

# HYBRID GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNEX Pt 15.3



17 November 2021, Antwerp (BEL)

## PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATION SYSTEM JUMPING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear National Federations,

The Jumping 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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Marco Fusté  
FEI Jumping Director

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### A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Jumping Committee met on the evening of 4 November 2021 to discuss the qualifications for the 2024 Olympic Games.

The Jumping Committee had held previous meetings to discuss this matter, however the Committee did not obtain a unanimous answer.

Following receipt of the letter sent from the IOC to the FEI President, dated 3 November 2021, the Jumping Committee has agreed to follow the recommendations set forth by the IOC. For this reason, the Committee recommends to maintain the qualification system as proposed and is open to discuss with different stakeholders the best possible formats that can be found within the three athletes per team formula.

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

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NF/SH	COMMENTS RECEIVED BY 15 OCTOBER 2021	FEEDBACK FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
<b>AUT</b>	<p><b>Jumping:</b> 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.</p> <p>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 equestrian quality is also maintained in terms of animal welfare.</p>	<p>The Jumping Committee will review the MERs for Paris 2024 as part of the Olympic Regulations to be discussed and approved by the FEI General Assembly in 2022.</p> <p>However the Committee does not support the idea of substituting teams with individual places.</p>
<b>CZE</b>	<p><b>Jumping:</b> teams of 4, while maintaining advance of 2 teams from the special qualifying competition of our qualifying group C, as per proposal</p>	<p>In accordance with the letter received from the IOC, the Committee has agreed to respect the three athletes per team formula for the reasons explained above.</p> <p>The Jumping Committee has no further comments.</p>
<b>FRA</b>	<p><b>Jumping:</b> Support teams of 4 combinations and format with 3 best results counting out of 4.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To increase the number of flags we would recommend to prioritize on the best individuals from upcoming nations instead</p>	<p>In accordance with the letter received from the IOC, the Committee has agreed to respect the three athletes per team formula for the reasons explained above.</p>

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	of having teams not fully composed by safe enough combinations.	
<b>GER</b>	<b>Jumping:</b> 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.	As indicated above, the Committee does not support going back to the teams of four format.
<b>IRL</b>	<p><b>Jumping:</b> 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 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The IRL NF acknowledge 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.</p>	<p>The Jumping Committee supports the qualification system and quotas set forth in the proposal and therefore does not support this comment.</p> <p>The Committee will review the MER competitions for Paris 2024 as part of the Olympic Regulations to be discussed and approved by the FEI General Assembly in 2022.</p> <p>Discussions with all stakeholders will take place in due time as per the Executive Summary above.</p>
<b>ISR</b>	<b>Jumping:</b> opposes the qualification proposal in Jumping. Support maintaining the same as for Tokyo retaining the 6 teams from the World –CH	The Jumping Committee supports the qualification system and quotas set forth in the proposal and therefore does not support this comment.
<b>ITA</b>	<b>Jumping:</b> maintain the 6 team places from the W-CH (not 5 as proposed).	The Jumping Committee supports the qualification system and quotas set forth in the proposal and therefore does not support these comments.

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	<p>Not to include the 2022 Nations Cup as a qualification option as the Final is not open to all 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>	
<b>RUS</b>	<p><b>Jumping:</b> Qualification of Group C to be defined</p>	<p>The Jumping Committee agrees and would like to see a proposal coming from Group C regarding the definition and system to allocate the 2 places that they have.</p>
<b>PAEC</b>	<p><b>Jumping</b> Olympic Qualification System for Paris 2024 have an issue regarding the Team and Individual slots for Groups D &amp; 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>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 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</p>	<p>The Jumping Committee understands the possible issues of the Pan American Games allocation slots and will discuss this further with PAEC.</p> <p>The Committee is open to discuss the best possible way to accommodate the Pan American Games and the final of the Nations Cup however will not support to move the final of the Nations Cup more than one week prior to the existing date.</p>

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