



# UPDATE

## *Official Communication*



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## 2016 RIO PARALYMPIC GAMES

### Regulations

The FEI Paralympic Regulations for the 2016 Rio Games are now published on [FEI.org](http://FEI.org).

After the 2014 FEI General Assembly in Baku, the document has undergone a final review by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and two articles (604.1 & 621.2) have been amended due to a detected discrepancy. Redundant text has been deleted from Article 604.1 and the following two clarifying sentences were added to Article 621.2:

*"[...] The number of entries in the Freestyle to Music Competition shall not exceed two (2) per country per Grade. The total number of entries from any country overall across all Grades shall not exceed five (5)."*

### REINING

With regard to the FEI European Reining Championships in Aachen (GER) from 13-16 August 2015 and following the meeting of the FEI Reining Technical Committee held in Lausanne on 29 April 2015, it was decided to remain with just the two qualifying CRIs instead of three originally required.

The updated version of the "Qualification Criteria" has been published on [FEI.org](http://FEI.org).

## LEGAL

### Personal and Third party Insurance (Owners, Athletes, Support Personnel)

We would like to draw your attention to the FEI's position regarding Personal and Third Party Insurance at FEI Events. Equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risks. To the greatest extent permitted by law, the FEI and the FEI Event Organiser shall NOT be liable for any damages relating to loss of property or injury of any kind to Athletes, Owners, Support Personnel or Horses at or in connection with an FEI Event and the FEI expressly excludes all such liability. For more information, please refer to this [memo](#)

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## COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

The FEI was awarded the inaugural SportBusiness Ultimate Sports Federation Award in the Marketing and Communications category at the recent SportAccord convention taking place in Sochi. The process to select the winning Federation involved analysing an initial cut of 30 international federations and associations and then asking them to complete a detailed survey across nine key categories. These surveys were then analysed by a panel of external expert judges. According to one of the judges "First place was awarded to the FEI on the basis of its innovative approach to communications" with specific references made to our partnership with Reuters and use of social media to create the FEI Solidarity World Photo Grand Prix; FEI FOCUS; the promotion of equestrian sport on a global basis via the various broadcast related partnerships, including co-operations with many international television channels; FEI TV and FEI YouTube channel; and, the partnership with broadcaster CNN to report from FEI events worldwide.

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