

NF NEWS**Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Update**

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INTRODUCTION

In February 2018, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) introduced **“The New Norm”**, an ambitious set of 118 reforms that reimagines how the Olympic Games are organised.

The plan focuses on six recommendations of **Olympic Agenda 2020**, the strategic roadmap of the Olympic Movement adopted in 2014, related to the organisation of the Games. The objective of the revised New Norm requirements is to provide cities with increased flexibility in designing the Games to meet long-term development goals and ensure that host cities receive more assistance from the IOC and the wider Olympic Movement, including the International Federations (IFs).

The IOC initially presented a redesigned candidature process. Last year it adopted a strategic approach to legacy followed by updated services and requirements that will lead to maximum savings of hundreds of millions of dollars in the delivery of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. It is estimated that these will be the biggest savings in the history of the Olympic Games, which will be made to ensure the Games are affordable, beneficial, and sustainable.

The New Norm will have direct consequences for the organisation of the equestrian events at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The equestrian competitions will be organised at Versailles using temporary facilities which will be dismantled after the end of the Paralympic Games. In addition, Equestrian will share the venue with Modern Pentathlon. As a result, the timetable will be more compact than usual and will not include a rest day as has been the practice at past Olympic Games.

Further details on the timetable, the competition schedule, qualification of nations, rules and regulations, venues testing activities, accreditation of horse owners, and ticketing are included in the NF News below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Paris 2024 Equestrian Delivery Entity: Appointment of GL Events Equestrian Sport

The Organising Committee of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games has appointed French company GL Events Equestrian Sport in charge of delivering the Olympic and Paralympic equestrian events. The appointment was made following a tender aimed at selecting an experienced partner to optimise costs while producing equestrian events of the highest quality. The equestrian community is familiar with GL Events and its President Sylvie Robert as the organisers of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™, the FEI Dressage World Cup™, and the FEI Driving World Cup™ qualifiers in Lyon, and the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ and the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Finals 2018 in Paris.

The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic equestrian events will take place at Versailles at the Etoile Royale site, which dates back to the 17th century and is located on the centre line of the highly elaborate historical gardens extending the perspective of the Grand Canal and the flamboyant château.

GL Events Equestrian Sport will manage the equestrian site at Versailles in compliance with the specification defined by the Paris 2024 Organising Committee, which remains the entity responsible for the organisation of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Jumping Co-Course Designers for Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP), 54, and Gregory Bodo (FRA), 44, have been appointed as Co-Course Designers for the Jumping and Jumping Eventing Competitions at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The decision was taken by the FEI Board at its last teleconference for 2022 held on 6 December.

Detailed information on this appointment is available in the dedicated press release [here](#).

Eventing Course Designer Pierre Le Goupil Paris 2024

In February 2022, the FEI confirmed the appointment of Pierre Le Goupil (FRA), 59, as the Course Designer for Eventing at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Detailed information on this appointment is available in the dedicated press release [here](#).

Competition schedule for Paris 2024 Olympic Games

The equestrian events will begin on 26 July with the first horse inspection in Eventing and will end on 6 August with the Jumping Individual Final. Official competition sessions will take place on each of the 11 days allocated to Equestrian.

The schedule per competition session confirmed by the IOC, Paris 2024 and the Olympic Broadcasting Service (OBS) is available [here](#) (under Venue Information). The exact times are subject to confirmation.

The most notable changes compared to previous editions are the fact that Eventing Dressage will be held on one day, Jumping and Dressage will be juxtaposed, and the Jumping team competition will be held before the individual competition, reverting to the format that was used prior to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

This shorter competition schedule will have an impact on various organisational aspects as well.

The window for the arrival and departure of horses from the Olympic Stables, which will be organised per discipline and not by nation, will be shorter. The Haras de Jardey, located five kilometres away from the Olympic Stables, will be available for transit of arriving and departing horses.

In particular, the Eventing horses will need to leave the venue by midnight at the end of the Eventing Jumping tests on 29 July 2024 in order to make space for the Jumping horses.

