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EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PROPOSAL FOR THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

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A. INTRODUCTION

Taking into account the very short time constraints due to the postponement of the Tokyo Olympic Games and as communicated to National Federations the Equestrian Qualification System for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (the "Paris 2024 Qualification System") is to be reviewed as a priority for approval by the FEI General Assembly in November 2021 to ensure that:

- Equestrian Qualification systems can be submitted according to the deadlines set by the IOC Executive Board beginning February 2022 for approval; and
- Equestrian Qualification systems can be implemented as of 2022 for the World Championships of the respective disciplines.

The Technical Committees will review the comments received by 15 October 2021 and will ultimately discuss them with the FEI Board. The outcome of these discussions will be provided to the National Federations as soon as possible ahead of the FEI Hybrid General Assembly on 17 November 2021.

A discussion about the proposed Paris 2024 Qualification System will take place on 16 November 2021 during the FEI Rules & Regulations Session.

For your information the following key deadlines shall apply:

- **17 November 2021 - FEI Hybrid General Assembly:** Paris 2024 Qualification System to be approved by the General Assembly. Eligibility requirements (MERs)

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and re-allocation procedures to be submitted to the FEI General Assembly 2022 in order to review procedures with the IOC.

- **February 2022 - IOC Executive Board:** to approve the qualification procedure for all Sports. The Equestrian Paris 2024 Qualification System will be applied for the FEI World Championships 2022.
- **November 2022 - FEI General Assembly:** Paris 2024 Olympic Regulations including Competition formats, technical regulations, eligibility requirements (MER) and re-allocation procedures of the Qualification systems to be approved by FEI General Assembly.

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B. PROPOSED QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR JUMPING, DRESSAGE & EVENTING AS SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL FEDERATIONS ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

JUMPING

A. EVENTS (2)

Mixed Events (2)

Individual Competition
Team Competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Jumping:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men/Women	72	3	75
Total	72	3	75

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men/Women	3	Maximum 1 Team with 3 per team

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place for both Teams and Individuals is allocated to the NOC (not directly to an Athlete).

C. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

FEI Olympic Groups as referred to through the qualification procedure are based on the following seven (7) geographical regions:

- A - North Western Europe;
- B - South Western Europe;
- C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia;

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D - North America;
E - Central & South America;
F - Africa & Middle East;
G - South East Asia, Oceania

The composition of each FEI Olympic Group is available on <https://inside.fei.org>

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification Events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Team Qualification

20 NOCs will qualify for a team quota place with a team consisting of three (3) Athletes/Horses, as follows:

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Event	NOC
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The Host Country (FRA) - <i>Please refer to section Host Country Places for further information.</i>	FRA
5 (max. 15 Athletes)	The five (5) best ranked teams from the 2022 FEI Jumping World Championships, excluding the Host Country team.	
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The best ranked team from the 2022 FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final™, excluding the teams qualified above.	
3 (max. 9 Athletes)	The three (3) best ranked teams from Groups A and/or B at the 2023 FEI Jumping European Championship, excluding the teams qualified above.	
2 (max. 6 Athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from Group C at the 2023 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding the teams qualified above.	
3 (max. 9 Athletes)	The three (3) best ranked teams from Groups D and/or E at the 2023 Pan-American Games, excluding the teams qualified above.	
2 (max. 6 Athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from Group F at the 2023 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding the teams qualified above.	
2 (max. 6 Athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from Group G at the 2023 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding the teams qualified above.	

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1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The best ranked team from the 2023 FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final™, excluding the teams qualified above.	
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TOTAL: 20 teams / 60 Athletes

Reallocation of Quota Place(s): - To be reviewed for the FEI GA 2022

Individual Qualification:

Only NOCs that have not accepted a team quota place are eligible to obtain individual quota places.

The point system, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping, will be published in December 2022 and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping

The FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping is limited to the best 15 results per Athlete/Horse combination in Ranking Competitions within the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (inclusive). (**Note:** *the Technical Committee will review the Ranking rules for Paris2024*)

15 individual quota places of one (1) Athlete and one (1) Horse will be reserved for NOCs with a maximum of one (1) Athlete with one (1) Horse each per NOC (unless specified otherwise), as follows:

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Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Events	NOC
14	<p>FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</p> <p>The two (2)* best ranked Athletes, maximum one (1) per NOC, in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping from Olympic Groups A, B, C, F and G will qualify one (1) individual quota place for their NOC:</p> <p>A - North Western Europe B - South Western Europe C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia F - Africa & Middle East G - South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p>* Unless one (1) or two (2) individual quota places from that FEI Olympic Group has already been allocated to a NOC/NOCs from that FEI Olympic Group due to their withdrawal of a qualified team as per the process set out in paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places. (To be reviewed for GA 2022)</p> <p>Allocation through qualification Event and FEI Olympic Ranking</p> <p>The three (3) best ranked Athletes from Olympic Groups D and/or E, maximum one (1) per NOC, from the overall individual classification at the 2023 Pan-American Games will qualify one (1) individual quota place for their NOC; one (1) individual quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the best ranked Athlete from the FEI Olympic Ranking for Olympic Groups D and E combined, excluding NOCs qualified through the 2023 Pan-American Games:</p> <p>D - North America E - Central & South America</p>	
1	The NOC of the best ranked Athlete from the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping, excluding NOCs qualified above.	
TOTAL: 15 Athletes		

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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team with three (3) Athletes. Each Athlete and Horse must obtain the Minimum Eligibility Requirements to compete as listed in Section **C: Athlete Eligibility**. In case the Host Country is unable to field a team, it may send one (1) eligible individual Athlete instead.

D. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification Event, the FEI will publish the results on its website (<https://inside.fei.org>).

The team and Individual quota places will be confirmed separately as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

By 10 January 2024 **TBC**, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated team quota places. Each NOC must confirm or decline the allocated team quota place by 3 February 2024 (**TBC**).

