

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

Introduction

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

A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 15 February 2022.

Please refer to FEI website for the full documentation on the feedback from NFs and Stakeholders on the key topics of the online survey: <https://inside.fei.org/system/files/SF%202022%20-%20Session%203%20-%20Eventing%20Olympic%20Regulations%20Paris%202024%20Consultation%20Process%20Consolidated%20feedback.pdf>

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

The first draft of proposals outlining modifications to the Paris 2024 Olympic Regulations for Eventing were discussed at the FEI Sports Forum April 2022.

The proposals were the result of a widespread consultation process including Tokyo 2020 athletes, officials and National Federations and stakeholders with whom the FEI has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); key topics were submitted for review as part of an initial survey.

The topics included timelines for entries, ranking rules, Minimum Eligibility Requirements, substitution process, competition schedule; and the timeline between the Eventing Team and Individual Jumping tests.

- Principles applicable to FEI **deadlines for Olympic Rankings and MERs, which were used for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, be maintained for Paris 2024.**
- To apply the **FEI Eventing World Athlete Ranking Rules** to the Olympic Rankings.
- Taking into account the comments received during the consultation process and the lessons learnt from Tokyo, it was proposed to include an additional CCI4*-S which would see the **MERs consist of one CCI4*L (or CCI5*L) AND a minimum of two CCI4*S, one of which needs to be achieved after 1 January 2024.** Also presented for discussion were two propositions: to have MERs be achieved at two different events or in two different countries.
- To **adapt the Dressage test length & timetable to fit on one day and organise a trial event for Judges.**
- To maintain **a maximum of 90 minutes between the Eventing Team and Individual Jumping Test.**
- Other topics related to **Technology, Sports Presentation and NOC accreditation quotas** would be addressed and referred to discussion with the IOC.
- The **sports format would be open for review in the future.**

The main changes are reflected in the general part including FEI Olympic deadlines, reallocation procedure and substitution process.

The following specific technical proposals are made by the Eventing Committee:

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

CHAPTER II – EVENTING

Article No.–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

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

Article No.–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

Cross Country Test: Distance: maximum 5800 metres; time: maximum 10 minutes; speed: 570 metres/minute; maximum number of efforts: 42.

Article No.–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

- (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.

Article No.–Article Name
Article 626 – ATHLETES & HORSES MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA- EVENTING
Explanation for Proposed Change

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. 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 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
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”)