Eventing Horse Inspection

The shorter competition schedule is having an effect on the Eventing Horse Inspections as well. In line with article 20.1 viii of the [FEI Statutes](#), the Board agreed with the request made by the Paris 2024 Organising Committee not to open the Eventing Horse Inspections to spectators. The decision was made for cost saving reasons and in an effort to alleviate organisational complexity. Alternative solutions to make the Horse Inspections visible to the media and public are being considered.

FEI RULES AND REGULATIONS

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

The following documents are available [on this page](#) (sections Equestrian Qualification Systems and FEI Regulations and Rankings):

- FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games.
- Qualification Procedures (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing).
- Rules and Point System for FEI Olympic Athletes Rankings (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing).
- 2023 List of Olympic Ranking Events and MER Events (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing).

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games

The following documents are available [on this page](#) (section Regulations and Qualifications information):

- FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games.
- Qualification Procedures.
- Paralympic Ranking Rules.
- 2023 Qualifying Events counting for FEI Paralympic Ranking Lists.

QUALIFICATION OF NATIONS

Qualification systems for Paris 2024 Olympic Games

The qualification systems for Jumping, Dressage, and Eventing have been updated after the last qualification events for 2022 and are available [here](#) (section Equestrian Qualification Systems for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games).

So far, the following nations have qualified teams:

- Jumping: Belgium, France*, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Sweden, and the Netherlands.
- Dressage: Australia, Denmark, France*, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, the Netherlands, and the USA.
- Eventing: France*, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA.

* As the host nation, France is entitled to teams in the three Olympic disciplines.

In addition to France, Germany, Great Britain and Sweden have qualified teams in Jumping, Dressage, and Eventing.

FEI Olympic Group Qualification Events

The Board has approved the following FEI Olympic Group Qualification Events for Paris 2024:

Jumping

- Group C (Central and Eastern Europe) – Prague (CZE), 27-30 July 2023.
- Groups F (Africa and Middle East) Doha QAT, 27 February – 1 March 2023.
- Group G (South East Asia/Oceania) – Valkenswaard (NED), 18 July 2023.

Dressage

- Group C (Central and Eastern Europe) – Budapest, Pilisjászfalu (HUN), 7-11 June 2023.

Eventing

- Group C (Central and Eastern Europe) – Baborowko (POL), 18-21 May 2023.
- Group F (Africa and Middle East) & G (South East Asia/Oceania): Millstreet (IRL), 1-4 June 2023.

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games - Para Dressage Qualification System

The updated Para Dressage Qualification system is available [here](#) (section Qualifications Information).

So far, the following nations have qualified teams: Belgium, Denmark, France*, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, and the USA

* As the host nation, France is allocated a team slot (see Para Dressage qualification system document for more information).

PARIS 2024 VENUE TESTING ACTIVITIES

No traditional full Eventing test event will be organised in the lead-up to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. There will be a series of testing activities including a test/demonstration of the pontoon water crossings in September 2023 (exact dates tbc) to which NOCs/NFs will be invited. This will be combined with a general venue familiarisation opportunity and likely presentations regarding planning/preparations for the Games. The decision not to hold a full scale test event was taken for cost reasons as all the infrastructures are temporary and will only be ready in time for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The team of GL Events Equestrian Sport will use existing events held at Fontainebleau scheduled for the spring of 2023 (CSI5*/CDI5* 19-23 April 2023) and in 2024 (dates tbc) to coordinate their teams and workforce. These will be International Jumping and Dressage events and National Eventing competitions. The footing in the main arena at these events will be the same as the one in use on the field of play in Versailles during the Games.

ACCREDITATION FOR HORSE OWNERS

The IOC is in the process of publishing the updated Olympic Games Accreditation Manual. The Horse Owner entitlements in force prior to the Olympic Games prior to Tokyo 2020 – two per horse – should apply.

TICKETING

The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be the biggest event ever organised in France.

For more information on the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games and ticketing, which opened on 1 December, please visit the event's official websites [Paris 2024.org](https://Paris2024.org) and www.Tickets.Paris2024.org.

