

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

DRESSAGE

Introduction

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

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Thank you for your attention,



Bettina De Rham,
FEI Dressage Director

A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2022.

1. Competition Schedule
Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022
Include in the rules a recommendation to have the rest day after the GPS and the 2 nd Horse Inspection on this day, if possible.
FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change
The DC agrees to maintain in the rules the recommendation to have the rest day after the GPS and the 2 nd Horse Inspection on this day, if possible. For Paris 2024, given scheduling constraints, in principle, the rest day will take place as in Tokyo, i.e. after the second day of GP and before the GPS.
Proposed Wording
The wording remains unchanged: A rest day to be scheduled, preferably between Competitions two (2) and three (3).

2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements
Level, deadlines, special qualifying events, etc.
Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022
The MER limit could be slightly raised and would still ensure the universality principle can be maintained.
FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change
The DC proposed to raise the MER from 66% to 67%
Proposed Wording
Article 629 A minimum 66 67% must be attributed twice to the Athlete/Horse combination by both a 5* star judge and as an average from all judges in the competition, and the score must be achieved in a Grand Prix test at two different CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5*/CDI-W/CDIO events. The two 5* judges must be of a nationality other than of the Athlete. Scores achieved in

~~Preliminary or Consolation~~ Grand Prix (Consolation) classes judged by three Judges do not count towards the minimum eligibility requirement.

3. Horse Inspection

Timing Of The Horse Inspection In Relation To The Establishment of The Starting Order For The Grand Prix

Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

Request to review the timing of the Horse inspection in relation to the establishment of the Order to go of the Grand Prix. One training day is requested between the Horse inspection and the first day of competition (Grand Prix).

FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change

The FEI Veterinary department supports the proposal to have one day between the Horse Inspection and the start of the Grand Prix at OG. The Rules are reviewed in line with this request. (HI should take place within 24h before the start of the first competition – Ref. VR art. 1035)

Proposed Wording

The wording is amended in the Veterinary Regulations to allow one day between the HI and the start of the GP, if possible.

4. Team Competition

Length Of The Break Before The Start of The Last Group of Team Athletes

Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

Most comments received expressed a wish to keep the same order in the last group and hence no need for a longer break (just regular arena maintenance break). There is a general consensus to agree to this; however, it is noted that a reverse order in the last group did create more excitement.

FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change

The DC supports this request and in addition, if the starting order in the last group remains unchanged and the break is shorter, the DC proposes to increase the number of Teams in the GPS from 8 to 10 (three groups of 10).

Proposed Wording

627.3.2 FEI Grand Prix Special (Team Final)

The FEI Grand Prix Special is the Team competition. The FEI Grand Prix Special is limited to and compulsory for the best ~~eight (8)~~ten (10) placed teams of the FEI Grand Prix, including those tied for ~~8th-10th~~ place. No individual Athletes are allowed.

If one Team drops out before the start of the competition, it is replaced by the next ranked Team up to two (2) hours before the start of the FEI Grand Prix

Special. In the case where more than ~~eight (8)~~**ten (10)** teams qualify for the FEI Grand Prix Special due to a tie, if a team should drop out before the start of the competition, and ~~ten (10)~~**eight (8)** teams remain qualified, no additional teams will move up and participate.

~~4.1.1~~—In each group, team Athletes will start in reverse order of the FEI Grand Prix team overall results. ~~After the first and second group have competed, an intermediate team standing will be established and there will be a break (of between 45-60 minutes (to be determined)) before the start of the third group. In the third group, team Athletes will start in reverse order of the intermediate FEI Grand Prix Special team standing (based on results of team Athletes after the second group).~~

5. Team Test to Music

Should athletes bring their own music as per the current rules?

Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

The GPS to music was intended to make the sport more attractive. This was not very successful, in either Para Dressage or Dressage, with many athletes not bringing their own music (too expensive/complicated) and others even choosing to use the Music provider's over their own music. Judges had mentioned that the differences in quality and volume could be distracting, when the music was meant to be just background music.

FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change

The fairest option is be to remove the team test music option

Proposed Wording

FEI Grand Prix Special to music (Team Final) is replaced with FEI Grand Prix Special ~~to music~~ in the Dressage section of the OG Rules.

The following is deleted in article **3.2 FEI Grand Prix Special ~~to music~~ (Team Final)**

~~The Athlete must deliver his Grand Prix Special music to the OC but it will not be judged in the Grand Prix Special competition~~

Team Final - results

Use of Points vs percentages in the Team Final

Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

All scores/standings should be shown in percentages, not points

FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change

The DC supports the request to use percentages in the Team Competition rather than points. Percentages are easier for all Stakeholders and media to understand.

Proposed Wording

5.1.1. Only the Grand Prix Special Competition counts towards the Team classification.

5.1.2. The winning team is the one (1) having the highest total points-score of their three (3) Athletes after their results of the Grand Prix Special ~~to music~~. The second placed team is the one (1) with the next highest total points-score and so on. The final result for each team ~~should be given in points~~ will be the addition of the final percentages of each Team member. The total score for the classification is obtained by adding the total percentage points on each of the Judges' sheets, eventually corrected for changes by the JSP.

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Horse inspection

Horse Inspection – starting order

FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change

Review of the Team Competition results: use percentages in the Team Competition rather than points. Percentages are easier for all Stakeholders and media to understand.

Proposed Wording

6. Horse Inspection

Horse Inspections will be carried out in accordance with Veterinary Regulations (VRs). The starting order per Nation will be determined by a draw. Nations will present themselves in ~~alphabetical~~ order determined by the draw and ~~according to the official NOC code, and~~ by Horse numbers of each nation. Each team can present a maximum of four (4) horses (including the Reserve Horse) at the Horse Inspection.

Grand Prix – Starting order

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FEI/Technical Committee Feedback – Explanation for Proposed Change

In Tokyo, due to withdrawals, there were less than 60 combinations in the Grand Prix and there was no clear provision to define how the number of starters in each group would be re-defined.

The DC proposed the following wording for clarification.

Proposed Wording

- 4.1.8 Starting order of the Grand Prix Competition: the starting order in each group starts according to the numbered rows 1 to 10 in Table 1.
- 4.1.9 In case there are less than 60 horses competing the Grand Prix, the number of places in each group will be reduced accordingly, with a starting place being removed from Group A first, then if necessary from Group B, then from Group C and so on.
- 4.1.10 In case of a Pre-Competition Change when the start list has already been produced, the replacement Athlete/Horse combination will take the place in the order to go that the replaced Athlete/Horse combination would have taken.