

To: National Federations
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Re: Allocation of quota for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Introduction

In June the FEI received confirmation from the IOC regarding the approval of the equestrian Olympic formats for the Tokyo 2020 Games which include teams of three and no drop score across the Olympic disciplines and the use of reserve athletes (horses and riders) for medical and/or veterinary reasons.

Following the excellent news from the IOC, which allows for a substantial increase in the number of nations participating in the Games, we are happy to submit to our National Federations the drafts of the Tokyo 2020 Games Qualification system for Jumping, Dressage and Eventing.

Allocation of Quota places

The proposals include the allocation of quota places and are based on the **3** main principles of the **IOC Qualification system**:

1. Provide a fair and equitable opportunity for the best athletes in the world to participate in the Olympic Games;
2. Ensure universal participation;
3. Limit the number of athletes for each sport/discipline/event.

In addition, the IOC Qualification system requirements, which are mandatory for all sports included in the Olympic Programme, have also been integrated in the proposals, as follows:

- Provide a transparent and comprehensive procedure;
- Allow for more than 1 opportunity to qualify (using preferably Continental events to limit costs) and ensure equal number of opportunities for all nations and athletes;
- Exclusive authority of the NOC to select athletes that will represent their nation and their right to not accept a quota place;
- Qualification period to cover a maximum of 2 years prior to the final entries deadline.

In developing the proposals we looked at past strengths and weaknesses. We also did our utmost to be consistent between our disciplines for a better general understanding.

When reviewing the proposals you will note that **additional team quota** places will be allocated based on excellence at the **FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2018** and for the first time also on the **FEI Nations Cup™ series** for the Olympic disciplines. To this effect you will note that the number of anticipated nations has increased considerably in all 3 disciplines since the last Olympic Games:

Discipline	Anticipated nations	Confirmed nations
Jumping	Tokyo2020 35	Rio2016 27
Dressage	Tokyo2020 30	Rio2016 25
Eventing	Tokyo2020 32	Rio2016 24

Please note that composite teams will be allowed for Jumping, Dressage and Eventing only in case the desired number of teams is not filled.

Reserve athletes/combinations (P Accreditations)

Given the specificities of our sport and the issues that can arise concerning welfare (i.e. weather conditions, transportation, etc.), we are happy to confirm that the IOC agrees that the FEI is to determine in the Olympic equestrian sport competition rules how and when the reserve athletes/combinations may be used, provided they are used for medical/veterinary reasons only. These rules will be discussed with the IOC and be approved by the latter in 2019.

FEI Olympic Groups

The FEI Olympic Groupings have remained unchanged (see <http://inside.fei.org/system/files/ANNEX%20E%20Olympic%20Groups.pdf>). Please consider that in the majority of other Olympic sports the Groupings are based on 5 continents. It is felt however, that for our sport the current Groupings address transportation and quarantine issues. The FEI Olympic Groupings also reflect the IOC principle that there is **no automatic** qualification for a nation with the exception of the host nation.

Approval Process Timeline

18 September 2017	NFs revert on proposals
24 October 2017	Qualification System to be presented to the General Assembly (GA) is published on the inside.fei.org
20 November 2017	Session during the GA in Montevideo (URU) on the Qualification Systems
21 November 2017	Vote at the FEI General Assembly 2017
22 November 2017	FEI submission of the approved documents to the IOC
February 2018	Approval by IOC Executive Board

Thanking you for your attention, we look forward to receiving your comments by **18 September 2017**.



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