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Official Communication



FEI RIO 2016 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES - Update V

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The aim of this Olympic Update is to 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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OLYMPIC CAMPAIGN

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We are very excited to announce that the FEI is embarking upon a large global communication campaign to help promote equestrian around the world at the time of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Over the next few weeks, we will be reaching out to you to discuss how we can join forces to amplify our message and reach the largest possible audience, via social and traditional media.

With this in mind, we would be very grateful if you could send the name and contact details of the person(s) responsible for your federation's communication activities to sophie.laird@fei.org.

We look forward to working together to showcase the beauty of our sport around the world.

OLYMPIC GAMES - QUALIFICATION OF NATIONS

6 March 2016: Deadline for NOCs to gain qualification to take part in the Olympic Games. Only results obtained until **6 March 2016** midnight in the country where the Competition is taking place will be considered for this qualification.

NOCs will be informed by FEI within forty eight (48) hours after the above mentioned deadline of their qualification with either a team and/or individuals in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

31 March 2016: Qualified NOCs to inform FEI in writing if they intend or not to participate at the Olympic Games. A positive answer will imply that this NOC is qualified to participate at the Olympic Games.

15 April 2016: The FEI will reallocate all available places by this date.

OLYMPIC GAMES - JUMPING RANKINGS

Olympic Athletes Ranking for Jumping have been updated to clarify the situation regarding the prize money equivalencies for competitions in 2016. Please click [here](#).

PARALYMPIC GAMES - ACCREDITATION DEADLINE

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has moved the accreditation deadline for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games from 30 April 2016 to **27 May 2016**. The qualification document has been updated accordingly and can be found [here](#).

PARALYMPIC GAMES - BIPARTITE APPLICATION PHASE

The Qualification Criteria for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games ensure that the best athletes in each sport have an opportunity to compete at the Games. While the primary method of allocating qualification slots is through rankings and performance in competition, the IPC and FEI have also established the "Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Method". These invitational qualification slots are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the FEI and are typically allocated based on the following principles:

- to ensure the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- to ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- to enable greater representation by gender.

Bipartite slots are awarded to the individual athlete, not to the NPC. Please note that Bipartite decisions by IPC and the IFs are not subject to any protests or appeals.

NPCs that wish to apply for Equestrian Bipartite Invitations must submit the applications through the IPC's established Online Entry System which will start accepting Para-Equestrian Bipartite applications at 0:01h (CET) on **15 February 2016** and will close at 23:59h (CET) on **15 March 2016**. The FEI will inform in writing each NPC which has obtained one or more Bipartite slot(s) by 22 March 2016.

PARALYMPIC GAMES - MAXIMISING NATIONAL AND PARALYMPIC IDENTITY

The following modifications have been agreed by the IPC and will be published in an updated version of the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines on Equipment & Clothing, section 18.2.1 (the document will later be available [here](#)):

The name or logo of the athlete's country/territory, its national symbol and/or its national flag, and/or the athlete's NPC logo or name may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

- *A reasonable size on each of the two sides of jackets or top garment, at the height of breast pockets;*
 - *200cm² on each side of saddle cloth;*
 - *Either 200cm² on one arm of jackets or top garment or 100cm² on each arm of jackets and/or 400cm² on the back of jackets;*
 - *Vertically in the middle part of the protective headgear;*
 - *80 cm² (maximum 20 cm long and 4 cm wide) only once lengthwise on the left leg of the riding breeches; and*
 - *75cm² for the logo on fly bonnets.*
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