After the NOCs confirmation of team participation, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated individual quota places and each NOC with Individuals must confirm the use of quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

E. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate Athletes are non-competing Athletes, and are not included within the Athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*'. P alternate Athletes can only become competing Athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

Eligibility: P alternate Athletes and Horses must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing Athletes as described in above paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.

Quota: Each team which has obtained a qualification is entitled to one (1) P alternate Athlete and one (1) P alternate Horse for a total of 20 P alternate Athletes and 20 P alternate Horses for Jumping.

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F. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
6-14 August 2022	FEI Jumping World Championships (Herning, DEN)
29 September-2 October 2022	FEI Nations Cup™ Final
20 October - 5 November 2023	Pan-American Games (Santiago, CHI)
TBC 2023	FEI Jumping European Championship (TBC)
TBC 2023	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (TBC) - Group C
TBC 2023	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (TBC) - Group F
TBC 2023	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (TBC) - Group G
TBC 2023	FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final

December 2022 TBC	FEI to publish ranking rules and list of 2023 MER Events
FEI Jumping World Championships 2022 - 31 Dec. 2023	Period for NOCs to achieve a team quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
December 2023 TBC	FEI to publish list of 2024 MER Events
1 January - 31 December 2023 TBC	Ranking period: FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping
1 January 2023 – 1 June 2024 ("MER Deadline") TBC	Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements

By January 2024 TBC	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their team quota place allocation
February 2024 TBC	NOC to confirm allocated team quota place to FEI. If an NOC withdraws their team quota place by this date or had not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2023, the NOC in question will be eligible for an individual quota place (subject to the process set out in "Team Qualification"). To be reviewed FEI GA 2022
February 2024 TBC	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reallocation of team quota places based on either (i) FEI Jumping World Championships placings, or (ii) FEI Olympic Group Reserve List placing, or (iii) FEI Nations Cup™

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	<p>Jumping Final (as per the process in paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• allocation of Composite Team(s) quota place(s)• reallocation of one (1) individual place to each NOC that has withdrawn their Team quota place (subject to the process set out in "Team Qualification")• allocation of individual quota places. <p>To be reviewed FEI GA 2022</p> <p>Determination of Individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping</p>
March 2024 TBC	NOCs to confirm use of allocated Individual quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
June 2024 TBC MER Deadline	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements. FEI Nominated Entries – FEI to receive FEI Certificates of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse combination)
one (1) day after the MER Deadline TBC	FEI to confirm approval of FEI Certificates of Capability to NFs
July 2024 TBC	Paris 2024 Sports Entries Deadline
26 July 2024	Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games Paris 2024

Sections to be reviewed for approval GA FEI 2022:

G. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Age Requirements ([FEI 2020 Olympic Games regulations](#)) / **Additional IF Eligibility Criteria / deadlines**

H. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

Unused team quota places (excluding Host Country places) – Team & Individual / deadlines

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

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DRESSAGE

A. EVENTS (2)

Mixed Events (2)

Individual Competition
Team Competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

4. Total Quota for Dressage:

	Qualification Places	Host Places	Country	Total
Men/Women	57	3		60
Total	57	3		60

5. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men/Women	3	Maximum 1 team with 3 Athletes per team

6. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place for both Teams and Individuals is allocated to the NOC (not directly to an Athlete).

C. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

FEI Olympic Groups as referred to through the qualification procedure are based on the following seven (7) geographical regions:

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- B - South Western Europe;
- C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia;
- D - North America;

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E - Central & South America;

F - Africa & Middle East;

G - South East Asia, Oceania

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QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Team Qualification

15 NOCs will obtain "direct" qualification: fourteen (14) team quota places will be allocated through team championships or at an FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event and one (1) as a Host Country place, as per the table below. A team consists of three (3) Athletes/Horses.

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events	NOC
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The Host Country (FRA) - <i>Please refer to section Host Country Places for further information.</i>	FRA
6 (max. 18 Athletes)	The six (6) best ranked teams from the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships excluding the Host Country team.	
3 (max. 9 Athletes)	The three (3) best ranked teams from the 2023 FEI Dressage European Championship from FEI Olympic Groups A and/or B excluding teams qualified above.	
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The (1) best ranked team from an FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, from FEI Olympic Group C excluding teams qualified as above.	
2 (max. 6 Athletes)	The (2) two best ranked teams from Group D and/or Group E at the 2023 Pan-American Games, excluding the teams qualified above.	
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The (1) best ranked team from Group F from the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships or if this quota is not filled at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships the quota will be allocated at a 2023 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding the teams qualified above.	
1	The (1) best ranked team from Group G from the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships or if this quota is not filled at	

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(max. 3 Athletes)	the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships the quota will be allocated at a 2023 Group G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding the teams qualified above.	
TOTAL: 15 teams / maximum 45 Athletes		
Reallocation of Team Quota Place(s): <i>To be reviewed for GA 2022"</i> - Composite Team(s) (as defined in the Appendix)		
The total number of teams participating in the team competition, including the Composite team(s), may not exceed 15.		

Individual Qualification

Only NOCs that have not accepted a team quota place are eligible to obtain individual quota places.

The FEI Olympic Rankings - Dressage:

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (as defined in the Appendix) is limited to the highest four (4) results per Athlete/Horse combination in these events with a maximum of one result per event, within the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 included. The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage, will be published in December 2022 and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Events	NOC
14	<p>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</p> <p>The two (2)* best ranked Athletes, maximum one (1) per NOC, in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage from each of the seven (7) five (5) below-mentioned groups will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC:</p> <p>A – North Western Europe B – South Western Europe C – Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia F – Africa & Middle East G – South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p>The two (2)* best ranked Individual Athletes from the Pan Am Games 2023 and the two (2)* best ranked athletes in</p>	

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	<p>the FEI Olympic Rankings from Groups D & E, maximum one (1) per NOC, will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC:</p> <p>D & E - North America, Central and South America</p> <p>* Unless one (1) or two (2) individual quota places from that FEI Olympic Group has already been allocated to an NOC/NOCs from that FEI Olympic Group due to their withdrawal of a qualified team as per the process set out in paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places. <i>To be reviewed for GA 2022</i></p>	
1	<p>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking)</p> <p>One (1) quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the best ranked Athlete in the FEI Olympic Rankings – Dressage excluding NOCs qualified above</p>	
TOTAL: 15 Athletes		

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team with a maximum of three (3) Athletes. Each Athlete and Horse must obtain the Minimum Eligibility Requirements to compete as listed in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**. In case the Host Country is unable to field a team, it may send one (1) eligible individual Athlete instead.

D. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

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By 10 January 2024 TBC, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated team quota places. Each NOC must confirm or decline the allocated team quota place by 3 February 2024 TBC.

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After the NOCs confirmation of team participation, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated individual quota places and each NOC with individuals must confirm the use of quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

E. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

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Eligibility:

P alternate Athletes and Horses must comply with the same eligibility criteria as competing Athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each team which has obtained qualification is entitled to one (1) P alternate Athlete and one (1) P alternate Horse for a total of 15 P alternate Athletes and 15 P alternate Horses for Dressage.

F. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
6 – 14 August 2022	FEI Dressage World Championships (Herning, DEN)
TBC 2023	FEI Dressage European Championships (TBC) – FEI Groups A,B
TBC 2023	FEI Designated Qualification Event (TBC) - FEI Group C
20 October- 5 November 2023	Pan-American Games (Santiago, CHI) - FEI Groups D & E
TBC 2023	FEI Designated Qualification Event (TBC) - FEI Group F
TBC	FEI Designated Qualification Event - FEI Group G

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December 2022	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events and ranking rules and 2023 MER Events
FEI Dressage World Championships 2022 - 31 Dec. 2023 TBC	Period for NOCs to achieve a team quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
December 2023 TBC	FEI to publish List of 2024 MER Events
1 January - 31 December 2023 TBC	Ranking period: FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage
1 January 2023 – 1 June 2024 (“MER Deadline”) TBC	Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements

By January 2024 TBC	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their team quota place allocation
February 2024 TBC	NOC to confirm allocated team quota place to FEI. If an NOC withdraws their team quota place by this date or had not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2019, the NOC in question will be eligible for an individual quota place (subject to the process set out in “Team Qualification”). <i>To be reviewed for GA 2022</i>
February 2024 TBC	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocation of Composite Team(s) quota place(s) • reallocation of one (1) individual place to each NOC that has withdrawn their team quota place (subject to the process set out in “Team Qualification”) <i>To be reviewed for GA 2022</i> • allocation of individual quota places. Determination of individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage
March 2024 TBC	NOCs to confirm use of allocated individual quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
June 2024 “MER Deadline” (i.e. five (5) weeks before the Paris 2024 Sports Entries deadline) TBC	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements. FEI Nominated Entries – FEI to receive FEI Certificates of Capability(as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse combination)
one (1) day after MER Deadline	FEI to confirm approval of FEI Certificates of Capability to NFs
July 2024 TBD	Paris 2024 Sport Entries Deadline
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H. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

Unused team quota places (excluding Host Country places) – Team & Individual / deadlines

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

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EVENTING

A. Events (2)

Mixed Events (2)

Individual Competition
Team Competition

B. Athletes Quota

1. Total Quota for Eventing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men/Women	62	3	65
Total	62	3	65

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men/Women	3	Maximum 1 Team with 3 athletes per team

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place for both Teams and Individuals is allocated to the NOC (not directly to an Athlete).

C. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

FEI Olympic Groups as referred to through the qualification procedure are based on the following seven (7) geographical regions:

A - North Western Europe;

B - South Western Europe;

C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia;

D - North America;

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E - Central & South America;

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QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Team Qualification

16 NOCs will obtain team qualification; one (1) as a host country place, 13 team quota places will be allocated through team championships and two (2) through the FEI Nations Cup™ Finals, as per the table below.

A team consists of three (3) athletes/horses.

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events	NOC
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The Host Country (FRA) - <i>Please refer to section Host Country Places for further information.</i>	FRA
6 (max. 18 athletes)	The six (6) best ranked teams from the 2022 FEI Eventing World Championships excluding the Host Country team.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The best team according to the final classification of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series 2022, excluding teams qualified as above	
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from the 2023 FEI European Eventing Championship, from FEI Olympic Groups A and/or B excluding teams qualified as above.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) best ranked team from a Group C 2023 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding teams qualified as above.	
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E at the 2023 Pan American Games, excluding teams qualified as above.	
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from the Olympic Groups F and/or G at a 2023 Group F and G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event excluding teams qualified as above.	

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1 (max. athletes)	3	The best ranked team according to the final classification of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series 2023, excluding teams qualified as above.	
TOTAL: 16 teams / maximum 48 Athletes			
Reallocation Of Team Quota Place(s): <i>(to be reviewed for the GA 2022)</i> - Composite Team(s) (as defined in the Appendix)			
The total number of teams participating in the team competition, including Composite Teams, may not exceed 16.			

Individual Qualification:

Only NOCs that have not accepted a team quota place are eligible to obtain individual quota places.

Each athlete can obtain a maximum of one (1) individual quota place for his NOC.

For Eventing, a nation can qualify for a maximum of two (2) individual places.

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (as defined in the Appendix) is limited to the best **four (4) results** per Athlete/Horse **combination** in these events, within the period from **1 January – 31 December 2023**. The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Ranking - Eventing will be published in December 2022 at the latest and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

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Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Events	NOC
14	<p>FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</p> <p>The two (2)* best ranked athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing from each of the seven (7) below-mentioned groups will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC:</p> <p>A - North Western Europe; B - South Western Europe C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia D & E - North America, Central & South America</p> <p>F - Africa & Middle East G - South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p>* Unless one (1) or two (2) individual quota places from that FEI Olympic Group, has already been allocated to an NOC/NOCs from that FEI Olympic Group due to their withdrawal of a qualified team as per the process set out in paragraph F: Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places. <i>To be reviewed for GA 2022"</i></p>	<p>A: 2 B: 2 C: 2 D&E: 4</p> <p>F: 2 G: 2</p>
3	<p>FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (allocation through overall ranking)</p> <p>Three(3) individual quota places will be allocated in descending order of the best ranked Athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (up to a maximum of two quota places per NOC).</p>	<p>1. 2. 3.</p>
TOTAL: 17 Athletes		

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team with a maximum of three (3) Athletes. Each Athlete and Horse must fulfil the minimum age requirements and the minimum eligibility requirements to compete as listed in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team, it may send one (1) or two (2) eligible individual Athletes instead.

