

### Session 3 – Paris 2024 Update Report

Sports Cluster Manager from the Paris 2024 Organising Committee, Anne Murac, as well as GL Events Equestrian Sport President, Sylvie Robert and Equestrian and Para Equestrian Sport Manager for Paris 2024, Jean Morel shared an update report of the equestrian events for the next edition of Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Tim Hadaway, FEI Games Operations Director moderated the session.

Jean Morel first presented the dates for all equestrian competitions as well as Modern Pentathlon. He went on to share details on the Course Designers for Cross-Country (Pierre Le Goupil) and Jumping (Santiago Varela and Gregory Bodo) as well as the full schedule for both Olympic and Paralympic Games, from 26 July to 7 September 2024. In the case of Para Dressage the final timings could change depending on the definite entries and their nations.

Jean Morel went on to present maps of the venue (stables, field of play, warm-up arenas and Cross-Country start and finish lines) for the 11 days of competitions and ensured that all plans are made with welfare of the horses in mind.

Stables will be organised by discipline, with different stables for Eventing (first to arrive and leave the venue), Dressage and Jumping. The Veterinary clinic, treatment boxes, farriers and wash areas are located close the stables. Three warm-up areas will be available, with the possibility to split each of them in two in order to create six warm-up areas.

He then explained the details around the Cross Country course:

- 5.3km distance
- Optimum Timing of 9min 18sec
- 25 obstacles
- 3 Water Jumps
- 2 Pontoons

All the horse inspections for all disciplines will be held in a dedicated area.

Next topic on the agenda was Horse Transportation. Horse arrivals were detailed (Eventing on 24 July, Dressage on 26 July, Jumping on 30 July and Para Dressage on 31 August). The first security point will be the Mortemets Parking and a second one by the Grooms accommodation. Then, horses will go to the stables area. Eventing Horses and Jumping horses will not be in the venue at the same time, since Jumping horses will arrive the day after the Eventing horses leave. All horse arrivals will be scheduled in specific time slots to avoid congestion.

Anne Murac presented the Grooms Accommodation and the Huttopia concept. The distance between Grooms and Veterinary Centre will be 2,5km, approximately 7 minutes and the Grooms accommodation will be 700 metres away from the stables.

The allocation process for groom's accommodation will have several steps and is outlined in the presentation in the FEI Documents Library [below](#).

Jean Morel confirmed different testing activities, including the Cross Country operational test which will be held on 22 and 23 August 2023. It will include a Cross Country course walk through Versailles Park on Day 1 and a Paris 2024 equestrian presentation (main organisational, logistical, technical and sport principles of the competitions) on Day 2, for all National Federations, NOCs, NPCs, etc.

Sylvie Robert explained that the test event for Jumping, Dressage, Para Dressage and Eventing (Jumping and Dressage) will be held from 22 to 28 April 2024 in Le Printemps Des Sports Equestres in Fontainebleau, with the competition format to be defined.

The general objectives of the test events will be:

- Team coordination and integration
- Stables and protocols
- Arena footing
- Results, Scoring and Timing
- Technical Officials integration
- Volunteers training
- Veterinary services

Before opening the floor to questions, Anne Murac talked about the last topic, the NOC/NF visits and next steps ahead of the Olympic Games:

- 13 to 19 June 2023: NOC Chef de Mission seminar (Olympic Games)
- 23 to 23 August 2023: Operational test – Cross country – Versailles
- 24 to 30 August 2023: NPC Chef de Mission seminar (Paralympic Games)
- April 2024: Testing opportunity – Printemps des sports équestres at Fontainebleau
- May/June 2024: Operational test – Equestrian – Versailles

The latest information on the venue, competition schedule, qualification systems, regulations, and rankings is available [here](#). Watch the Session in replay [here](#).

The following questions were addressed after the presentation:

**As stabling will be organized by discipline, what about the health status of Horses coming from different zones? (Dr. Ali TWEISSI - UAE)**

- All horses will have the same health status/requirements. Stabling by discipline would not affect this.

**Would grooms be able to sleep in their trailers? (Helen NICHOLLS – GBR)**

- No power/water will be provided by Paris2024. Ok if the lorries are self-sufficient and if grooms have a bike (or other transportation mean) to go from the parking to the stables.

**Will the ground at Fontainebleau be the same as in Versailles? (John MCEWEN - GBR)**

- Dressage and Jumping will have the same ground (same construction, same sub-irrigation & same size). The footing for the XC will be different: sand in Fontainebleau vs grass in Versailles.

**If a team stays out of the Olympic Village can they be provided with special shuttles? (Sami ALDUHAMI KSA- Board Member)**

- As soon as a delegation decides to split from the general organisation it is always a risk, but Paris2024 will review the requests and are studying the parking and drop-off options according to spaces available on-site.
- Additionally, each NOC has a spot in the P3 car park for their Athletes and Delegates, upon request and according to capacity.

**Will there be a place for trotting the Horses for a warm down? (Sami ALDUHAMI KSA- Board Member)**

- Warm down is possible near the start of the XC (XC Warm up), or at the stables' arena. Cooling down zone is near the finish of the XC.

**What will take place in Haras de Jardy? (Christa LESTE-LASSERRE - Media)**

- Located 10 km away from Versailles. If delegations arrive early or leave later, they could use the facilities at their own expenses.