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**Fédération Internationale de Horse-Ball**



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## 1 – Ranking List

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Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 all FIHB competitions, as stated in FIHB GR's art.17.1.1, will be taken in account to establish the ranking list of International players, horses, coaches, clubs, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 also for referees and Nations and from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 also for National Championships.

The ranking list is established by points gained by Horse-Ball players, horses, coaches, clubs, referees and Nations in participating to recognized FIHB event or in National Championships.

Please refer to FIHB WHR Rules 2017 – ver.1.0 for any other information and/or rule related to the World Horseball Ranking.

## 2 – Junior European Nations Ranking

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This ranking establishes which are the Nations able to participate to the next FIHB U16 Champions League. It is based on the WHR point gained by the Clubs and by the Nations during the last 3 years. The Nations of this classification have the right to present their best team who won their National Championship or any tournament that the National Federation/ONHB retains adequate for the selection of the team, on 2017 or on 2016, according to the development of the national season.

The classification of the National Championship or tournament with the participating team has to be communicated by the National Federation.

The Nation with the major number of WHR points will be ranked by the FIHB as the best Nation, the Nation with the 2<sup>nd</sup> major number of WHR points will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> best Nation etc.. If two or more Nations have the same number of points, the number of Clubs has to be taken into consideration.

The U16 FIHB Ranking for 2017 is:

<b>U16 FIHB Ranking 2017</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	France	1045
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spain	870
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Portugal	420
4 <sup>th</sup>	Italy	341
5 <sup>th</sup>	Belgium	50

## 3 – Senior European Nations Ranking

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This ranking establishes which are the Nations able to participate to the next FIHB Pro Elite Champions League. It is based on the WHR point gained by the Clubs and by the Nations during the last 3 years. The Nations of this classification have the right to present their best team who won their National Championship or any tournament that the National Federation/ONHB retains adequate for the selection of the team, on 2017 or on 2016, according to the development of the national season.

The classification of the National Championship or tournament with the participating team has to be communicated by the National Federation.

The Nation with the major number of WHR points will be ranked by the FIHB as the best Nation, the Nation with the 2<sup>nd</sup> major number of WHR points will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> best Nation etc.. If two or more Nations have the same number of points, the number of Clubs has to be taken into consideration.

The Pro Elite FIHB Ranking for 2017 is:

<b>Pro Elite FIHB Ranking 2017</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Spain	1042
2 <sup>nd</sup>	France	795
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Portugal	507
4 <sup>th</sup>	Italy	470
5 <sup>th</sup>	Belgium	265
6 <sup>th</sup>	Great Britain	145
7 <sup>th</sup>	Austria	54
8 <sup>th</sup>	Germany	15

#### **4 – Ladies European Nations Ranking**

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This ranking establishes which are the Nations able to participate to the next FIHB Ladies Champions League. It is based on the WHR point gained by the Clubs and Nations during the last 3 years. The Nations of this classification have the right to present their best team who won their National Championship or any tournament that the National Federation/ONHB retains adequate for the selection of the team, on 2017 or on 2016, according to the development of the national season.

The classification of the National Championship or tournament with the participating team has to be communicated by the National Federation.

The Nation with the major number of WHR points will be ranked by the FIHB as the best Nation, the Nation with the 2<sup>nd</sup> major number of WHR points will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> best Nation etc.. If two or more Nations have the same number of points, the number of Clubs has to be taken into consideration.

The Ladies FIHB Ranking for 2017 is:

<b>Ladies FIHB Ranking 2017</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	France	987
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spain	936
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Belgium	375
4 <sup>th</sup>	Portugal	345
5 <sup>th</sup>	Italy	315
6 <sup>th</sup>	Great Britain	299
7 <sup>th</sup>	Austria	50
7 <sup>th</sup>	Netherlands	50

#### **5 – Registration procedure of the teams participating to Champions League**

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According to the number of club teams allowed in a Champions League and defined by the Organizer and approved by the FIHB (normally from 4 to 8 teams depending of the category), the following procedure will be used to accept the registration of the teams:

1. Starting from the first Nation of the ranking, the first classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the first team can't participate, the second classified is then able to participate;
2. The step 1 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
3. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then on starts again from the first Nation of the ranking, the second classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the second team can't participate (or it's just registered), the third classified is then able to participate;

4. The step 3 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
5. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then on starts again from the first Nation of the ranking, the third classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the third team can't participate (or it's just registered), the fourth classified is then able to participate;
6. The step 5 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
7. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then on starts again from the first Nation of the ranking, the fourth classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the fourth team can't participate (or it's just registered), the fifth classified is then able to participate;
8. The step 7 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
9. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then club team of Nations not listed in the ranking are able to participate.

Note: in the case where the hosting country of the Champions League doesn't have a place into the competition then a place into the competition can be reserved.

Example:

<b>U16 FIHB Ranking 2017</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	France	1045
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Nation ranking

<b>France</b>	<b>Spain</b>	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Belgium</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> club team – YES	1 <sup>st</sup> club team – NO	1 <sup>st</sup> club team – NO	1 <sup>st</sup> club team – NO	1 <sup>st</sup> club team – YES
2 <sup>nd</sup> club team – YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> club team – YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> club team – NO	2 <sup>nd</sup> club team – YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> club team – YES
3 <sup>rd</sup> club team – YES	3 <sup>rd</sup> club team – NO	3 <sup>rd</sup> club team – YES	3 <sup>rd</sup> club team – YES	
4 <sup>th</sup> club team – NO	4 <sup>th</sup> club team – YES			
5 <sup>th</sup> club team - YES				

Club team classification in each nation and their intention to participate

<b>N</b>	<b>Club team</b>
1	France 1 <sup>st</sup> club team
2	Spain 2 <sup>nd</sup> club team
3	Italy 2 <sup>nd</sup> club team
4	Belgium 1 <sup>st</sup> club team
5	France 2 <sup>nd</sup> club team
6	Portugal 3 <sup>rd</sup> club team
7	Belgium 2 <sup>nd</sup> club team
8	France 3 <sup>rd</sup> club team

Final list of registered club team

## **6 – Club team composition**

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The composition of a club team participating to the FIHB Champions League in the Under16, Ladies or Pro Elite category has to be compliant to the following rules:

- In case of a club team of up to 6 players, minimum 4 players must be players registered to that club team for the calendar year;
- In case of a club team of up to 7 players, minimum 5 players must be players registered to that club team for the calendar year;
- In case of a club team that has the right to participate but for some reason change the name and/or the address of the club team, then the new club team has the right to participate under the authorization on its National Federation or ONHB;
- Derogations to the above rules according to particular cases could be given with the approval of the ONBH or National Federation of the country involved;
- All the information related to the registration of the players to a particular club team for the calendar year will be delivered by the own National Federation or ONHB;
- The inscription of the club team will be carried out by the club team and validated by its National Federation or ONHB.



## History

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