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17 November 2021, Antwerp (BEL)

PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PARA EQUESTRIAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear National Federations,

The Para Equestrian Committee has reviewed the comments received from National Federations (NFs) and Stakeholders (SHs) by 15 October 2021.

In the present Report you can find:

- [A. Executive Summary with the main conclusions of the points discussed](#); and
- [B. Appendix I where all NFs and SHs comments received are addressed](#).

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Bettina De Rham
FEI Dressage Director

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main point of discussion was on the following subject:

Four members per Team: The Para Equestrian Technical Committee were in agreement that the Team competition format in Tokyo 2020 had worked very well and was very well received. They did not agree to extend the Teams to four athletes with a drop score for the team competition for reasons including fairness, universality, equality and clarity. More information is shown in the chart below.

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B. APPENDIX I. COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM NFs AND SHs by 15 OCTOBER 2021

PARA DRESSAGE		
NF/SH	COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 15 OCTOBER 2021	FEEDBACK FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
AUT	<p>Para Dressage: Number of Members/team: Support 4 per team for all disciplines.</p>	<p>The Para Equestrian Technical Committee do not agree to extend the Teams to four athletes with a drop score for the team competition for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would give an advantage to nations with four Athletes over those nations who enter three Athletes and so do not have the advantage of a drop score. • Teams of three in the team competition ensures a fair level playing field across more Nations, which ensure universality and equality, both important factors in Paralympic Formats. • The system with three Athletes, all with a score that counts, is easy to understand and presents the sport well. <p>The Para Equestrian Technical Committee would keep the rule that NFs qualifying a Team slot could enter four Individual Athletes.</p>
GBR	No objection nor feedback	The Para Equestrian Technical Committee thank you for your approval.
GER	<p>Para Dressage: Asking to return to the format of 4 riders in a team with the lowest score at the end dropped. Given the unpredictable nature of a sport with animals, there is a need for a possibility to drop a score. Even more than in regular sports, the risk of failure is significantly increased in para sports due to the disabilities and illnesses of the competitors. In case a horse or a rider has a mishap and drops out, his whole team is out and all efforts spent over years to prepare for this most important event were in vain, in a four-to-a-team format, nations could still continue in the competition if a combination was retired or eliminated. Proposal: page 3, Maximum entry per NPC</p>	Please see the comment above.

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	<p>(...) For the Team medal event, four Athletes may compete for each NPC in the team competition...</p> <p>Note: The comment of the GER NF applies to the qualification system and to the Rules</p>	
ITA	<p>Para Dressage: The ITA NF is in agreement with the proposals offered for the 2024 Paralympics</p>	<p>The Para Equestrian Technical Committee thank you for your approval.</p>
NED	<p>Support 4 per team for all disciplines.</p>	<p>Please see the comment above.</p>
NOR	<p>Para Dressage: we fully support the proposal. We have only one remark regarding the Individual qualification, specifically the Bipartite Commission invitation Allocation. We agree that NPC should apply within a certain date, and that FEI is considering which three nations that should receive these slots. However, we feel that there should be some clear criteria for these slots, in order to maintain transparency and trust among the NPCs. We would therefore appreciate if you could bring forward our remark regarding this matter.</p>	<p>The Para Equestrian Technical Committee took note of this comment and would look further into this with the IPC to see if clearer guidelines were a possibility. Changes would not be necessary in this qualification system.</p> <p>The Bipartite allocations are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and IF, following certain principles as set out in the Bipartite Invitation. The comment from NOR will be taken into consideration.</p>
SUI	<p>Para Dressage: compared with the Olympic disciplines, we think that too many Quota places will be already allocated at the World Championships 2022. The Olympic disciplines are reducing the number of team quota places allocated at the World Championships 2022 but for Para Dressage it should not be 7 instead of 5. We think that there should be more quota places allocated for teams in 2023 as some nations are now building up new teams.</p>	<p>The Para Equestrian Technical Committee did not agree with this comment, as with the proposed qualification system all NFs had equal opportunities to qualify Team slots. The most important calendar event is the World Championships which allows for qualification from all regions and for which there is not a qualification for National Federations to enter qualified Athletes. This is followed by an equal opportunity for each of the Regions, as well as additional slots available from the Team Rankings.</p>
EEF	<p>No comments</p> <p>Number of Members/team:</p> <p>Survey on the number of members in the Team competition</p> <p>32 NFs Answered.</p> <p>37.50% in favour of 3 members 43.75% in favour of 4 members 18.75 % - no opinion</p>	