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Following each qualification event, the FEI will publish the results on its website (<https://inside.fei.org>).

The team and Individual quota places will be confirmed separately as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

By 10 January 2024 (TBC), the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated team quota places. Each NOC must confirm or decline the allocated team quota place by 3 February 2024 (TBC).

After the NOCs confirmation of team participation, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated individual quota places and each NOC with Individuals must confirm the use of quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

E. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate Athletes are non-competing Athletes, and are not included within the Athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the "*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*". P alternate Athletes can only become competing Athletes as per the conditions outlined in the "*IOC/Paris 2020 Late Athlete Replacement policy*."

Eligibility: P alternate Athletes and horses must comply with the same eligibility criteria and age requirements as competing Athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota: Each team is entitled to one (1) P alternate Athlete and one (1) P alternate Horse for a total of 16 P alternate Athletes and 16 P alternate horses for Eventing.

F. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
14-18 September 2022	FEI Eventing World Championships (Pratoni, ITA)
End of 2022 FEI Eventing Nations Cup season	FEI Eventing Nations Cup Final Classification

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TBC 2023	FEI European Championships (Le Pin au Haras, FRA) – FEI Olympic Groups A, B
TBC 2023	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (TBC) – FEI Olympic Group C
20 October- 5 November 2023	Pan American Games (Santiago, CHI) FEI Olympic Groups D & E
TBC 2023	FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (TBC - FEI Olympic Groups F & G
End of the 2023 FEI Eventing Nations Cup season	FEI Eventing Nations Cup Final Classification

December 2022 TBC	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events (and ranking rules) and List of 2023 MER Events
World Championships 2022 - 31 Dec. 2023	Period for NOCs to obtain a team quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
December 2023	FEI to publish List of 2024 MER Events
1 January - 31 December 2023 TBC	Ranking period: FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing
1 January 2023 – TBC 2024 ("MER Deadline")	Period for Athletes and Horses to obtain the FEI minimum eligibility requirements

By TBC 2024	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their team quota place allocation
TBC 2024	NOC to confirm allocated team quota place to FEI. If an NOC withdraws their team quota place by this date or had not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2023, the NOC in question will be eligible for an Individual quota place (subject to the process set out in "Team Qualification"). <i>"To be reviewed for GA 2022"</i>
TBC 2024	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocation of Composite Team(s) quota place(s) • reallocation of one (1) Individual place to each NOC that has withdrawn their Team quota place (subject to the process set out in "Team Qualification") <i>To be reviewed for GA 2022"</i> • allocation of Individual quota places. Determination of Individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Eventing

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TBC 2024	NOCs to confirm use of allocated Individual quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
TBC 2024 "MER Deadline"	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements. FEI Nominated Entries – FEI to receive FEI Certificates of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse combination)
one (1) day after MER Deadline	FEI to confirm approval of FEI Certificates of Capability to NFs
TBC 2024	Paris2024 Sport Entries Deadline
26 July 2024	Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games Paris 2024

Sections to be reviewed for approval GA FEI 2022:

G. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Age Requirements ([FEI 2020 Olympic Games regulations](#)) / Additional IF Eligibility Criteria / deadlines

H. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

Unused team quota places (excluding Host Country places) – Team & Individual / deadlines

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

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C. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 17 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND 3 STAKEHOLDERS BY THE DEADLINE OF 15 OCTOBER 2021

The following 17 NFs & 2 Stakeholders submitted comments by the deadline of 15 October 2021 (emails from each NF/Stakeholder is available on request):

NF/ Stakeholder	JUMPING	DRESSAGE	EVENTING	GENERAL comments to be reviewed for Olympic Regulations approval FEI GA Nov 2022
1. AUT	<p>Jumping: Olympic international standard means that some top riders (e.g. from the top 30 of the world ranking list) from strong regions do not get a qualification, whereas riders from weak regions have it easier in this respect. Nevertheless, certain minimum criteria should be fulfilled, so that an Olympic-size course can be managed in a way that is suitable for the horse. If these minimum criteria are not met, the places should go to the individual quota places, the overall FEI Olympic Ranking, so that a minimum level of</p>			<p>Number of Members/team: Support 4 per team for all disciplines.</p> <p>Competition format -Dressage Support change (back to old system) for draw system in dressage</p> <p>MER – Jumping Must be reinforced (min. 6 times with 4 or better in 160cm or higher)</p>

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	equestrian quality is also maintained in terms of animal welfare.			
2. CZE	Jumping: teams of 4, while maintaining advance of 2 teams from the special qualifying competition of our qualifying group C, as per proposal		Eventing: teams of 4, while maintaining advance of 2 teams from the special qualifying competition of our qualifying group C, as per proposal	Competition format: Support teams of 4
3. ESP	No comment for Jumping	No comment for Dressage	Eventing: Propose to shift the Individual Qualification opportunities from the rankings to the next nations having qualified from the team competitions to raise the level of competition of riders attending the Olympics as Individuals. It is proposed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of teams as much as possible, reducing the individual places (6 or 3) • Increase the Olympic places to the higher level competitions (WEG and CH EU) 2 more places per event • In the event that the NOCs that obtain their 	

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			quota in competitions that do not give MER, cannot send team, the places must be repositioned in the WEG classification as it is the highest level competition open to all Groups. In this way we will encourage attendance at this important competition.	
4. FRA	No specific comment on the distribution of quota places	No specific comment on the distribution of quota places	No specific comment on the distribution of quota places	<p>Competition format: Support teams of 4. This statement is strengthened after Tokyo2020 Games format experience where we are forced to recognize that there have been more drifts with horse welfare issues than in previous ones : riders overstraining their horses, combinations level below safety standards. By underestimated the singular animal factor within our sport format we are threatening the place of our sport in the Olympic movement and in society. We support to have more flags as long as it is not compromising horse welfare and that all participants qualify on fair worldwide procedures to ensure safety and to have the best of our sport at the olympics. To increase the number of flags we would recommend to prioritize on the best individuals</p>

