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Olympic Games Qualification System Proposals



WebFEI

April 4 in 2013 Online Platform

Thank you for participating in the FEI Sports Forum. Your comments are very important to us.

Comments

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wendy

April 9 193.36.32.232

With most of the growth in FEI events coming from the Americas why would you take an Olympic qualification dressage spot away from the Pan American Games. There is a test event to try for a mixed team format which will help move this event to GP It seems you are punishing the group of countries which are trying the hardest to move up.

If you want a GP entry for 2016 why not use the highest place WEG team from group 4 and 5?

Jenny

April 16 41.13.16.11

Team and Individual Spots not taken up to stay within the Groups!

Spots to remain in the groups in which they were allocated. Only if there are no qualifiers or a NF who can take up the spots from within the Groups, then offer it to the next on the Ranking list.

For example, if a team qualifies and at a later stage decides not to send a team but to only participate with 2 riders then please allow the other 2 spots to remain with the Groups in which they are allocated to. Group F&G compete at a Qualifier for 2 team spots, should one of the teams not field a team then please allocate the extra spots to the NF within the Group such as the NF team which came 3rd and so on.

Jenny Neill, South Africa

Jenny

April 16 41.160.218.146

Jumping Team Qualification System for Group F is not in the same vein as for the other Groups. As per the draft qualification system a team from Group F can win or be in the top 5 teams at WEG and will not be guaranteed a team spot for Olympic Games.

It should be changed to "The best ranked team from Group F at a Regional Olympic Qualification Event for Group F, excluding teams qualified in 2 above".

Jenny Neill, South Africa

Caroline

April 17 109.14.217.70

Caroline

Team Colombia, i think that the Olympic games are not european games but UNIVERSAL GAMES. South America has the right to keep her places.

Small nations must have the same chance as big nations.

It is known that the distance in america are not the same as in Europe, so it is twice difficult for us to get points there. Same thing regarding access to good training.

Qualifications are easier and less expensive for european riders that is why they are stronger.

Please do not take away from us our chances to be wellknown all over the dressage world, we deserve it too

and because equality and fairplay are so important matters, they are a big reason to keep us working hard and trying to achieve the dream.

mariaines

April 18 186.30.228.123

Latin American countries are doing a great effort and investment in horses and in training to reach the GP level. We are doing steps and work to try to get there, so it is not a good idea the new proposal since it takes one spot away and the chances for one of our countries to get to the next olympic games.

Keep the dream available for us that we will get there

Maria Ines

Colombia

ShannonDueck

April 18 76.108.119.157

You must rethink this proposal. There are so many countries in the Americas that need to be encouraged. Dressage is a growing sport – but where it is growing most is in the Americas and Asia. Being from Team Canada this proposal is personal, but also you must remember that the Olympics are a Global competition. It must not turn into another European Championship. Shannon Dueck.

frances

April 19 81.145.109.139

A definite rethink is necessary here. The countries in the Americas need to be encouraged. Dressage is a growing sport and you really must encourage those riders from Americas and Asia to participate on the global stage, thus raising the standards in all parts of the world. To me this is a backwards step by the FEI in a sport already dominated by Europe. Look what happened at the 2012 Olympics, who would have thought that 10 or even 5 years ago that GBR would take the honours! How amazing it would be if with YOUR encouragement riders from Asia or the Americas would rise to challenge the very best in the world, and how great this would be for the welfare of the horse in these countries. Please think again and reflect on what appears to me to be a poor decision.

Frances Sheffield.

Motrain64

April 20 24.84.6.220

I thought the Olympics was Global event not European. Need to encourage riders from the Americas and Asia to participate on the global stage. The FEI Olympic sports are so dominated by the European countries, how are the rest of the global community supposed to catch up on even level it the less oportunities to qualify for the Olympics. Just remember none of the medal winners were from the either from the Americas or Asia.

carob

April 23 181.48.27.122

America is a region that is just starting to grow horse wise. A lot of people are investing on good horses and training better riders. There are many riders now living in Europe and USA with the goal of going to the Olympics. This movement towards increasing our level of horsemanship needs to be encouraged, and taking away one of the spots that is earned in Panam Games is totally against this progress. Please keep the dream alive for us, it is the motor that keeps the rest of the machinery going. America is represented by many nations, and just one spot to be earned in Panams is not enough!

