

## ANNEX Pt 15.4

17 November 2021, Antwerp (BEL)

### EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PROPOSAL FOR THE PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES

20 October 2021

Dear National Federations,

Please find below the proposed Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification system, as well as all comments from National Federations that were received by 15 October.

The Technical Committees will review the comments received by 15 October 2021 and will ultimately discuss it 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bettina de Rham'.

Bettina de Rham,

Para Dressage Director



## EQUESTRIAN

### MEDAL EVENTS

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
0	0	11	11
		<p><b><u>Individual Championship</u></b>            Individual – Grade I            Individual – Grade II            Individual – Grade III            Individual – Grade IV            Individual – Grade V</p> <p><b><u>Team Championship</u></b>            Team – Open</p> <p><b><u>Individual Freestyle Championship</u></b>            Individual – Grade I            Individual – Grade II            Individual – Grade III            Individual – Grade IV            Individual – Grade V</p>	

### 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 ~~2021~~2024.

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athlete/horse combinations must:

- Have achieved at least one (1) sixty-~~two-four~~ (~~6264~~) percent score at a FEI Para Equestrian 3\* or above event in an Individual or Team competition between 1 January ~~2019-2022~~ and ~~5-July19 June 2021-2024~~;

### **MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC**

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) eligible team ~~in the team event~~, comprising a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) eligible athletes entered in individual events.

For the Team medal event, three Athletes may compete for each NPC in the Team competition. ~~At At~~ least one (1) team member shall be an eligible athlete in either sport class Grade I or sport class Grade II 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) Individual qualification slots (by means of Regional Distribution of Individuals and/or Bipartite Commission Invitations), then all three (3) 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 as detailed above. 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:

<b>Team Qualification</b>		
<b>METHOD</b>	<b>QUALIFICATION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b><u>Host Country Allocation</u></b>	<u>The host country directly qualifies four (4) Athletes. Each athlete must meet the minimum eligibility requirements. If the host country is unable to field a team, it may be allocated a maximum of two (2) slots for eligible Individual athletes. All other quota slots will be allocated via the Reallocation of Quota Slots method (see below).</u>	<u>4 Athletes</u>
<b><u>2018-2022 FEI World Equestrian Games Allocation World Championships</u></b>	<u>The top <del>three</del> <u>seven</u> (37) ranked teams, not including the host country, at the <u>2018-2022 FEI World Equestrian Games Championships</u> will each obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC <u>excluding the Host Country Team.</u></u>	<u>12-28</u> athletes
<b><u>2023 FEI European Championships</u></b>	<u>The top ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the <u>2023 FEI European Championships</u> will obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC.</u>	<u>4 athletes</u>
<b><u>FEI <del>Team Ranking</del> Para Equestrian Team Ranking List Allocation</u></b>	<u>The <del>seven</del> (7) highest ranked teams on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List* (not otherwise qualified and not including the host country) will each obtain four qualification slots for their NPC.</u> <u>*The FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List, covering the period of 1 January 2019 to 31 January 2020, is a Team Ranking based on each team's best team results from two (2) qualifying events added together.</u>	<u>28 athletes</u>
<b><u>Para Equestrian Regional Team Ranking Allocation</u></b>	The highest ranked team on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List (not yet qualified <del>and not including the host country</del> ) from each of the following regions will obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Oceania</li> </ul> Should a region not have an eligible team, the unused slots will be allocated (regardless of region) via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots method (see below).	16 athletes
<b><u>FEI <del>Team Ranking</del> Para Equestrian</u></b>	<u>The two (2) highest ranked teams on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List* (not otherwise</u>	<u>8 athletes</u>

<b>Team Ranking List Allocation</b>	qualified) will each obtain four qualification slots for their NPC. <u>*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.</u>	
<b>Individual Qualification</b>		
METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
<b>Para Equestrian Individual Ranking List Allocation – Regional Distribution</b>	Only NPCs that have not <del>received</del> <u>earned</u> qualification slots through any of the above allocation methods are eligible to receive qualification slots through the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List* Allocation method. <u>*The FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, covering the period of 1 January 2019–2023 to 31 January–2020December 2023, is an Individual Ranking based on each athlete's accumulated ranking points of a maximum of six (6) best results obtained in FEI Para Equestrian qualifying competitions.</u> 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, <del>and not including the host country:</del> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Europe</li> <li>• Oceania.</li> </ul> <u>Should a region not have eligible athletes, the unused slots will be allocated (regardless of region) via the Reallocation of Quota Slots method (see below).</u>	15 athletes
<b>Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation</b>	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 <del>16–18</del> <u>20202024</u> . In case not all Bipartite slots are allocated, the remaining slots will be allocated via the Reallocation of Unused Quota Slots method (see below).	3 athletes
<b>Host Country Allocation</b>	<del>The host country directly qualifies four (4) athletes. Each athlete must meet the minimum eligibility requirements. If the host country is unable to field a team, it may be allocated a maximum of two (2)</del>	4 athletes

	<del>slots for eligible Individual athletes. All other quota slots will be allocated via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots method (see below).</del>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>78 athletes</b>

