2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

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Introduction

The FEI Olympic Update aims to provide you with essential information relating to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

All FEI Olympic Update communications and supporting documents can be found on FEI.org.

2012 FEI OLYMPIC REGULATIONS

Updated version

The updated version FEI Regulations for Equestrian Olympic Games 2012 can be found here. Updates consist of clarifications approved by the IOC to avoid any duplication or misunderstanding.

REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL STAFF

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) has asked the FEI to circulate the following information for London 2012.

The General Medical Council (GMC), which maintains a register of medical practitioners within the United Kingdom, has set up a special registration process to licence International Federation and International Paralympic Sport Federation medical staff to carry out their duties.
Doctors planning to work at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and who will be diagnosing, assessing or treating non UK citizens from their respective NOC/NPC delegations in a medical capacity are required to hold full registration with a licence to practise.

It is an offence for individuals to purport to be registered or licensed medical practitioners in the UK unless they are registered by the GMC. This process is for the protection of patients.

All doctors must be registered by 29 February 2012. If you have a doctor(s) who wishes to attend the Games in 2012, please contact the Senior Medical Manager, Pam Venning. She will provide you (your NOC/NF) with details of the process.

PRESS ACCREDITATION FOR THE LONDON 2012 PARALYMPIC GAMES

The FEI would like to inform all the NFs that the media accreditation process for the London 2012 Paralympic Games has started. All written and photographic press wishing to apply for accreditation should contact the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) in the country in which their media organisation is based (Click here for the contact details of your NPC).

KEY DATES

27 January 2012
Distribution of the Press by Number Forms to all NPCs. NPCs have to fill in names and contact details of media organisations interested in covering to the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

17 February 2012
Submission of Press by Number Forms to the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

29 February 2012
Distribution of the Press by Name forms to NPCs based on the numbers submitted in the Press by Number Forms.

27 April 2012
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Submission of Press by Name forms to LOCOG.

**July 2012**
Distribution of Paralympic Identity and Accreditation Cards (PIACs) to NPCs and IPC.

**July/August 2012**
Distribution of PIACs to Media Organisations.

**29 August – 9 September 2012**
London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Full details on the accreditation procedure are available on the official website of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

Please pass this information on to your national written and photographic press at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**UK ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GAMES**

**Biometrics**

The London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) has been working closely with colleagues in the UK Border Agency (UKBA) to put in place suitable arrangements for members of the Olympic/Paralympic Family entering the UK for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As for previous Games, the Olympic/Paralympic Identity and Accreditation Card will act as a visa waiver. Card holders will be able to make multiple entries into the UK between 30 March and 8 November 2012 for a maximum stay of six months each time.

However, in line with the UK’s normal procedures, everyone who would usually require a visa to go to the UK (the list of countries can be consulted here) will also need to give biometric information (10-finger scan and a digital photo) prior to entering the UK for the Games. This means that even if individuals have an Olympic or Paralympic Accreditation card, they will still have to give their biometric data if they normally require a visa to enter the UK.

To speed up and facilitate entry at Games time, the UKBA wishes to collect as many biometrics as possible over the coming months. To do this, it aims to attend a number of international sports events where participants (including athletes, officials and IF/IPSF staff) who would usually require a visa to come to the UK will have an opportunity to give their biometrics. In this regard we would appreciate your support in helping with accreditation of UKBA representatives requesting to attend one of your events. Recently, the UKBA, with the support of FILA and FIG, attended World Championships in Istanbul and Tokyo.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games biometric data collected will be valid from 30 March 2012 to 8 November 2012. However if an individual has given his/her biometric data

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under the Games programme and wishes to travel to the UK outside of these dates, he/she will have to give their data separately. This is because biometric enrolment for the 2012 Games is separate from the visa process that requires all visa nationals to give their biometrics each time they apply for a UK visa.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions on the above, please contact Sandra Lecoultre.