



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

FÉDÉRATION ÉQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

Dressage

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A. EVENTS (2)

Open events (2)	
Individual Competition	Team Competition

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Dressage:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men/Women	57	3	60
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B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (per sport/discipline and/or per event):

	Quota places per NOC
Men/Women	Maximum 1 Individual or Team of 3
Total	3

B.3. Maximum number of athletes per event (where applicable):

	Number of athletes per event
Men/Women	60
Total	60

B.4. Type of allocation of quota places:



Quota places for both Teams and Individuals are allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of the FEI, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Age requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must be born on or before 31 December 2008 (no younger than 16 years of age in the year that the Olympic Games take place).

All horses participating in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 must be born on or before 31 December 2016 (no younger than eight years of age in the year that the Olympic Games take place).

C.3. Additional IF eligibility criteria

Athletes must also comply with the Minimum Eligibility Requirements criteria.

The applicable Minimum Eligibility Requirements will be published following approval at the FEI General Assembly on 13 November 2022 (and subsequent confirmation by the IOC).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

Men/Women

Team Qualification

15 NOCs will obtain team qualification; one (1) as a host country place, fourteen (14) team quota places will be allocated through FEI Olympic Group Qualification Events. A team consists of three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations.

Number of quota places	Qualification events	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The host country - Please refer to section D.2. Host country places for further information.	1. FRA



6 (max. 18 athletes)	The six (6) highest ranked teams from the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, Herning DEN (6-10 August 2022) excluding the host country team.	1. DEN 2. GBR 3. GER 4. SWE 5. NED 6. USA
3 (max. 9 athletes)	The three (3) highest ranked teams from the 2023 FEI European Dressage Championship, Riesenbeck, GER (4-10 September 2023) from FEI Olympic Groups A and/or B excluding teams qualified as above.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) highest ranked team from the Group C 2023 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (Budapest 7-11 June 2023), excluding teams qualified as above.	
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) highest ranked teams from FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E at the 2023 Pan American Games, Santiago, CHI (26-29 October 2023), excluding teams qualified as above.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group F at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, Herning, DEN (6-10 August 2022), excluding a team qualified as above. If the quota place is not filled at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, the quota place will be allocated to the (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group F at a 2023 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (dates & location TBD if applicable).	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group G at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, Herning, DEN (6-10 August 2022), excluding a team qualified as above. If the quota place is not filled at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, the quota place will be allocated to the (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group G at a 2023 Group G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (dates & location TBD if applicable).	1. AUS
TOTAL: 15 teams / 45 Athletes		
<p>Reallocation of team quota place(s) via composite team(s): (Reallocation process is part of the consultation process the FEI has begun with its stakeholders and will finalised/approved at the FEI General Assembly in November 2022).</p> <p>(Total number of teams participating in the team competition, including composite teams, may not exceed 15).</p>		

Individual Qualification:

Only NOCs that have not accepted a team quota place are eligible to obtain individual quota places.

Each athlete can obtain a maximum of one (1) individual quota place for that athlete's NOC.

For Dressage, a nation can qualify for a maximum of one (1) individual place.

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (as defined in the Appendix) is limited to the best **four (4) results** per Athlete/Horse **combination** in Olympic Ranking events, within the period from **1 January 2023 – 31 December**



2023. The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage will be published in December 2022 (exact date TBC) at the latest and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

Number of Individual quota places	Qualification events
14	<p>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</p> <p>The two (2)* highest ranked athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage from each of the five (5) below-mentioned groups will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC:</p> <p>A - North Western Europe; B - South Western Europe C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia F - Africa & Middle East G - South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p>Allocation through FEI Olympic Group Qualification Event and FEI Olympic Ranking</p> <p>The two (2)* highest ranked Individual Athletes from Olympic Groups D and/or E, maximum one (1) per NOC, from the overall individual classification at the 2023 Pan American Games will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC.</p> <p>The two (2)* highest ranked Athletes from the FEI Olympic Ranking for Olympic Groups D and E combined, maximum one (1) per NOC, will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC.</p> <p>D - North America E - Central and South America</p> <p>* Unless one (1) or two (2) individual quota places from that FEI Olympic Group, has already been allocated to an NOC/NOCs from that FEI Olympic Group due to their withdrawal of a qualified team as per the process set out in paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places.</p>
1	<p>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking)</p> <p>One (1) individual quota place will be allocated in descending order of the highest ranked Athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage.</p>
TOTAL: 15 Athletes	

D.2. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will be allocated one (1) team quota place with a maximum of three (3) Athletes. Each Athlete and Horse must fulfil the minimum age requirements and the minimum eligibility requirements to compete.