**TIMELINE**

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|--|---|
| 1 January <del>2019</del> <u>2022</u>                    | Start of the period for athlete/horse combinations to attain a minimum eligibility score  |
| <del>11-23 Sep. 2018</del> <u>6 - 14 August 2022</u>     | <del>World Equestrian Games, Tryon, USA</del><br><u>FEI Para Dressage World Championships, Herning (DEN)</u>                          |
| 1 January <del>2019</del> <u>2023</u>                    | Start of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists        |
| <u>15 December 2018</u> <del>2022</del>                  | FEI to publish the list of Qualifying Events counting for FEI Paralympic Ranking Lists in <del>2019</del> <u>2023</u>                 |
| <del>December 2019</del>                                 | <del>FEI to publish the list of Qualifying Events counting for FEI Paralympic Ranking Lists in 2020</del>                             |
| 31 <del>January-December</del> <u>2020</u> <del>23</del> | End of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists          |
| <del>17-19</del> February <del>2020</del> <u>2024</u>    | Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process  |
| <del>2-4</del> March <del>2020</del> <u>2024</u>         | FEI notifies the NPCs in writing about the number of allocated qualification slots  |
| <del>16-18</del> March <del>2020</del> <u>2024</u>       | NPCs confirm in writing the use of allocated qualification slots  |
| <del>16-18</del> March <del>2020</del> <u>2024</u>       | Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to FEI   |
| <del>23-25</del> March <del>2020</del> <u>2024</u>       | FEI confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots and the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitations           |
| <del>14-May</del> <u>Date TBC 2021</u> <del>2024</del>   | Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List") |
| <del>5-July</del> <u>19 June 2021</u> <del>2024</del>    | End of the period for athlete/horse combinations to attain a minimum eligibility score  |
| <del>2-August</del> <u>Date TBC 2021</u> <del>2024</del> | Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs   |

### **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

By ~~16-18~~ March ~~2020-2024~~ 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 ~~23-25~~ March ~~2020-2024~~ FEI will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By ~~23-25~~ March ~~2020-2024~~ it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Tokyo 2020 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**

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 (~~A team may be composed of 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,~~ 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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# HYBRID GENERAL ASSEMBLY



## ANNEX Pt 15.3

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### PARIS 2024 Paralympic Games – Qualification systems

Summary of comments received from NFs/Stakeholders by 15 October 2021

As communicated to NFs the Nations Qualification procedure is to be reviewed as a priority for approval of the FEI General Assembly in November 2021. This is to ensure:

- Equestrian Qualification systems can be implemented as of 2022 for the World Championships and the 1 January 2022 for the MERs.

Please refer to <https://inside.fei.org/fei/games/paralympic/paris-2024> for the published Qualification systems.

*The following 7 NFs & the EEF submitted comments by the deadline of 15 October 2021 (emails from each NF/Stakeholder is available on request):*

NF/Stakeholder		PARA DRESSAGE	GENERAL comments to be reviewed for Paralympic Regs – approval FEI GA Nov 2022
1. AUT		<b>Para Dressage: Number of Members/team:</b> Support 4 per team for all disciplines.	
2. GBR		No objection nor feedback	
3. GER		<b>Para Dressage:</b> Asking to return to the format of 4 riders in a team with the lowest score at the end dropped. Given the unpredictable nature of a sport with animals, there is a need for a possibility to drop a score. Even more than in regular sports, the risk of failure is significantly increased in para sports due to the disabilities and illnesses of the competitors. In case a horse or a rider 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.  Proposal: page 3, Maximum entry per NPC (...) For the Team medal event, <del>three</del> <u>four</u> Athletes may compete for each NPC in the team competition....	<b>Note:</b> The comment of the GER NF applies to the qualification system and to the Rules

<b>4. ITA</b>		<b>Para Dressage:</b> The ITA NF is in agreement with the proposals offered for the 2024 Paralympics	.
<b>5. NED</b>		Support 4 per team for all disciplines.	
<b>6. NOR</b>		<b>Para Dressage:</b> we fully support the proposal. We have only one remark regarding the Individual qualification, specifically the Bipartite Commission invitation Allocation. We agree that NPC should apply within a certain date, and that FEI is considering which three nations that should receive these slots. However, we feel that there should be some clear criteria for these slots, in order to maintain transparency and trust among the NPCs. We would therefore appreciate if you could bring forward our remark regarding this matter.	
<b>7. SUI</b>		<b>Para Dressage:</b> compared with the Olympic disciplines, we think that too many Quota places will be already allocated at the World Championships 2022. The Olympic disciplines are reducing the number of team quota places allocated at the World Championships 2022 but for Para Dressage it should not be 7 instead of 5. We think that there should be more quota places allocated for teams in 2023 as some nations are now building up new teams.	
<b>I. EEF</b>		No comments	<b>Number of Members/team:</b> Survey on the number of members in the Team competition 32 NFs Answered. 37.50% in favour of 3 members 43.75% in favour of 4 members 18.75 % - no opinion