

**The Competition College of the BCA imposed penalty payments on the FEI, the SPRL Global Champions League and the SPRL Tops Trading Belgium**

The Competition College of the BCA has imposed on 13 April 2018 penalty payments on the Fédération Equestre Internationale, the SPRL Global Champions League and the SPRL Tops Trading Belgium (hereafter GCT/GCL) for lack of implementation of the provisional measures imposed by the College in its decision of 20 December 2017. The measures concerned the invitation rules for groups of riders who must be invited to jumping events organised by the Global Champions Tour (the GCT invitation rules).

The BCA can impose penalty payments when provisional measures have not been implemented of up to 5% of the average daily turnover in Belgium of the undertakings concerned.

On the basis of their estimated turnover a penalty payment of 182 EUR is imposed on the FEI until the date of implementation of the provisional measures.

The College has accepted that GCT/GCL can not modify unilaterally the invitation rules, but that initiatives could have been taken to approach the intended result. On the basis of the allocated turnover a penalty payment of 466 EUR has been imposed until the Investigation and Prosecution Service considers that there has been a reasonable degree of implementation of the provisional measures.

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