

**Clarifications (dated 18 July 2012) on FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games**

**Dressage**

**Ref Article 624.2**

**Participation in Dressage Competitions (Teams and Individuals instead of Teams)**

- A team has to start with exactly three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations in a Team Competition in order to be considered and listed as a Team (This must be clearly indicated in both the start and result lists).

In order for the Team to be ranked on the result list and thus eligible for qualification for the Final Team Competition (Grand Prix Special), all three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations on the Team have to be awarded with a competition score. In case of elimination, retirement, disqualification, etc of one (1) Team member in the Grand Prix test, the whole Team is eliminated, disqualified and consequently ineligible for the Team Final (Grand Prix Special).

In any case where a Team of three (3) is, for whatever reason, reduced down to two (2) or one (1) Athlete(s) only, the remaining Athletes of such Team automatically change their status from "Team" to "Individual" Athletes in order to be eligible for qualification as an Individual for the subsequent Competitions pursuant to the established qualification criteria..

- After the conclusion of the Grand Prix, the same change of status from "Team" to "Individual" will also apply to those Athletes that did not qualify as a Team for the Grand Prix Special.

**Ref: Article 624.5**

**Classification of the Competitions**

If a Team successfully qualifies for the Final Team Competition (Grand Prix Special) but is not able to start as a Team for any reason, that Team will never be ranked lower in the Final Team Rankings than those Teams that did not qualify for the Final Team Competition. This does NOT apply to a Team that is disqualified pursuant to the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations. Such disqualified Team will automatically drop to the very end of the Final Team Ranking (without being ranked but indicated with DSQ = disqualified).

The same as the above applies to an Individual Athlete in case of successful qualification but non-participation in the respective Competition (Grand Prix Special / Grand Prix Freestyle).

**Ref: Article 624.3.2**

**Team Final and Second Individual Qualifier (Grand Prix Special)**

Any qualified Team that is not able to start (for whatever reason) as a Team in the Grand Prix Special will NOT be replaced by another Team.

Therefore the quota of unused Team slots (i.e. three (3) slots if one (1) Team drops out) will be added to the quota of Individual Athletes eligible to qualify for the Grand Prix Special (i.e. eleven (11) plus three (3)).

Replacements with **up to a maximum of five** of the next highest placed Athletes (denoted by "R" on the result sheet of the Grand Prix) may take place up to one (1) hour before the start of the Grand Prix Special..

#### **Ref: Article 624.3.3**

##### **Individual Final (Grand Prix Freestyle)**

- Only three (3) Athletes from any one nation may qualify to participate in the 'Individual Final'. In accordance with FEI Dressage Rules Articles 455 and 459 (applied to Individuals as opposed to Teams), the best placed three (3) Athletes from any such nation will automatically qualify. In the event of the third and fourth Athletes tying, the Athlete with the best score in the Second Individual Qualifier (Grand Prix Special) will qualify. In the case of a further tie, the Chef d'Equipe for that nation will decide which Athlete will take the third place.
- Replacements with up to a maximum of five of the next highest placed Athletes (denoted by "R" on the result sheet of the Grand Prix Special) may take place up to one (1) hour before the start of the Grand Prix Freestyle.

#### **Ref: Article 624.4**

##### **Draw and starting order**

Whenever changes to an existing starting order are necessary, the overall starting time of the Competition as well as ending time of the Competition should preferably be maintained . It is at the discretion of LOCOG in cooperation with the Foreign Technical Delegate to decide on how to rearrange the breaks within the Competition and to deal with starting times that will not be filled by an Athlete.

#### **Ref: Article 624.4.1**

##### **Draw and starting order for the Grand Prix**

With regard to the draw for the FEI Grand Prix (1<sup>st</sup> team and 1<sup>st</sup> Individual Qualifier), the 'FEI Ranking List' dated version 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 will be used to determine which of two (2) groups the Individual Athletes are drawn from.

#### **Ref: Article 624.4.2**

##### **Draw and starting order for the Grand Prix Special**

- The 'tie break' solution specified in the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games Art. 624.5.1 will be applied to the results obtained in the Grand Prix to allow the allocation of four (4) Teams to the 4<sup>th</sup> Group and three (3) Teams to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Group for the purpose of the draw.

- The individual replacement of Athletes for the Grand Prix Special will have the following consequences for the draw of the starting order for the Grand Prix Special:
  - If the replacements are processed **before** the draw for the Grand Prix Special, the replacing Athletes will be drawn, same as the other qualified Individuals, in reverse order of their individual classification in the Grand Prix (drawn in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> group). It is the goal to, ideally, have six (6) Individuals drawn in the 3<sup>rd</sup> group and four (4) Teams in the 4<sup>th</sup> group.
  - If the replacements are processed **after** the draw (until one (1) hour before the starting time of the Grand Prix Special), then:
    - Those Athletes that had originally been drawn and inserted as Team members into the starting list for the Grand Prix Special but later on became individual replacements (if qualified through the Individuals' list) because their Team was eliminated or disqualified after the draw, will remain in the starting slot that was originally drawn for him with the Team.
    - Those Athletes that had not originally been drawn for the starting list for the Grand Prix Special will be inserted in the very beginning of the list, in reverse order of their individual classification in the Grand Prix (lowest ranked from the Grand Prix to start first). Thus the replacing athletes will become the very first Athletes to compete in the 1<sup>st</sup> group (Individual Athletes placed 7 or lower in the Grand Prix).

**Ref: Article 624.4.3**

**Draw and starting order for the Grand Prix Freestyle**

The replacement of Athletes for the Grand Prix Freestyle will have the following consequences for the draw of the starting order for the Grand Prix Freestyle:

- If the replacements are processed **before** the draw for the Grand Prix Freestyle, the replacing Athletes will be drawn, same as the other qualified Individuals, in reverse order of their individual classification in the Grand Prix Special.
- If the replacements are processed **after** the draw (until one hour before the starting time of the Grand Prix Freestyle) then those Athletes that had not originally been drawn into the starting list for the Grand Prix Freestyle will be inserted in the very beginning of the list, in reverse order of their individual classification in the Grand Prix Special (lowest ranked from the Grand Prix Special to start first). Thus the replacing athletes will become the very first Athletes to compete in the 1<sup>st</sup> group (Individual Athletes placed 13 or lower in the Grand Prix Special).