

Paris Olympic Games 2024 Pre-Arrival Testing (PAT) Information

1. Pre-Arrival Testing

The FEI is offering a Pre-Arrival Testing (PAT) opportunity for horses entered for the Olympic Games. National Federations can voluntarily submit samples that will be tested for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. Samples are to be sent to the Laboratoire des Courses Hippiques in Verrières-le-Buisson, the same laboratory appointed to analyse A samples taken at the Olympic Games.

2. Pre-Arrival Testing Availability

The PAT service will be available from 26 June 2024, to provide teams with the opportunity for testing their horses. A Full Screening Test and Standard Elective Testing will both be offered as shown in Figure 1.

Full Screening test:

The Full Screening Test will be carried out in exactly the same way to the analysis of any samples taken at the Olympic Games. It will be available up to 7 working days before the arrival of the horses of each discipline at the Olympic Games' stables. After this period, standard Elective Testing will be available.

Standard Elective Testing:

Standard Elective Testing will be available up to 5 working days before the arrival of the horses for each discipline at the Olympic Games' stables. A maximum of 4 substances listed on the Elective Testing Substances List can be tested for under Standard Elective Testing.

3. Full Screening Test vs Standard Elective Testing

The Full Screening Test and Standard Elective Testing are different from each other, and careful consideration is needed when selecting which type of test to carry out on a sample.

Full Screening Test:

The Full Screening Test provides the opportunity of screening for all substances listed on the Equine Prohibited Substances List.

Following screening analysis of the sample the laboratory will report the result in one of two ways:

- (i) Negative
- (ii) Positive. If the sample has a positive result, it means that the concentration of the substance in the sample has exceeded the screening limit. The screening limit is the maximum concentration of a substance permitted by the FEI. The FEI would consider these cases as positive.

Standard Elective Testing:

Standard Elective Testing only allows a maximum of 4 substances listed on the Elective Testing Substances List. It does not provide the opportunity of screening for all substances listed on the Equine Prohibited Substances List.

As above the laboratory will report the result in one of two ways:

- (i) Negative
- (ii) Positive. If the sample has a positive result, it means that the concentration of the substance in the sample has exceeded the screening limit. The screening limit is the maximum concentration of a substance permitted by the FEI. The FEI would consider these cases as positive.

