



# UPDATE

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## **FEI RIO 2016 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES - Update IV**

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The aim of this Olympic Update is to regularly keep you regularly informed of matters relating to the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

*This Newsletter is sent to all National Federations affiliated to the FEI, Rio 2016 OC's Equestrian Sport Team, FEI RIO 2016 appointed TDs, FEI Headquarters.*

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## **GUIDELINES REGARDING AUTHORISED IDENTIFICATIONS FOR THE RIO2016 OLYMPIC GAMES**

IOC guidelines have been clarified and are available [here](#).

# OLYMPIC GAMES - INFORMATION OF OWNERSHIP OF HORSES

Kindly note that further to article 139 of the FEI General Regulations and articles 606 and 620 of the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games Rio 2016, the following will apply:

## **A) 15 January 2016 at 23:59 Swiss time (CET) (i.e. this coming Friday) – establishing nationality of Horses** (information to be provided by NFs to FEI):

- Only Horses owned by Owner(s) having the same nationality of the Athlete (i.e. not horses leased) can participate at the Olympic Games Rio 2016 ("Rio 2016").
- The Owner of the Horse and its nationality must be entered by NFs in the FEI Database by **15 January 2016**.
- At the time of entering the Owner and nationality of the Horse, NFs must print the sticker produced by the system. This sticker needs to be stuck in the FEI Document (Passport/Recognition Card) and stamped by the NF.
- If the nationality of the Horse is changed between 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and Rio 2016 the Horse will not be eligible to compete at Rio 2016 (instead Owners can be changed but the nationality of the Horse must be maintained after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in order to be eligible for participation at Rio 2016).
- The nationality of the Owner of a Horse competing at Rio 2016 must be the same as the nationality of the Athlete riding the Horse.
- As per the FEI General Regulations, "Owner" means a person or entity having a property interest in whole or in part of one or more horses.
- The Horse may be owned by individual(s) and/or company(ies) and/or by a partnership of individual(s) and/or company(ies).
- If the Horse is owned by a company, the nationality of the Horse is that of the country where the company is registered. The name of the company and its nationality must be entered in the FEI Database by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2016** as mentioned above.
- When a Horse is owned by a company it is not mandatory to enter the name of an individual (with legal ownership in the company) in the FEI Database by **15 January 2016**.

## **B) 31 March 2016: registration of Owners for accreditation purposes** (Information to be provided by NF to FEI):

- If the Horse is owned by a company or the Horse is owned by several individuals and/or companies, the National Federation must inform the FEI by **31 March 2016** of the name of one individual to ensure that it is entered in the Olympic Accreditation system:
  - In the case of a Horse owned by several individuals: one accreditation has to go to one individual named on the FEI document (Passport/Recognition Card).
  - In the case of company(ies) the individual who is entitled for one accreditation must have a legal property interest in the company.

# PARALYMPIC GAMES - INFORMATION ON OWNERSHIP OF HORSES

## A) Eligibility of Horses (Article 606.2 FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games):

- **Age:** For Para-Equestrian Dressage, Horses must be born on or before 31 December 2010 (6 years of age - the age being counted from 1st January of the year of birth).
- **Registration:** Horses entered for the Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games must have been registered with the FEI the latest by the date of Final Entries. The NF of the Athlete is responsible to ensure that the Horse fulfils the registration criteria.
- **Passports:** Any Horse entered for the Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games must have a valid FEI Passport or an FEI approved national passport with a valid FEI Recognition Card as a means of identification and to establish ownership. These documents must be duly completed and correct at the time of the Competitions in compliance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

## B) Nationality of Horses

- The nationality of the Owner of a Horse competing at the Paralympic Games does not need to be the same as the nationality of the Athlete riding the Horse.

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# PARA-EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE GRADE STATUS AND CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PARALYMPIC GAMES 2016

Each NF is responsible for ensuring their Athletes' classification requirements have been met. As there will be no classification evaluation available at the 2016 Paralympic Games, it is essential that in the lead up to the Games each NF:

- Refers to the **FEI Classification Master List** regularly to check the Grade Status of each of their Athletes
- Ensures Athletes are reviewed within the required time frames as described below

**To comply with IPC requirements and be eligible for selection for the Paralympic Games by an NF/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 2016".**

All Athletes who have undergone a classification evaluation for FEI Para Equestrian Competition are assigned a Grade Status. Grade Status is allocated based on the Athlete's presentation and impairment. A category is allocated to each Athlete to indicate evaluation requirements and Protest opportunities (Refer FEI Classification Manual 3.6 page 14) and is included on the FEI Classification Master List.

In summary each Status is assigned to the Athlete by the Classification Panel at the competition and approved by the FEI Classification Working Group. Each Status is described briefly below:

**NEW (N):** This designation indicates an Athlete who has not undergone all aspects of the Evaluation process in order to obtain a Grade for FEI Para –Equestrian Competition.

**REVIEW (R):** This designation indicates an Athlete who has undergone Evaluation and has obtained a Grade for International Competition, but may require further Evaluation according to the Classification Rules of the FEI. This may be due to a changing impairment, borderline result or other circumstance.

**REVIEW FIXED DATE\*:** This designation indicates a status for Review athletes for Paralympic Games competition only. The Fixed Date will be a date after the Paralympic games (after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016) at which time the Athlete returns to Review Status.

**CONFIRMED (C):** This designation indicates an Athlete who has undergone Athlete Evaluation and has obtained a Grade for International Para-Equestrian Competition, and does not require further evaluation according to the Classification Guidelines of the FEI.

Each NF must refer to the FEI Classification Master List to check their athletes' Grade Status. If your athlete has...

A **"N" Status** – your athlete has not completed all requirements for FEI Classification. They most likely need to be observed riding in a competition by two FEI Classifiers before they can be assigned "R" or "C". If given a "R" Status the information below will apply.

A **"R" Status** – with a Review date listed, your Athlete needs to be reviewed at a time as close as possible to that date. If the Review date listed is:

- **1 January 2017 or later** no further action is required until the date nominated. This athlete with this Grade Status and Review date can be eligible for the Paralympic Games 2016.
- **Is prior to the 31 December 2016** and the athlete is being considered for Paralympic Games selection, a classification Review should be organised at the next FEI competition in which the Athlete is competing so that a new Review date can be assigned after the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 where appropriate.

If the Athlete is not being considered for Paralympic selection, the Review date can remain and a review can occur at the nominated date as listed.

A **"R" Status** – with **No Review date** listed, these Athletes need to undergo a Review Classification assessment in order to determine their next Review date. NFs are encouraged to arrange this at the next FEI PE competition opportunity. To be considered eligible for the Paralympic Games this is a priority requirement for each NF to address.

A **"C" Status** – your athlete's impairment is constant and no review is required and therefore no action is required in preparation for the Paralympic Games.

**It is important to note that due to the IPC requirement for Review athletes for the Paralympic Games, the time frame described in the FEI Classification Manual (3.6 page 15) which states *within 6 months of World Championship or Paralympic Games*, is not applicable. The nominated Review date will dictate the Review timeframe.**

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