mike4755

April 25 156.34.224.69

At the Olympics, we want the best in the sport combined with universality. The Dressage proposal does not meet either of these requirements. Canada and the US are usually in the top 10 nations in the world, therefore both should be at the Olympics. With this proposal, it could very easily be only one of those countries qualifying. As for universality, there are 40+ countries in the Americas representing 1/3 of the entire FEI – how can this region be reduced to one spot at the Olympics. The developing countries have a chance to 2qualify now, but with one spot, they really have no chance. And forget about Brazil being part of the excuse. they have an automatic spot but so did GB in 2012 and we did not go change their continental qualifications because one country had an automatic spot. If a Pan Am team qualifies and cant put together a GP team, then the spot will be filled by a nation with the highest rankings. That will be a European team for sure so what is the problem?

mvvet541

April 25 31.54.131.6

The root of the trouble is the limit on the total numbers of horses competing at the Olympics. This came about

I think in 1996 at Atlanta and has limited the combinations competing ever since. With the increasing numbers of countries doing dressage and also eventing and showjumping, a way must be found to increase the numbers of horses allowed to go to the Olympics.

ozayrik

April 30 189.134.8.83

I am against the FEI decision of reducing the Team slots to qualify for the olympic games at the Pan Am games for The Olympic Groups D AND E as this decision is against the Olympic Universality Principle.

As a Dressage Rider I am asking the FEI to reconsider this qualifying system and give Groups D and E The options we deserve bearing in mind the number of countries in our Region and the huge effort we are making to upgrade the games .

SINCERELY,

Omar

marcela

April 30 189.135.66.196

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Sincerely

Marcela

Berna

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watchme415

April 30 174.228.196.252

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AS a Puerto Rican Team Rider, I AM ASKING THE FEI TO RECONSIDER THIS QUALIFYING SYSTEM AND GIVE GROUPS D AND E THE OPTIONS WE DESERVE BEARING IN MIND THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN OUR REGION AND THE HUGE EFFORT WE ARE MAKING TO UPGRADE THE GAMES.

SINCERELY,

Natalia Martin, member of the Puerto Rican Dressage Team

israellopez

May 1 66.50.77.210

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AS A JUMPING RIDER I AM ASKING THE FEI TO RECONSIDER THIS QUALIFYING SYSTEM AND GIVE GROUPS D AND E THE OPTIONS WE DESERVE BEARING IN MIND THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN OUR REGION AND THE HUGE EFFORT WE ARE MAKING TO UPGRADE THE GAMES.

SINCERELY,

ISRAEL LOPEZ DAVILA, MEMBER OF THE PUERTO RICAN TEAM

uruguayecuestre

May 2 186.52.1.202

Dear:

In recent years, the equitation of South America has made a major effort to try to get closer to European and North American level, acquiring horses in Europe, improving breeding, track course designers, trainers, organizing international competitions, etc, etc.

We know that we are far, but we are trying riders and entrepreneurs who have invested to make possible the Olympic dream and enable the country flag is present in the highest expression in world sport.

Removing places to sort and by subtracting importance to the Pan American Continental Games which is achieved discouragement among all players, turning the Olympics into a European Championship with some countries in other continents.

I hope that the FEI can to reconsider and that the decision made equestrian favors and not the opposite.

We know the effort that has made the FEI in recent years to promote the sport in the world, so we expect a favorable solution to this issue.

Greetings from Uruguay

Juan José Muñiz Rebassa

FEI Course Designer**

gennyllp

May 2 189.135.85.119

I am against the FEI decision of reducing the Team slots to qualify for the Olympic Games at the Pan Am Games for the Olympic groups D and E as this decision is against the Olympic Universality Principle.

As Dressage rider, breeder, entrepreneur and reporter I am asking the FEI to reconsider this qualifying system and give groups D and E the options we deserve bearing in mind the number of countries in our region and the huge effort we are making to upgrade the Pan Am Games and the level of Dressage in the region.