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				from upcoming nations instead of having teams not fully composed by safe enough combination
5. GBR	No objection nor feedback	No objection nor feedback	No objection nor feedback	Competition format: GBR NF have confirmed that they will comment in due course
6. GER	Jumping: In order to maintain the total quota of 60 Team Athletes, we propose to amend to have 15 teams of 4. We are aware that the tables must then be changed accordingly and suggest that the responsible bodies make proposals to best achieve a fair allocation.	Dressage: naturally has less risk than Jumping or Eventing to be in need of a safety score, but given the unpredictable nature of a sport with animals, we do need it. In case a horse has a mishap and drops out, his whole team is out and all efforts spent over years to prepare for this most important event were in vain. In a four-to-a-team format, nations could still continue in the competition if a combination was retired or eliminated. Moreover, we want to see the best Athletes, the outstanding and top combinations. None of them should be deprived of their chance to compete for the benefit of possibly below-par performances	Eventing: return to the format of 4 riders in a team with the lowest score at the end dropped. It is kinder to the horses because it puts less pressure on a rider if the combination makes a mistake or the rider feels he should not continue a bad round. In a team of 3, riders are at risk to overstrain their horses if they know they must complete the round because otherwise their country will be basically out. There is a huge risk that teams get eliminated and then all efforts spent over years to prepare for this most important event were in vain. We recognize the fact that there is a 100/200 points score for athletes dropping out and the team stays in the	Competition format: Asking to return to the format of 4 riders in a team with the lowest score at the end dropped. It is kinder to the horses because it puts less pressure on a rider if the combination makes a mistake or the rider feels he should not continue a bad round. In a team of 3, riders are at risk to overstrain their horses if they know they must complete the round because otherwise their country will be out. In a four-to-a-team format, nations could still continue in the competition if a combination was retired or eliminated. We must not compromise Horse Welfare for the sake of having more flags Qualification deadline/MER: It is foreseen that by December 2022, the list of 2023 MER Events shall be published. We wish to point out that these have to be high-class CSI or CSIO in order to ensure that all riders and horses are indeed ready for a competition at Olympic level. More flags are not desirable at all costs if it means that riders/horses might be overcharged with the required skills

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		<p>with the argument that more flags are needed. We want to see the best ones going head to head.</p> <p>Qualification Pathway/ Team Quota Places</p> <p>We propose to amend to have 12 teams of 4 (48 Athletes). In order to reach the total quota of 60 for Dressage, the number of individual Quota Places should be reduced from 15 to 12. We are aware that the tables must then be changed accordingly and suggest that the responsible bodies make proposals to best achieve a fair allocation</p>	<p>rankings. Still such a team is basically out. In a four-to-a-team format, nations could still continue in the competition if a combination was retired or eliminated.</p> <p>We must not compromise Horse Welfare for the sake of having more flags. Therefore, we have to amend</p> <p>Qualification Pathway/ Team Quota Places</p> <p>In order to maintain the total quota of 48 Team Athletes for Eventing, we propose to amend to have 12 teams of 4. We are aware that the tables must then be changed accordingly and suggest that the responsible bodies make proposals to best achieve a fair allocation</p>	
7. IRL	<p>Jumping: Discussion requested for: there is one less qualifying place at the World Equestrian Games, with all teams eligible to participate at WEG. It appears that</p>		<p>Eventing: We support the inclusion of the Nations Cup in 2022 as another opportunity to qualify and to increase the number of teams to 16.</p> <p>The IRL NF respectfully</p>	<p>Request that a proactive discussion is held at the forthcoming General Assembly regarding the qualifying procedures.</p> <p>Competition format:</p> <p>Consensus of IRL NF discussions: the format did not serve the athletes, the horses or the</p>

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some countries, for example, Israel and Czechoslovakia have a disparate advantage over other countries with access to a special qualifying events in tandem with holding the opportunity to compete in WEG, the Europeans and Barcelona.

We appreciate that the USA have the opportunity to compete at the Pan AM Games, however, same is the equivalency in respect of the Europeans for qualification.

Furthermore, there is concern amongst the jumping community that the special Olympic qualifiers are not of equivalent standard and do not hold the intensity that the other qualifiers do. As such, this presents an unfair advantage to those nations. Please see attached appendix 1 for example.

The IRL NF acknowledge

request the FEI and IOC to consider the level of athletes in the Individual competition. The allocation of individual places is only for countries which have not qualified a team. This generally means the standard of individual athletes is very low, and they have little or no chance of competing for a medal. The Olympics is meant to be the pinnacle of our sport for athletes and showcase the best combinations competing in a safe and highly skilled way which is unique to Eventing.

It also, has to be taken into consideration the standard of riding and the safety of these athletes competing at the Olympics with minimum experience at CCI4*L and no experience at CCIS*L.

The IRL NF very much support a Team of 4 with a drop score, however if this is not possible, a solution

global image of equestrian sport very well. I believe all NF's wish to see equestrian sport as a brand leader, an exciting and vibrant sport to be involved, so unique in every sense, while maintain the core values of horse first, perform as one, fair and equal, for today and tomorrow.

Jumping: The IRL NF propose a simple format: Team of 4 in round one of Teams. With drop score Reducing to 3 for final and the Team event to take place before Individual

Eventing: The Olympic format for 2020 of a team of 3 and a P athlete was not well received by Owners, Athletes and Chef d'Equipes.

It caused problems for several Federations around selection and managing the position of the P-Athlete, which asks a lot for a horse and athlete combination to be on standby the whole time for a competition, while also being excluded from the Olympic Village, and not to be called an Olympian. In this time of mental health awareness it is a step in the wrong direction. An example is the withdrawal of Piggy French's horse by the Owners from selection as the P-athlete

Dressage: The IRL NF respectfully request that a team of 4 to be reinstated. This is of particular importance to NF's such as ourselves who wish to send a travelling reserve with a drop score.

