super Grand Prix (as stipulated in the event's official schedule) which horse will be entered on his/her behalf for the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

**b. Option 2**

Athletes, qualified for participation in the 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix, also being a member of a GCL Team qualified for the 2020 GC Playoffs and being selected as such by the Team Manager as one of the three or four Athletes on behalf of that particular GCL team and being entered with two horses for the 2020 GC Playoffs.

**Eligibility**

These athletes can bring two horses to the Event, in order to compete with in the 2020 GC Playoffs competitions and in the individual competitions held in conjunction with the GC Playoffs.

In addition they can bring a third horse to compete with in the individual competitions held in conjunction with the GC Playoffs on days other than the day of the 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix competition, as well as in the 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix competition. They must decide by the deadline for declarations for the LGCT Super Grand Prix (as stipulated in the event's official schedule) at the latest, which horse (of the three horses available) will be entered on their behalf for the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

The third (non-GC Playoffs) horse will however not be eligible for participation in any of the competitions for the 2020 GC Playoffs, even in case one of the athlete's other horses does not pass the Horse Inspection or is declared unfit to compete during the course of the event. The third (non-GC Playoffs) horse must therefore be designated as such in writing at the declarations office by the Team Manager, at the latest one hour before the Event's official Horse Inspection.

For clarity's sake: The other way around, should the third (non-GC Playoffs) horse not pass the official Horse Inspection, become unfit to compete during the course of the event or if deemed appropriate for any reason by the Athlete concerned, he/she can enter one of his/her other horses, present at the event, for the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

**c. Option 3**

Athletes, qualified for participation in the 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix, also being a member of a GCL Team qualified for the 2020 GC Playoffs and being selected by the Team Manager as one of the the four Athletes entered on behalf of that particular GCL team for the 2020 GC Playoffs, however with one horse only.

**Eligibility**

These athletes can bring a maximum of two horses to the Event (one horse for the GCL Team and a second horse for the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition) to compete with in the 2020 GC Playoffs competitions, in the individual competitions held in conjunction with the GC Playoffs, as well as in the 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

They must decide by the deadline for declarations for the LGCT Super Grand Prix (as stipulated in the event's official schedule) at the latest, which horse will be entered on their behalf for the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

The second (non-GC Playoffs) horse will however not be eligible for participation in any of the competitions for the 2020 GC Playoffs, even in case the athlete's other horse does not pass the Horse Inspection or is declared unfit to compete during the course of the event. The second (non-GC Playoffs) horse for the Athlete concerned must therefore be designated as such in writing at the declarations office by the Team Manager, at the latest one hour before the Event's official Horse Inspection.

For clarity's sake: The other way around, should the second (non-GC Playoffs) horse not pass the official Horse Inspection, become unfit to compete during the course of the event or if deemed appropriate for any reason by the Athlete concerned, he/she can enter the other horse present at the event for the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

**d. Option 4**

Athletes, qualified for participation in the 2020 LGCT Super Grand Prix, also being a member of a GCL Team qualified for the 2020 GC Playoffs, however not being selected by the Team Manager as one of the three or four Athletes being entered on behalf of that particular GCL team for the 2020 GC Playoffs and consequently not competing in any of the 2020 GC Playoffs competitions.

**Eligibility**

These athletes can bring two horses maximum to the Event, in order to compete in the individual competitions held in conjunction with the GC Playoffs. The athlete will decide by the deadline for declarations for the LGCT Super Grand Prix (as stipulated in the event's official schedule) which horse will be entered on his/her behalf for the LGCT Super Grand Prix competition.

Under no circumstances these athletes will – during the Event – yet become eligible for participation in any of the competitions for the 2020 GC Playoffs, even in case one of the athlete's of the GCL Team concerned becomes unfit to compete during the course of the event and/or in case one (or more) of his/her GCL team's horses do not pass the official Horse Inspection or will be declared unfit to compete during the course of the Event.

### **LGCT Super Grand Prix Competition**

**Format**

This competition is run as a Table A competition, over two different rounds against the clock, without a jump-off, according to FEI JR - Articles 273.3.3.1; Art. 273.2.1; Art. 273.4.3.

All Athletes may take part in the second round, except Athletes being eliminated or having retired during the first round.

Jump-off:	None
Speed:	350 m/min or 375m/min or 400m/min (depending on the size of the arena, to be confirmed in the FEI approved schedule)
Obstacles height:	1.60 m
Number of horses per athlete:	1
Maximum number of starters:	19, however in any case the number of starters will be equal to the number of GCT events held in the same season and equal to the total number of winners of the LGCT Grand Prix of the LGCT season (if there are two (2) winners of the same LGCT GP during the season, i.e. equal first on penalties and time) both Athletes are invited to participate in the LGCT Super Grand Prix and the maximum number of starters will be increased accordingly.

**Starting order**

1. The starting order in the first round is established according to a manual draw.
2. The order of starting in the second round is according to the reverse order of penalties and time in the first round.

**Placing**

- Athletes are placed according to their aggregate penalties in both rounds and their time in the second round.
- Athletes having completed the first round, that do not take part in the second round are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

**Prize money**

- Total prize money: € 1'250'000
- Prize money breakdown: To be agreed by FEI and GCT.
- Prize money distribution: Will be distributed to all athletes taking part in the second round.