Sincerely

Eugenia Lelo de Larrea, Mexico, Editor www.InformandoEnLinea.com.mx

horseaddict

May 3 187.194.205.172

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As a Dressage Rider I am asking the FEI to reconsider this qualifying system and give Groups D and E The options we deserve bearing in mind the number of countries in our Region and the huge effort we are making: we BEG you to reconsider.

vanderflaken

May 3 186.120.93.85

I am against the FEI decision of reducing the Team slots to qualify for the olympic games at the Pan Am games for The Olympic Groups D AND E as this decision is against the Olympic Universality Principle.

As a jumper/Dressage Rider I am asking the FEI to reconsider this qualifying system and give Groups D and E The options we deserve bearing in mind the number of countries in our Region and the huge effort we are making to upgrade the games .

Sincerely,

Rolando Gonzalez, member of the Dominican Republic Equestrian Federation
FEI Coach Level 2

Deraga

May 3 187.139.42.27

ESTOY EN CONTRA DE LA DECISIÓN DE LA FEI DE REDUCIR LOS SLOTS equipo en clasificarse para los Juegos Olímpicos en los Juegos Panamericanos PARA LOS GRUPOS OLÍMPICOS D y E, esta decisión es contraria al principio UNIVERSALIDAD OLÍMPICOS.

Como piloto DRESSAGE pido al FEI a reconsiderar ESTE SISTEMA calificación y proporcionar a los grupos D y E las opciones que merecen teniendo en cuenta el número de países de nuestra región y el esfuerzo enorme que estamos haciendo para mejorar la GAMES.

Atentamente,
Daria Deraga

RidersForTheOlympics

May 5 213.27.179.234

We have learnt that this proposal is mainly because the FEI would like to harmonize the qualification system within the three disciplines (Jumping, Eventing and Dressage) and that in a perfect world that would be ideal, but we must not forget that each discipline is different and have their own special needs. Not all three disciplines are as strong at the Olympic Level and Jumping for sure has more demands than the other two disciplines, therefore this should not be decided upon convenience, but really, on the reality of our sport globally.

As riders we ask you to re evaluate the situation and consider the many aspects we have raised before you. We truthfully believe this proposal puts our continent in a clear disadvantage and could certainly have consequences in the short and long term, directly related to the development of the sport, our motivation as athletes and surely the importance of the regional and continental events in our area.

We very strongly oppose your proposal for changes to the qualification system and ask you to maintain the present one with no changes, as it has clearly proven that to be successful in the past editions of the games. If that were not possible, do consider other alternative options but do not reduce the number of our individual riders quota as this will have a very negative effect in the development of the sport in a region that has made a huge effort to grow over the past decade.

We thank you in advance for your attention.

Respectfully,

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RidersForTheOlympics

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Sorry there seems to be a problem, we will post the message in different parts

Part 1

Dear All,

We have carefully read the documents for the qualification of 2016 Rio Olympic Games and it is with great concern that we received this proposal. As you know America is represented by over 30 countries which for the past years have had a great development not only in Jumping but in the different disciplines the FEI represents.

We feel the Olympic Games are based on the universality principle and this has been what the FEI has always expressed and supported along the years. Olympic Games are the most important event in our sport and for that all regions should be given the opportunity they deserve to be eligible to participate.

Of course we understand that there needs to be qualifications procedures and minimum criterias that the riders need to meet to be present at this event and we respect that and support it. We also understand that the level of the qualifying events, such as the Panamerican Games in our region, should be of the highest level and equal in all parts of the world, to allow riders to be prepared in the best way possible. We are ready for that and we support the FEI in making any changes needed in the format and level of competition, but we need to have assurance that we will have the opportunity to qualify the same number of riders from our region for the Olympic Games.

Regarding the qualification for Teams we agree to maintain it at 3 teams qualifying directly from the Panam Games to the Olympic Games.

Qualification for individuals is what we complete disagree on. First, because today, our region has 4 individuals directly qualified through our Continental Games and the proposal you present to us is for NO riders to qualify directly through this event and instead only 1 individual through the ranking from our zone. This would mean reducing our individual riders participation by 75%. Riders from the Americas are the ones losing the most with this proposal and certainly we cannot accept this.