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	and welcome that Barcelona 2022 and 2023 are qualifiers. We need discussion on these matters we are major stakeholders and this has a huge impact on our sport. The sentiment across our important stakeholder community is that these decisions are far reaching and without proper consultation in light of the shortcomings of the Tokyo format is not in the best interest of our sport.		could be to have the P-athlete compete as an individual but also still be the substitute if necessary. With 16 teams, it would give you 16 Individuals, the quality/standard of the individual field would be much higher and should contain serious contenders for an individual medal. You are then avoiding asking Owners, Athletes and Horses to travel to the Olympics without competing.	
8. ISR	Jumping: opposes the qualification proposal in Jumping. Support maintaining the same as for Tokyo retaining the 6 teams from the World –CH			
9. ITA	Jumping: maintain the 6 team places from the W-CH (not 5 as proposed). Not to include the 2022 Nations Cup as a qualification option as the Final is not open to all	Dressage: In general, in favor of the proposals. It must only be reiterated that the qualification competitions be of the same level and technical difficulty for all combinations,	Eventing: In general, in favour of the proposals. To be reiterated that the qualification competitions be of the same level and technical difficulty for all combinations, throughout	MERs Jumping: No facilitated MER or qualification possibilities.

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	<p>Nations as W-CH and EU-CH.</p> <p>4 Places are proposed by ITA NF from the EU-CH (not 3 as per FEI proposal)</p> <p>1 place only from Group C in Central Asia (not 2 as in FEI proposal)</p>	<p>throughout all qualification systems and geographic Olympic groups to ensure a fair and level playing field for all.</p>	<p>all qualification systems and geographic Olympic groups to ensure a fair and level playing field for all.</p>	
10.JPN		<p>Dressage: the qualification places are allocated to each group by World Championship or the designated Olympic Qualification Event in 2022. In this case, it is likely that all team quota will be allocated by the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships where many countries from EU will participate.</p> <p>For this reason, once the allocation for most groups are set after 2022 summer, the global momentum, enthusiasm for Paris Olympic will fade.</p> <p>With the situation of Covid, groups which are not in EU are still having difficulties to gain the MER for the World</p>		

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		<p>Championship due to the travel restriction.</p> <p>Suggest that as with Jumping and Eventing, the team quota will be allocated by the FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event in 2023.</p> <p>It should be a qualification system that allows many countries to continue their activities toward the Olympics, and the Olympic movement, enthusiasm should also be considered.</p>		
11.NED	Agree with principles	Agree with principles	Agree with principles	<p>Number of Members/team: Support 4 per team for all disciplines.</p> <p>Competition format –Jumping Support Jumping team competition first</p>
12.NOR	Fully supports the proposal	Fully supports the proposal	Fully supports the proposal	
13.RUS	Jumping: FEI designated Olympic group C qualifier to be defined	Dressage: FEI designated Olympic group C qualifier to be defined	Eventing: No comments made	
14.SWE	Agree with principles	<p>Agree with principles</p> <p>Dressage: Suggest to line of number of qualification opportunities with Jumping & Eventing and adding for the team Qualification, best</p>	Agree with principles	

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		ranked team according to the final classification of the FEI Dressage Nations Cup Series 2023		
15.SUI		Dressage: Supports the Quota distribution as proposed	Eventing: Supports the Quota distribution as proposed	Number of Members/team: Support 4 per team for all disciplines. Competition format –Jumping Support Jumping team competition first.
16.URU			Eventing: <i>Team Qualification</i> Allocation of quotas is prioritized by the participation in World Championships over the Regional competitions. This harms the peripheral regions that normally do not have access to this kind of events and hinders the global representation in the games that, according to our point of view, should be based of the regional results. Therefore, it is hereby proposed to reduce the quotas achieved as a consequence of the results linked to World Championships and increase the quotas by	

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			<p>region according to the Regional Games results, that is, to add one or two more quotas in the Pan American Games.</p> <p><i>Individual Qualification :</i> the allocation of quotas at regional level is subject to the ranking and not to the effective participation in the Pan American Games. In many cases, the combinations obtain their ranking as a consequence of their participation outside their respective groups, thus encouraging them to desist from competing in their correspondent Regional Games, thereby damaging the competitive quality of the Games and making their individual participation prevail over the conformation of national teams. Therefore, it is considered convenient that the four individual quotas assigned by the regional ranking be obtained as a</p>	
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			<p>consequence of the direct participation in the Pan American Games and maintain, as proposed in the reference document, another three quotas linked to the world ranking.</p> <p>The proposal above will have positive consequences: on one hand enabling the possibility of the universal participation of all nations in the Olympic Games based on their respective regional performances and, on the other, it will contribute to increase the level of competitiveness in the Pan American Games by encouraging the participation of those combinations to carry out their sportive activities in the central regions</p>	
17.USA			<p>Eventing: The Nations Cup series only benefits Nations based in Western Europe / United Kingdom.</p>	<p>Tokyo OG & Competition format debrief: Request that this takes place at GA. Vote on Qualification procedures to be delayed Number of Members/team:</p>

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			<p>We object to the 2022 Nations Cup series being used as these Qualification Procedures will be approved after the submission of dates for the 2022 FEI Calendar.</p> <p>The 2022 Nations Cup quota place should be added to the WEG Quota places. WEG is of a comparable level to what the Olympics should be.</p>	<p>Opinion Teams of 4 with a discard are essential for the good of the sport and horse welfare, especially in Jumping and Eventing. We believe this actually benefits weaker Nations. Also support return to 4 with discard for Dressage</p> <p>Competition format –Jumping</p> <p>Return to Teams of 4 with a discard is required, especially for the first round of the Team</p> <p>Competition format –Dressage</p> <p>Although not part of the Qualification system the scoring (use of points instead of percentages) for the Team competition needs a complete review</p>
I. IDRC		<p>(same as GER NF comments)</p> <p>Dressage Deadlines:</p> <p>The last sentence says the FEI will publish a list of the point system INCLUDING the events in December 2022. But the Olympic Ranking (for individuals) starts already the 1st of January 2023. As it only runs for a year and as many of the individual riders come from smaller nations, it is not so easy for them to get invitations to shows. This short window makes it</p>		<p>Number of Members/team:</p> <p>The team should consist of 4 riders and not 3 as suggested here, which means that the number of the total quota for dressage should be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>(same as GER NF comments) Dressage naturally has less risk than Jumping or Eventing to be in need of a safety score, but given the unpredictable nature of a sport with animals, we do need it. In case a horse has a mishap and drops out, his whole team is out and all efforts spent over years to prepare for this most important event are in vain. In a four-to-a-team format, nations could still continue in the</p>

