

PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATION SYSTEM DRESSAGE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear National Federations,

The Dressage Committee has reviewed the comments received from National Federations (NFs) and Stakeholders (SHs) by 15 October 2021.

In the present Report you can find:

- [A. Executive Summary with the main conclusions of the points discussed](#); and
- [B. Appendix I where all NFs and SHs comments received are addressed](#).

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dressage Technical Committee met on 25 October 2021 to discuss the comments received from NFs and SHs on the proposed Qualification system for Paris 2024.

Tokyo Olympic Format – Dressage:

The Dressage Technical Committee was unanimous to say that the new format was a success in Dressage. Some points will need further review such as the timing of the first Horse Inspection and the length of the second break during the Team competition.

Paris2024 Olympic Qualification system-Dressage:

AUT, CZE, FRA, GER, NED, SUI, USA, EEF and IDRC expressed a recommendation to have teams of four. The principle of three members per team was discussed and there was a unanimous agreement to keep this principle, as it is in accordance with the Olympic principles to give the opportunity to compete to as many Nations as possible and ensure a fair level playing field to include smaller Nations. It also made the sport more exciting and less predictable, and going back to four per Team would be seen as a step backwards. The Dressage Technical Committee suggests that a reserve combination for the Team final, to use for tactical reasons, should be discussed.

The Dressage Technical Committee's recommendation was in line with the IOC letter received on 3 November 2021.

Qualification events and MERs:

Qualifications concerns were raised by Group C and PAEC. In general, the Dressage Technical Committee strongly recommends raising the standard which had been requested over many years and it would now be required.

Nations Cup Qualifying event:

The Dressage Technical Committee agreed that it would be premature to include the Dressage Nations Cup in the qualification system. This should be reevaluated for the future, once a new format for the Nations Cup is introduced.

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B. APPENDIX I. COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM NFs AND SHs by 15 OCTOBER 2021

DRESSAGE		
NF/SH	COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 15 OCTOBER 2021	FEEDBACK FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
AUT	Support change (back to old system) for draw system in dressage	This should be addressed in the Olympic Regulations to be discussed and approved by the FEI General Assembly in 2022s
JPN	<p>The qualification places are allocated to each group by World Championship or the designated Olympic Qualification Event in 2022.</p> <p>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 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>	<p>The Dressage Technical Committee is unsure of this request as Group G qualifies either at the World Championships or at an FEI Designated Olympic Qualification event.</p> <p>The Dressage Technical Committee highlighted that it was important that all NFs had two possibilities to qualify a Team, which is the case.</p>
RUS	Dressage: Qualification of group C to be defined	The Dressage Technical Committee was informed that the EEF and Group C were discussing this point and they might make a proposal to the FEI.
SWE	Dressage: Suggest to line of number of qualification opportunities with Jumping & Eventing and adding for the team qualification, best ranked team according to the final classification of the FEI Dressage Nations Cup Series 2023	The Dressage Technical Committee agreed this was a good idea for the future, but much premature now and the Nations Cup Rules need a full revision.
USA	Competition format –Dressage Although not part of the Qualification system the scoring (use of points instead of	The Dressage Technical Committee acknowledged that this was a better solution, but this was for the Olympic Regulations to be discussed and

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	percentages) for the Team competition needs a complete review	approved by the FEI General Assembly in 2022.
IDRC	<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 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.</p>	<p>As per the FEI General Regulations the calendar application deadline was 1 October 2021. The Dressage Technical Committee proposed adding an asterisk (*) after the events in the calendar with the footnote that these events were approved to count for MERs unless changed by the FEI Secretary General.</p> <p>This was to be checked for the OG Rules.</p>
PAEC	<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 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>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>The Dressage Technical Committee proposes using the rankings to fill up any places.</p> <p>The Dressage Technical Committee also strongly proposes that these groups would have to qualify on at least Medium Tour level to ensure that the qualified Nations were ready for the level required, else the slots would have to be reallocated. Raising the standard had been requested over many years and it would now have to be required.</p>
AUT, CZE, FRA, GER, NED,	<p>Number of Team members – list of NFs/Stakeholders who expressed their recommendation to have teams of four.</p>	<p>The Dressage Technical Committee discussed the number of Team members, and although there was understanding for stronger NFs wanting Teams of 4, all agreed to remain with</p>

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<p>SUI, USA, EEF, IDRC</p>		<p>Teams of 3, as it was in accordance with the Olympic principles to give the opportunity to as many Nations as possible to compete. It also made the sport more exciting and less predictable, and going back to 4 Team would be seen as a step backwards. The Dressage Technical Committee suggests that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a reserve Horse for the Team final should be possible (already was for Veterinary reasons) also for tactical reasons.• All who had competed for the Team should receive medals. <p>The above mentioned points are to be discussed as part of the Olympic Regulations to be approved by the FEI General Assembly in 2022.</p>
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