We are a high developing area in the world and reducing considerably the chances for us to qualify for the Olympic games will only have the effect of decreasing motivation, the investment in horses and the spirit we all have to be able to represent our countries in future Olympic Games.

RidersForTheOlympics

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Part II

For us the Ranking is a very well thought out tool for riders in Europe. Unfortunately this is not the case for riders in Latin America, because we do not have the high prize money events being organized in our area for many reasons related to the social – economical problems our nations face and the lack of culture regarding sponsorship. This is a reality which cannot be overlooked and possibly not only in our continent, but in many other developing areas around the world. In Europe high level and prize money events are a lifestyle and very much part of the culture achieved over the years. We are not at that level yet and therefore we as riders

struggle everyday with trying to gain ranking points which are almost impossible for us to access. We are left with the only option of leaving our countries and move to North America or Europe. This is possible for a few riders which have the economical possibilities to do it and still they face the problems of getting invitations to the 3*, 4* and 5* events because they are not in the raking.

For us as riders, we feel we have come a long way and results prove that we have the level to compete at the higher level events, but with proposals such as this one, it is not a matter of level anymore, but a matter of who has the money to achieve the most points and gain that one spot you are now offering us.

Our Continental Games have been up to now the most important event we hold and our National Federations and National Olympic Committees support us all in getting there, as this is a qualifier for both teams and individuals to the Olympic Games. It is no secret that the majority of us in latin America do not have the means to qualify as teams against USA, CAN and BRAZIL, and that possibilities might open up to us depending on their good results at the next WEG. The four individual places given at the Panamerican Games, have certainly always been the vehicle to assure participation of smaller nations at the Olympics. Without these three places, many of us riders might not see the need to compete at these Continental Games anymore, because there is nothing in it for us. Our Olympic Committees will certainly lose interest in these Continental Games and participation may well decrease significantly. The consequences behind this proposal will be very detrimental to the sport in the Americas.

We must not forget that for us riders the dream of participation in Olympic Games is what drives us and keeps the momentum going. We understand that the proposal being presented to us gives us one single spot, which most likely will be filled by a rider living outside of our continent. What does this mean for the riders in our region ? What will be the effect on the Equestrian sport in the Americas? Will this mean we can forget about the olympic dream we all have? Will the Olympics be limited to the ones with the most economical possibilities and not really for the best riders in our area? For us this is not fair play, this does not represent the principle of universality and it certainly does not promote development of the sport in anyway.

The London Olympics were a complete success and certainly participation there was applauded by all because you could see a wide variety of riders from all over the world. Mr. De Vos expresses in his introduction "although the existing system works generally well, there is need for some improvements". We understand this and support it, but the proposal presented to us shows no improvement, on the contrary it goes against all the principles we support. This is a radical change that will come to affect us in many ways, therefore we cannot support it.

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PART III

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RidersForTheOlympics

May 5 213.27.179.234

PLEASE NOTE OUR COMMENTS ARE FOR THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED FOR JUMPING

JoseLarocca

May 5 178.193.214.25

The changes proposed for the olympic qualification for jumping are very dangerous for our sport. We really are exposing the sport to losing its Olympic status. Olympics is about universality, the proposed changes are killing this. In our Latin American region (with more than 30 countries) the only hope for most countries (maybe as many as 25) to be represented at the Olympics is through this individual places which the new proposal is reducing (from 4 to 1) to favour regions that are already very well represented. The sport is already very concentrated in Europe (as much as 80%) and by taking representation from our region you are making the sport less universal, which is the very principle of the Olympics. Basically we are putting the Olympic status of our sport at risk !! Just imagine the implications to our sport of losing this status...

I hope common sense will prevail at the end

Jose Larocca (Argentina)

vikymurrieta

May 5 187.166.36.232

I am against the FEI decision of reducing the Team slots to qualify for the Olympic Games at the Pan Am Games for the Olympic groups D and E as this decision is against the Olympic Universality Principle. As a Dressage / Jumping / Eventing rider (or breeder, entrepreneur, enthusiast) I am asking the FEI to reconsider this qualifying system and give groups D and E the options we deserve bearing in mind the number of countries in our region and the huge effort we are making to upgrade the Pan Am Games and the level of Equestrian Sport in the region.