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		difficult to plan transportations and the competition season. There should be at least 3 months between publication of the MER events (in October instead of as proposed December) and the start of the Ranking List.		competition if a combination was retired or eliminated.
PAEC	<p>Jumping Olympic Qualification System for Paris 2024 have an issue regarding the Team and Individual slots for Groups D & E.</p> <p>Each NOC needs to confirm their allocated team quota place to FEI. Furthermore, if an NOC withdraws their team quota place by X date or has not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2023, then the NOC in question will be eligible for an individual quota place instead of their team slot.</p> <p>Since our system includes both direct qualification from the Pan American</p>	<p>Dressage Olympic Qualification System for Paris 2024 have an issue regarding the Team and Individual slots for Groups D & E</p> <p>Each NOC needs to confirm their allocated team quota place to FEI. Furthermore, if an NOC withdraws their team quota place by X date or has not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2023, then the NOC in question will be eligible for an individual quota place instead of their team slot.</p> <p>Since our system includes both direct qualification from the Pan American Games and qualification from the</p>	<p>Eventing: Not in favor of giving any slots to the FEI Eventing Nations Cup. Not for the 2022 season nor the 2023 season.</p> <p>We propose that the proposed 2022 Nations Cup Team slot be converted back into the 3 individual slots from where it came. This is a much more universal approach, consistent with the Tokyo Universality principles and the desire for "more flags" and encourages and rewards excellence in Eventing throughout the world.</p> <p>Nations Cups for Eventing considered too Eurocentric"</p> <p>As for the slot proposed for the 2023 Eventing Nations</p>	<p>Fill-up procedure for Quota places:</p> <p>if by X date (February 2023), an NOC decides to withdraw their team and instead send only one individual, the Team slot will be given to the next best placed team of the Pan American Games and an individual slot given to the team that withdrew. This individual slot will be taken from the individual slots that were originally assigned to the Ranking, thereby reducing the number of individuals selected through the ranking by one (1).</p>

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	<p>Games and qualification from the Ranking, we believe we need to clarify where will the additional individual slot (from the NOC that withdrew the team) will come from. In both cases, we need to add a provision specifying what will happen in case a qualified Team withdraws their Team from the Games and instead they want to send one individual.</p> <p>We ask the FEI Board and the FEI Jumping Committee to NOT hold the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final in October of 2023. The Pan American Games will be held in October of that year, more than 10,000 km away from Europe. Given that both events are designated to be used for 2024 Olympic slot determination we cannot have our best athletes excluded from either competition. For the sake of fair play and having the</p>	<p>Ranking, we believe we need to clarify where will the additional individual slot (from the NOC that withdrew the team) will come from. In both cases, we need to add a provision specifying what will happen in case a qualified Team withdraws their Team from the Games and instead they want to send one individual. Specific concerned with Dressage since for Tokyo, Brazil could not achieve the NOC COC for their individual. In case something like that happens again, then the additional individual should come from one of the Individual Ranking Slots rather than be lost</p>	<p>Cup Series, we propose that this be added back to the total slots available through the Eventing World Championship...an event which all of the world's nations can target, access and fund participation in.</p>	
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	same opportunities for everyone to qualify to the Olympic Games, we would ask that the FEI be proactive in rescheduling the Nations Cup Final at least 5 weeks before or after the Jumping events at the Pan American Games			
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D. FEI OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION GROUPS

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING GROUPS	NATIONAL FEDERATIONS		
Olympic Group A (North-Western Europe)	Denmark Finland Germany	Great Britain Iceland Ireland	Netherlands Norway Sweden
Olympic Group B (South-western Europe)	Andorra Austria Belgium Bosnia Herzegovina France Italy	Liechtenstein Luxemburg Malta Monaco	Portugal San Marino Spain Switzerland
Olympic Group C (Central & Eastern Europe, Central Asia)	Albania Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Estonia Georgia	Greece Hungary Israel Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Latvia Lithuania Macedonia Moldova Poland	Romania Russia Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Turkey Turkmenistan Ukraine Uzbekistan
Olympic Group D (North America)	Antigua Barbados Bermuda	Canada Cayman Islands Jamaica	Trinidad & Tobago USA Virgin Islands
Olympic Group E (South & Central America)	Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominican Republic	Ecuador El Salvador Guatemala Haiti Honduras Mexico Nicaragua	Panama *Paraguay Peru Puerto Rico Venezuela Uruguay
Olympic Group F (Africa/Middle East)	Algeria Angola Bahrain Botswana	Lebanon Libya Madagascar Malawi Mauritius	Senegal Republic of South Africa Sudan Syria

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	Congo Democratic Republic Egypt Ethiopia Iraq Iran Jordan Kenya Kuwait	Morocco Namibia Oman Pakistan Palestine Qatar Kingdom Arabia	Saudi	Swaziland Tunisia UAE Republic of Yemen Zambia Zimbabwe
Olympic Group G (South East Asia, Oceania)	Australia Brunei Cambodia China Chinese Taipei Hong Kong	India Indonesia Japan Korea Malaysia Mongolia		Myanmar New Zealand Philippines Singapore Sri Lanka Thailand

- **Note:** The above list includes NFs affiliated to the FEI and will be able to participate providing the NF is in good standing with the FEI.