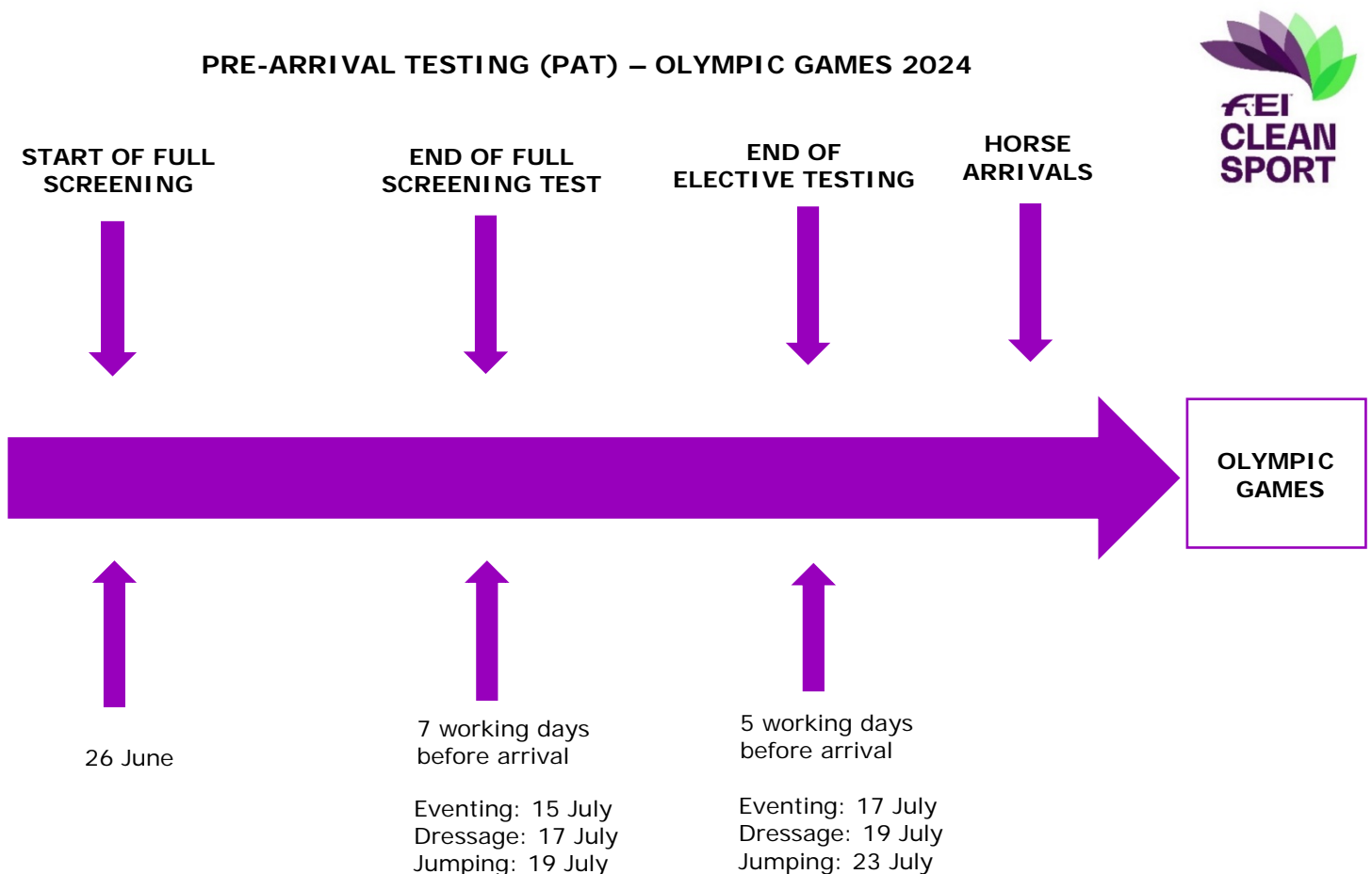


Figure 1: Summary of PAT testing

4. Submitting Samples

Testing kits:

- Samples may be submitted in a sampling kit of the Appointee's choice. FEI-branded LockCon Kits **must not** be used to submit samples for Pre-Arrival Testing since they are for event use only. Testing kits may be obtained directly from suppliers e.g. LockCon or Berlinger. National Federation kits can be used in the collection and transportation of the samples.

Accompanying paperwork:

- Urine and/or blood samples **must** be submitted and accompanied by the PAT request form available on the FEI website at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses/pre-arrival-testing>
- One person from the NF must coordinate all PAT requests made by that NF. This person must be **either** the Secretary General **or** a nominated representative.
- All samples must be sent clearly labelled as 'PARIS 2024 PAT - Discipline' for example: 'PARIS 2024 PAT –JUMPING' along with the other details required as instructed on the submission form.

Submission Deadlines:

- Samples must be submitted before 10am (CEST) on the last day of availability for 'Full Screening Test' and 'Standard Elective Testing'. Samples received after this time may not be processed within the specified timeframe.
- The Laboratory will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Full Screening Test is restricted to horses listed on the Nominated Entries for the discipline. In the event of there being any concerns relating to the origin of PAT samples, DNA samples may be requested.

5. Reporting of results

Reporting times, samples received before 10am (CEST):

- 'Full Screening Test': 7 working days from the date on which the sample was received by the laboratory.
- 'Standard Elective Testing': 4 working days from the date on which the sample was received by the laboratory.
- The Laboratory will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

The results of samples submitted to the PAT service will only be reported to the designated representative at the NF. The FEI, its Officials, or any other organisation or entity will **not** receive any results from PAT sample submissions.

6. Payment

- Special rates have been negotiated for the cost of PAT services.
- Payment for all tests must be made by the NF/NOC at the time of the submission of the samples otherwise testing will not be carried out.
- Payment can be made by electronic bank transfer. The payment confirmation receipt must be emailed to: pat2024@lchfrance.fr together with the horse's name on the PAT submission form in order to initiate testing.

Electronic Bank Transfer Information:

Beneficiary Bank: SOCIETE GENERALE
 SWIFT code: SOGEFRPP
 Branch Name: SG PARIS RIVE DROITE AC1 (03010)
 Address: 2 BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN, 75428 PARIS, FRANCE
 Beneficiary Account Number: FR76 3000 3030 1000 0372 9471 327
 Beneficiary Name: GIE L.C.H.
 Address: 15 rue de Paradis, 91370 VERRIERES LE BUISSON, FRANCE

For the Full Screening Test and Standard Elective Testing, the cost is the same regardless of whether only urine/blood or blood and urine samples are submitted.

Pre-arrival testing Type	Start of availability	End of availability (received before 10am (CEST) on the final day of availability)		Reporting time Samples received before 10am (CEST)	Cost (€) (Euros) For Urine and/or blood
		Eventing	Dressage		
Full Screening Test	From 26 June for all disciplines	Eventing	15 July	7 working days	360.00 EUROS EXCLUDING VAT
		Dressage	17 July		
		Jumping	19 July		
Elective Testing (up to 4 Substances from Elective Testing Substances List)	Elective testing is always available	Eventing	17 July*	4 working days	315.00 EUROS EXCLUDING VAT
		Dressage	19 July*		
		Jumping	23 July*		

*Results for Elective Testing samples received after 10am on the stated dates will not be provided within 4 working days of sample receipt.

Table 1: Summary of availability, reporting times and costs for PAT prior to the Olympic Games

1. Laboratory Contact details

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2. Further Details

Any violation of payment agreement or interference or manipulation with the PAT procedures will be treated as a violation of the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations as well as an integrity rule violation. The decision to take advantage of the PAT offered as a voluntary service is at the user's own risk and neither the FEI nor the Laboratory assumes any liability or responsibility whatsoever for any aspect of the PAT. Further, negative test results arising from the PAT will not constitute a defence to an Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication violation incurred outside of the PAT.

Further details and the required forms to submit samples can be found at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses/pre-arrival-testing>.

For any questions, please contact caterina.termine@fei.org at the FEI Veterinary Department.