Sincerely
Virginia Murrieta (México)

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In support of this position:

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Please note the following corrections from our previous post:

Mr. Hernando Carrasco represents COL and not BOL

Mr. Juan Benitez represents PUR not COL

Mr. Leopoldo Paoli (VEN) was listed twice

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Also in Support on the comments for Jumping :

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Rodrigo Carrasco (CHI) FEI ID 10000544

albertoziehl

May 6 189.203.203.225

The proposal to reduce slots for Latin American countries to qualify to the Olympic games at the Pan American Games is totally unfair and against the roots and deep philosophy of the Olympic Games. Olympic Games are to be universal in every way and for every sport. FEI must reconsider this proposal, since it goes also against the growth and development of equestrian sports in Latin America, where enormous efforts are being made every year to improve quality of horses and riders, as well as to promote these sports in these countries.

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Also in support for the comments presented for Jumping:

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IdaliaZiehl

May 8 189.146.193.191

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Sincerely
Idalia Ziehl

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May 8 77.59.251.114

We wish to thank you for your comments added on the FEI Sports Forum Platform in relation to the 2016 Olympic Games Qualification Procedure. Your input is very valuable to us and we have taken into account the different points and suggestions raised that will now be submitted for consideration by the Technical Committees of Jumping, Dressage and Eventing.

In line with the statutory consultation process in place for FEI Sport Rules, after review by the Technical Committees, the Olympic Qualification procedure proposal will be made available to the National Federations on 4 July 2013 for comments and feedback. The proposal will then be finalised and submitted to the FEI General Assembly for approval in November 2013.

Catrin Norinder
Director Eventing & Olympic



WebFEI

May 8 85.2.186.18

A number of the comments above are about the proposed Olympic Qualification criteria for Dressage. The process leading up to the approval of the this by the FEI General Assembly as described in the answer from Catrin Norinder. The same consultative process applies for Dressage.

The proposal for the Olympic Games Qualification system for Dressage for Rio 2016 presented at the FEI Sports Forum 2013, was done based on statistics from the Olympic Ranking list for London 2012. This is the most recent list which gives an objective picture of the levels. The development in our sport is luckily strong all around the world, and we have no basis for saying that one Olympic Group has better development than others since London.

The statistics below show how many nations had three or more Grand Prix riders on the Olympic Ranking list for London. The FEI study identified only riders with Grand Prix horses, not rider/horse combinations, as a rider can only participate with one horse in the Olympic Games, and therefore only counts once.

The FEI Olympic Groups are:

- A – North Western Europe;
- B – South Western Europe
- C – Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia
- D – North America
- E – Central & South America
- F – Africa & Middle East
- G – South East Asia, Oceania

FEI Olympic Groups:

- Group A – 7 countries
- Group B – 7 countries
- Group C – 7 countries
- Groups D & E – 3 countries

Groups F & G - 4 countries

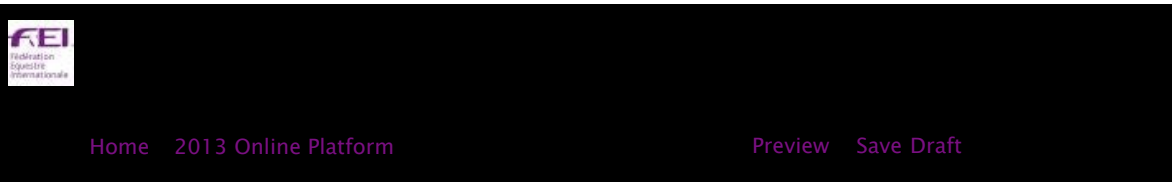
For London 2012, Group A, B and C had altogether three (3) dedicated Team places, Group D and E two (2) dedicated Team places and finally, Group F and G two (2) dedicated Team places.

As there are many more nations trying to qualify for the Olympic Games than there are places, a system which is a balance between quality and universality is needed. It is a fact that it is already much easier to qualify if you come from outside Group A, B and C than from any of these three Olympic Groups. Group D and E will automatically have one dedicated place for BRA as the host nation.

Trond Asmyr
Director Dressage & Para-Equestrian Dressage

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