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E. IOC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES FOR PARIS 2024 AS CIRCULATED BY IOC ON 18 OCTOBER 2021¹

Introduction

In order to participate in the Olympic Games, athletes and teams will have to respect and comply with the Olympic Charter as well as with the rules of the relevant International Federation (IF). Bye-law to Rule 40 of the Olympic Charter stipulates that each IF needs to establish its sport's rules for participation in the Olympic Games, including qualification criteria in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Such criteria must be submitted to the IOC Executive Board for approval. The IOC Executive Board may delegate any of its powers related to the qualification systems, including without limitation its approval authority, to the IOC administration.

All relevant information related to the qualification process for a sport/discipline in the Olympic Games must be included in the respective qualification system per sport.

Qualification systems are the regulations established by IFs that consist of rules, procedures and criteria for athletes to be able to participate in competitions of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 subject to final selection by each National Olympic Committee (NOC) upon recommendation of the respective National Federation (NF). These Qualification Systems must conform to the Qualification System Principles (QSP) set forth below (as approved by the IOC Executive Board in October 2021).

Each qualification system shall be clear and easy to comprehend for NOCs/NFs, athletes and coaches and should leave no room for interpretation.

The application of the qualification criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated NFs and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities. The NOCs have the exclusive authority for the representation of their respective countries at the Olympic Games.

Across all the sports the qualification systems are there to ensure the participation of all 206 NOCs with a minimum of one (1) man and one (1) woman in their delegation at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

All qualification systems for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 should be developed based on the following principles:

- Each qualification system must follow the official IOC approved template and shall not be published in any other format without prior IOC approval. The official qualification system for each sport/discipline shall be accessible on Olympics.com
- Each qualification system shall establish the rules for fair and equal opportunities for all NOCs/ athletes / teams (including for refugee athletes) to obtain a quota

¹ Approved by IOC EB and effective as of 16-18 October 2021

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place/qualify for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 with no form of discrimination in the framework of the Olympic Charter.

- Each qualification system shall include the qualification pathway, allocation process, reallocation process and timeline for qualification events.
- Each qualification system must determine the maximum number of athletes per NOC for each event.
- Each qualification system must ensure that the overall athlete quota places and by gender approved by the IOC Executive Board shall not be exceeded.
- Each qualification system must ensure the participation of world's best athletes based on Field of Play performances. It must clearly outline the minimum level of performance to be achieved in order to obtain a quota place.
- Each qualification system shall ensure continental representation across the respective sport.
- Each qualification system must ensure a minimum number of universality places (formerly known as tripartite commission invitation places) these may be subject to minimum eligibility criteria. This is not applicable for team sports.
- A detailed universality places allocation procedure will be published in February 2022.
- Each qualification system shall ensure the participation of the Host Country, this may be subject to the attainment of a minimum level of performance by athletes or teams.
- Each qualification system must indicate any sport-specific eligibility criteria (such as age, technical requirements and anti-doping).
- Each qualification system shall provide more than one (1) opportunity for the athletes/teams to qualify.
- Each qualification system must indicate if the quota place is allocated to the athlete by name or to the NOC. The NOCs have the exclusive authority for the representation of their respective countries at the Olympic Games even if the quota is allocated to the athlete by name.
- Each qualification system shall contain a timeline for qualification. No qualification period for any sport/discipline may exceed a period of 24 months (two years) provided that such timeline does not constitute discrimination in the framework of the Olympic Charter.
- The sport entries deadline for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 is Monday 8 July 2024 (tbc with Paris 2024 in February 2022). For those sports/disciplines that allocate the quota to the athlete by name, a clear reallocation process post-sport entries deadline will have to be included in each qualification system. This reallocation process has to be completed no later than 48 hours, unless exceptionally agreed otherwise, prior to the start of the competition in the respective discipline. For those

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sports/disciplines with allocation to the NOC a Late Athlete Replacement policy will be developed and published by the time of the Chef De Mission seminar.

Qualification Events

- Events that are identified as qualification events shall be announced by the respective IFs before the start of the qualification period and defined in the qualification system accordingly even if the location has not been confirmed by that time
- IFs shall use existing IF events in the calendar for qualification where possible.
- All qualifying events taking place under the auspices of the IF or their continental or regional associations, the IF and the organiser of the event must ensure that the Olympic Charter, including the principle of non-discrimination, is respected.
- The qualification systems should not necessitate extensive and expensive travel requirements.
- All qualification events must be completed by no later Sunday 23 June 2024.

Communication

- IFs are responsible to inform and keep any of their constituents as well as the NOCs and NFs informed of the qualification system and any update and/or communication related thereto.
- NOCs are responsible to inform and keep any of their constituents, including without limitation athletes under their responsibilities, informed of the qualification system and any update and/or communication related thereto.
- IFs must communicate directly with NOCs, at the same time as with their respective NFs as well as with the Paris 2024 Sport Department when confirming and distributing the allocated quota places and list of qualified athletes.
- The confirmation of a NOC, by the authorised NOC representative, to reject or accept the allocated quota places must be done in writing via email or letter or via any other official way of communication and this is considered final and cannot be reversed.
- Each qualification system shall indicate the timeline for an NOC to confirm or decline a quota place. As a minimum, each NOC shall have five (5) working days to respond to the IF.

Change management and issue resolution

- Qualification systems once agreed by the IOC and IFs, shall not be changed. In exceptional circumstances, should an IF require amending their qualification system, a request can be submitted to the IOC for review. Any changes other than

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changes to qualification event locations or dates shall be approved by the IOC Executive Board.

- Once the IOC confirms the amendments, a revised system will be published by the relevant IF. IFs have full responsibility to communicate any amendments to the NOCs and NFs via their official communication channels. The IOC will keep a change log and will issue newsletters to NOCs via the IOC NOCnet.
- Any dispute arising between an IF and a NOC in connection with the interpretation or execution of a qualification system should be resolved through direct consultation between the IF and the NOC. Should such dispute not be resolved through the consultation, it shall be referred exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland).
- The IOC Executive Board reserves the right to revoke the Olympic Qualification status of a qualification event, including without limitation in case any of the above principles have not been met or the Olympic Charter have not been adhered to.