

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
FEI OLYMPIC REGULATIONS FOR EQUESTRIAN EVENTS AT THE
OLYMPIC GAMES, PARIS 2024**

EVENTING

14 October 2022

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Eventing Rules together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each proposal.

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022;](#)
and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,



Director Eventing & Olympic

A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

CHAPTER II – EVENTING

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 624.2 Eventing Competition Format (3rd para) Individual Jumping test
Explanation for Proposed Change
Further to the discussion at the Sports Forum on NFs proposal to reduce the number of participants to qualify for the individual final from 25 to 20, the compromise was proposed to keep the best 25 athletes from the Team competition to promote the growth of sport in smaller nations, but not to have a reserve list should there be any withdrawal.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
Individual final Jumping test will take place after the Team Jumping Competition on the same day. The twenty five (25) best Athletes/Horses having completed all 3 tests, including those who tie for twenty fifth (25th) place on the conclusion of the Team Competition (maximum three (3) best scoring Athletes per team classification per nation) will qualify to participate. Should any of the qualified Athletes/Horse combinations withdraw before the start of the Individual final they will not be replaced.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
No feedback received
FEI feedback
Proposal maintained
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
As above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Art 624.3 Technical Specifications of the Olympic Eventing Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
The Cross country test distance has been adapted to the current Eventing Rules with the understanding that there may be further changes depending on the conditions of the Paris2024 venue.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
Cross Country Test: Distance: maximum 5800 metres; time: maximum 10 minutes; speed: 570 metres/minute; maximum number of efforts: 42.
Comments received by 24 August 2022

No feedback received
FEI feedback
Proposal maintained
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
As above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Art 624.7.2.ii – Individual Classification
Explanation for Proposed Change
The tie-break has been updated to reflect the modification proposed in the 2023 Eventing Rules.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The best cross-country score including faults at obstacles and time penalties and other penalties incurred during the Cross Country test. (ii) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete with the highest positive Dressage points. (iii) If there is still equality, the classification is decided in favour of the Athlete whose cross-country time was closest to the optimum time.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
No feedback received
FEI feedback
Proposal maintained
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
As above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
GBR
Article Number – Article Name
Article 626 – ATHLETES & HORSES MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA- EVENTING
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The feedback from NFs showed a clear consensus of the effectiveness of the introduction of the Confirmation Result at the Tokyo 2020 Games, and that it had positively influenced the quality of the riding of the combinations present and the overall level of competition.</p> <p>The Eventing Committee, was therefore proposing to maintain the principle and include the requirement of an additional MER to be obtained within the 6 months preceding the Games, i.e. from January to June 2024. The Eventing MERs would then consist of one</p>

CCI4*L (or CCI5*L) and a minimum of two CCI4*S, one of which needed to be achieved after 1 January 2024. It was also proposed that the two MERs must be obtained at two different events, two different Course Designers.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

1. Minimum Eligibility Requirements – Eventing

All Athletes/Horses who take part in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Eventing Competitions, and subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 below, must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements (MERs) as a combination by obtaining “FEI qualifying results” at different events in the following level of Competition which take place from **1 January 2023 until (and including) 24 June 2024**):

- (i) One (1) qualifying result at a CCI5*-L; or
- (ii) One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-L AND 1 qualifying result in a CCI4*-S
- (iii) **Plus one (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-S to be obtained after 1 January 2024 and on or before 24 June 2024 (the “Confirmation Result”)**

Comments received by 24 August 2022

GBR NF: While in agreement with the proposed wording and the MER process for Paris 24 there is one concern. A combination could theoretically win or gain an MER at one of the 5*’s (Adelaide, Lexington, Badminton, Luhmühlen) between 1st January and the MER Deadline 24th June 2024 without having achieved the Games MER; One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-L AND 1 qualifying result in a CCI4*-S for the Games.

We recommend that if a horse gains an MER at a 5* between the 1st January – 24th June 2024 (with less than 20 time pen = 50sec to avoid going all the long route to achieve an MER) a confirmation and full Games MER should be achieved.

If the winner of a CCI5* during this period is not able to compete at the Games it would not be conducive to getting the best combinations on the world stage to the Games.

Suggested wording:

1. Minimum Eligibility Requirements – Eventing All Athletes/Horses who take part in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Eventing Competitions, and subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 below, must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements (MERs) as a combination by obtaining “FEI qualifying results” at different events in the following level of Competition which take place from 1 January 2023 until (and including) 24 June 2024):

- (i) One (1) qualifying result at a CCI5*-L; or
- (ii) One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-L AND 1 qualifying result in a CCI4*-S
- (iii) Plus one (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-S to be obtained after 1 January 2024 and on or before 24 June 2024 (the “Confirmation Result” or
- (iv) Achieved an MER qualifying result at a CCI5* Event with less than 20 time penalties = 50 seconds obtained after 1 January 2024 and on or before 24 June 2024 which will also count as a Confirmation Result.

USA NF: USA NF recommends re-organization of the presentation of the MER requirements to provide clarity.

The Article also needs re-numbering as (i) / (ii) / (iii) appears to be repeated.

Wording suggested by USA NF:

- 1 January 2023 – 24 June 2024 three MERs Qualifying Scores must be achieved
- A minimum of one (1) CCI5* OR a combination of one (1) CCI4*L and one (1) CCI4*S is required
- The third MER Qualifying score can be a CCI4*S or CCI4*L or CCI5*

- *A minimum of one of the three Qualifying Scores at CCI4*S, CCI4*L or CCI5* must be achieved between 1 January and 24 June 2024 – the "Confirmation Result"*

FEI feedback

The Eventing Committee reviewed the proposal and agreed to include higher level events in the wording. In regard to the difference of penalties for the 5*, they understand the reasoning it was thought that the timing would make it quite complex to follow.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

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(i) One (1) qualifying result at a CCI5*-L; or

(ii) One (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-L AND 1 qualifying result in a CCI4*-S

(iii) Plus one (1) qualifying result in a CCI4*-S or 4*L or 5* to be obtained after 1 January 2024 and on or before 24 June 2024 (the "Confirmation Result")

B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

N/A