

# **EQUESTRIAN**

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## **MEDAL EVENTS**

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
0	0	11	11
		Individual Championship Individual – Grade I Individual – Grade II Individual – Grade III Individual – Grade IV Individual – Grade V  Team Championship	
		Team – Open  Individual Freestyle Championship Individual – Grade II Individual – Grade III Individual – Grade IV Individual – Grade IV Individual – Grade V	

## **ATHLETE QUOTA**

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
0	0	78	78

## **ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to the individual Athlete or team. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot is allocated to the individual Athlete, not to the NPC.

## **MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC**

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of four (4) qualification slots.

## **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, Athletes must:

• Be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2024.

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, Athlete/Horse combinations must:

Have achieved at least one (1) sixty-four (64) percent score at a FEI Para Equestrian 3\* or above event
in an Individual or Team competition between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 or have achieved

at least one (1) sixty-four (64) percent score at a FEI Para Equestrian 3\* or above event in a Grand Prix Test A or Grand Prix Test B from 1 January 2023 to 19 June 2024.

### **MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC**

An NPC can enter a maximum of four (4) eligible Athletes in individual medal events. An NPC can enter one eligible team in the Team medal event.

For the Team medal event, three Athletes, who also must be entered in their respective individual medal events, may compete for each NPC. At least one (1) team member shall be an eligible Athlete in either sport class Grade I or sport class Grade III. In order to form a team an NPC can enter a maximum of two (2) eligible Athletes per sport class.

If an NPC obtains three (3) or more Individual qualification slots (by means of Regional Distribution of Individuals and/or Bipartite Commission Invitations), then all slots may be used for Athletes competing only in Individual medal events if the selected Athletes do not fulfil the criteria to form a team. If an NPC enters three (3) or more Athletes who meet the criteria required to form a team, then that NPC must compete in the Team medal event.

## **QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

Team Qualification		
METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Host Country Allocation	The host country directly qualifies four (4) Athletes.  If the host country is unable to field a team by the allocation deadline of 4 March 2024, it may be allocated a maximum of two (2) slots for eligible Individual Athletes. In this case, remaining slots will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List.	4 Athletes FRA
2022 FEI World Championships	The top seven (7) ranked teams (not including the host country) at the 2022 FEI World Championships will each obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC.	28 Athletes NED DEN USA GBR BEL GER ITA
2023 FEI European Championships	The top ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the 2023 FEI European Championships will obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC.	4 Athletes SWE
FEI Para Equestrian Regional Team Ranking Allocation	The highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List* from each of the following regions will obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC:  • Africa • Americas • Asia • Oceania  Should a region not have an eligible team, the relevant slots will be allocated, regardless of region, to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List.	16 Athletes
FEI Para Equestrian Team Ranking List Allocation	The two (2) highest ranked teams on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List* (not otherwise qualified) will each obtain four qualification slots for their NPC.  *The FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List, covering the period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, is a Team Ranking based on each team's best team results from two (2) qualifying events added together.	8 Athletes
<u>Individual Qualification</u>		
METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Para Equestrian Individual Ranking List Allocation – Regional Distribution	Only NPCs that have not earned qualification slots through any of the above allocation methods are eligible to receive qualification slots through the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List* Allocation method.  *The FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, covering the	15 Athletes
	period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, is an Individual	

Total		78 Athletes
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	Three (3) eligible Athletes will be considered by the FEI and IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation the FEI must receive an official application in writing from the relevant NPC by 18 March 2024. In case not all Bipartite slots are allocated, the remaining slots will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List.	3 Athletes
	Ranking based on each Athlete's accumulated ranking points of a maximum of six (6) best results obtained in FEI Para Equestrian qualifying competitions.  The three (3) highest ranked Athletes from each of the following regions each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, irrespective of Grade, and up to two (2) slots per NPC:  • Africa • Americas • Asia • Europe • Oceania  Should a region not have eligible Athletes, the relevant slots will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC on the the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List regardless of region.	

## **TIMELINE**

1 January 2022	Start of the period for Athlete/horse combinations to attain a minimum eligibility score
6 – 14 August 2022	FEI Para Dressage World Championships, Herning (DEN)
15 December 2022	FEI to publish the list of Qualifying Events counting for FEI Paralympic Ranking Lists in 2023
1 January 2023	Start of the period for Athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists
4-10 September 2023	FEI Para Dressage European Championships, Riesenbeck (GER)
31 December 2023	End of the period for Athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists
19 February 2024	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
4 March 2024	FEI notifies the NPCs in writing about the number of allocated qualification slots
18 March 2024	NPCs confirm in writing the use of allocated qualification slots
18 March 2024	Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to FEI
25 March 2024	FEI confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots and the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitations
Tbd, 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
19 June 2024	End of the period for Athlete/horse combinations to attain a minimum eligibility score
5 August 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

#### CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 18 March 2024 each qualified NPC must confirm to FEI in writing (fax and email are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and FEI may reallocate these slots.

By 25 March 2024 FEI will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 25 March 2024 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and FEI.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

After the deadline of 18 March 2024, any qualification slots that are not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated as follows:

### **Unused Team slots**

An NPC can accept three or four Team quota slots. If an NPC does not use all of its allocated Team quota slots (either three or four Athletes), the NPC may then participate with a maximum of two (2) Athletes exclusively in Individual competition. The unused slot(s) will go to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, not otherwise qualified via any Team Qualification method, maximum two (2) per NPC.

#### **Unused Individual slots**

Should an NPC not use all of its allocated quota slots for Individual Athletes, the slot(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List not otherwise qualified, maximum two (2) per NPC.

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