

## **Facts and Figures:**

- A total of 40 nations competed in 20 qualifiers around the world ahead of this year's Final.
- Team France will defend the title they won at the inaugural Final staged at the same venue last year.
- 4 qualified teams have withdrawn - Egypt, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Norway.
- Course designer is Spain's Santiago Varela.
- 14 participating nations - Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Qatar, Spain, Sweden, USA and Venezuela.
- 13 teams consisting of four horse-and-rider combinations.
- 1 team consisting of just three horse-and-rider combinations - Qatar.
- 55 horse-and-rider combinations in total.
- 3 of the riders competing at this week's final also competed in Jumping at the 1992 Olympic Games at the Real Club de Polo in Barcelona - Germany's Ludger Beerbaum who claimed individual gold that summer, British legend Michael Whitaker and Juan Carlos Garcia who was then flying the Colombian flag but who now competes for Italy.
- This is the 103rd edition of the leading Spanish fixture.
- The Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping series is sponsored by Saudi Equestrian through a four-year €16 million package that was put in place in December 2012.
- The FEI's top partner, Swiss watchmakers Longines, are Official Timekeepers for the series.
- Nations Cup Jumping celebrates its 105<sup>th</sup> season in 2014.