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FEI RIO 2016 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES - Update VI

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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, participating NOCs, Rio 2016 OC's Equestrian Sport Team, FEI RIO 2016 appointed TDs, other stakeholders involved in the Rio Olympic Games and FEI Headquarters.

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QUALIFIED NATIONS

The list of Nations qualified as per the Olympic procedure & FEI Final Olympic Rankings are published on **FEI.org**.

CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY / MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY STANDARD

The deadline for Athletes and horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements is **19 June 2016** midnight in the country where the qualification event takes place. NFs qualified to take part at the Olympic Games must send a Certificate of Capability for all Athletes and Horses nominated, on a form provided by the FEI (see **FEI website**), to FEI no later than **20 June 2016** midnight (Swiss time).

NFs must submit Certificates of Capability to FEI, comprising a maximum of three times the number of Athletes and Horses for all three disciplines allowed to enter on the final entries as follows:

Eventing: maximum 12 Athletes/Horses combinations (plus maximum 3 reserve Horses)

Dressage: maximum 12 Athletes/Horses combinations (plus maximum 3 reserve Horses)

Jumping: maximum 12 Athletes/Horses combinations (plus maximum 3 reserve Horses)

NOC qualified with Individual(s) only can enter no more than three (3) times the number of qualified individual(s) on the Certificate of Capability.

This list will be composed of Athletes and Horses from which teams or individuals will eventually be chosen.

PRE-ARRIVAL TESTING

Olympic and Paralympic Games

In preparation for the 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympics, the Veterinary Department will be organising a Pre-Arrival Testing (PAT) service. The service will allow National Federations to test horses that have been listed to take part in the events, for substances included on the FEI's Equine Prohibited Substances List.

PAT will comprise a full analytical screen which will start on 21 June 2016 and be available until 14 working days before the horses arrive in Rio. Normal elective testing, which limits testing to up to 4 Controlled Medication, will be available after PAT until 5 working days before the horses arrive in Rio. Samples will be tested by the laboratory that will analyse samples taken at the events.

All information concerning PAT and elective testing, including the associated costs, can be found by clicking the PAT button on the [Rio2016 page on FEI.org](#). Sample submission forms will be made available on the website soon.

If you have an questions concerning PAT, please contact caterina.termine@fei.org.

DEODORO VENUE: BIO-SECURITY MEASURES

The Olympic Equestrian Centre in Deodoro is under high biosecurity level surveillance as per the requirements agreed by the participating government authorities set by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture (MAPA).

The FEI Veterinary Department is closely monitoring the implementation of these requirements with the OC to ensure a safe event and return of the horses to their home countries after the Olympic Games.

Measures implemented by the OC include:

- Full fencing of the venue to prevent any unauthorized access. One continuously guarded entry gate ensures entry of only authorized staff to keep out animals of any kind. No horses are allowed on the venue before the games.
- The biosecurity is based on the bubble to bubble concept meaning that horses will be kept in bio-secured venues and transportation vehicles already before leaving their home countries, during the Olympic Games and until they are back in their home countries.
- The staff and vehicles used in the venue are strictly designated to the Olympic Equestrian Centre, with no contact with other Equestrian venues in the vicinity.
- Work at the venue to eradicate vectors i.e. ticks and rats has been carried out in the 2 past years and continue throughout the Olympic Games.
- Horses in other Equestrian centres in Deodoro are monitored by the Brazilian Veterinary Authority, MAPA, for Glanders and other infectious diseases.
- The venue and surrounding area has been declared Glanders free by MAPA including the military units with horses in vicinity.
- The OC together with the FEI will provide OC staff, teams, athletes and grooms with educational material on biosecurity.
- The OC together with the FEI is currently working on contingency and crisis plans to prepare for all situations.

EXPORT OF HORSE PROTOCOL

Peden Bloodstock – RIO2016 Freight contractor is in contact with all NOCs/NFs qualified for the 2016 Olympic Games in regard to the actions required by the Government Veterinary Services of each country in regard to the protocol requirements.

For more information, please contact Fiona McCormack (fiona@peden.de), Veterinary Adviser, **Peden Bloodstock**.

INFORMATION ON ZIKA VIRUS

An official announcement made by Rio 2016 Organising Committee regarding the Zika virus case in Brazil is available [here](#).

The FEI Veterinary Department continues to monitor Zika further to questions in regard to possibility of the virus infecting animals. The information to date is that so far no scientific evidence that Zika virus can infect horses.

DRINKING WATER - HORSES

It has been reported that horses coming from abroad to Brazil potentially do not like the taste of the drinking water. Whereas the water quality is according to internationally recognised standards, the OC will provide on request ascorbic acid to neutralise the taste and smell of chloride. The FEI Veterinary Department confirms that this safe method is recommended by health authorities.

HAY IMPORTATION

Rio 2016 are currently engaging with the relevant Brazilian authorities regarding permits and procedures for the importation of hay. Assuming agreement is reached, information regarding what may be imported, under what conditions, and the associated procedures will be communicated to NFs and NOCs as soon as it becomes available. Further information regarding importation of equine feed, supplements and veterinary medicines can be found in the Equestrian Freight Manual [here](#).

INFORMATION ON TRAINING VENUE PASSES (TVP)

Olympic Games

As confirmed by the IOC & Rio 2016: the Training Venue Pass (TVP) for non-accredited Athlete support staff policy has been defined to enable non-accredited individuals access to training at competition venues. TVP cannot be used for reserve athletes.

Please note that the TVP is not an accreditation and will not grant any additional entitlement to the holder other than access to the training areas and are only valid for one day.

Training at Competition Venue	Discipline	Nb of Athletes/ Nb of passes per day (in total per NOC)	Venue Access
Deodoro - Olympic Equestrian Center	Equestrian (Dressage, Jumping, Eventing)	NOCs with Individual athletes = 2 per NOC per day	Limited to Training Areas. No access to seating - ticket required to attend competition
		NOCs with a team = 3 per day	

For more information, please check with your NOC, click [here](#).

Paralympic Games

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) regretfully did not approve Training Venue Passes for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

TRANSPORT EQUESTRIAN ATHLETES AND TEAM OFFICIALS

Accordingly to the Operational Policy, Rio 2016 Transport Team will provide service to the Equestrian clients, accredited with access to TA service, starting with the opening of the Olympic Village until the last day of competition for this specific sport/discipline. Bus service timetable will be provided.

At this time, NOC/NF are advised that the transportation time can take longer than expected (actual estimated time to commute: 30-60 minutes).

TICKETS FOR THE EQUESTRIAN COMPETITIONS

Presidents & Secretary Generals

The FEI will have a limited number of tickets to be distributed and allocated exclusively to the President and Secretary General of nations participating in the equestrian sports at the 2016 Olympic Games, who have not obtained accreditation through their NOC.

The NFs of these nations are kindly requested to apply to the FEI by **1 July 2016** and will be informed of availability and pick-up procedures in Rio. Please contact frederique.reffet@fei.org.

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATIONS SLOTS & BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATIONS FOR PARALYMPIC GAMES

All Paralympic qualifications lots and Bipartite Commission Invitations have been allocated for Para-Equestrian Dressage, the list of qualified NPCs and the respective Paralympic Rankings can be found [here](#).