In case the host country is unable to field a team, it may send one (1) eligible individual Athlete instead.



E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, the FEI will publish the results on its website (<https://inside.fei.org>). The Team and Individual quota places will be confirmed separately as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

By January 2024 (Date TBC), further to receipt of the NOC Certificate of Capability from the relevant NOCs, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated team quota places. Each NOC must confirm or decline the allocated team quota place by February 2024 (Date TBC).

After the NOCs' confirmation of team participation, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated individual quota places and each NOC with Individuals must confirm the use of quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to the FEI by January 2024 (Date TBC) the use of its host country places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

TBC.



F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team or decides to send one (1) eligible Athlete instead of a team, the unused Athletes quota places will be reallocated to the NOCs of the highest ranked Athletes, not already qualified, on the overall FEI Olympic Ranking–Dressage.

F.4. AP ATHLETES

Definition:

Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the “Ap” accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These alternate athletes are not part of the athlete quota as described in Paragraph **B. Quota Places**. “Ap” alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

Only NOCs that have qualified a team are entitled to Ap athlete (one athlete and one reserve horse per team) as described in the qualification system.

Eligibility:

“Ap” athletes and Reserve Horses must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
10 – 14 August 2022	FEI Dressage World Championships (Herning, DEN)
FEI Dressage World Championships 2022 – 31 December 2023	Period for NOCs to obtain a team quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
December 2022 (Exact Date TBC)	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events (and ranking rules) and List of 2023 MER Events
1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 (TBC)	Ranking Period: FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage
1 January 2023 – TBC 2024 (“MER Deadline”)	Period for Athletes and Horses to obtain the FEI minimum eligibility requirements
04-10 September 2023	FEI Dressage European Championships, Riesenbeck, GER – FEI Olympic Groups A, B
07-11 June 2023	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (Budapest, HUN) – FEI Olympic Group C
20 October – 5 November 2023	Pan American Games (Santiago, CHI) - FEI Olympic Groups D & E
TBC 2023	FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, FEI Olympic Group F (Date Venue TBD) (only if team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group F NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022)
TBC 2023	FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, FEI Olympic Group G (Date Venue TBD) (only if team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group G NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022)



December 2023 (exact date TBC)	FEI to publish list of 2024 MER Events
<i>Date</i>	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places to the NOCs (where applicable).
TBC	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their team quota place allocation
TBC 2024	The NOCs to confirm to the FEI the use of the allocated team quota places to the FEI. If an NOC withdraws their team quota place by this date or had not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2023, the NOC in question will be eligible for an Individual quota place (subject to the process set out in "Team Qualification"). <i>"To be reviewed for approval at FEI General Assembly 2022 and by IOC"</i>
TBC 2024	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocation of Composite Team(s) quota place(s) (TBC) • reallocation of one (1) Individual place to each NOC that has withdrawn their Team quota place (subject to the process set out in "Team Qualification") <i>To be reviewed for approval at FEI General Assembly 2022 and by IOC"</i> • allocation of Individual quota places. Determination of Individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage
TBC 2024	NOCs to confirm use of allocated Individual quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
TBC 2024	FEI to reallocate all unused quota places.
TBC 2024 ("MER Deadline")	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements. FEI Nominated Entries
One (1) day after the MER Deadline	FEI to receive FEI Certificates of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse combination)
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024



APPENDIX – Definitions

Composite Team: A three (3) member team from an NOC. The Composite Team will be selected according to the following process:

- the respective rankings of each NOC's top three (3) different athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage shall be added together to give an aggregate ranking;
- the NOC with the highest aggregate ranking shall be awarded the redistributed quota place;
- in the event of a tie (i.e., where the aggregate rankings are the same), the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the highest ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage. In the event of a further tie, the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the second highest ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage, and so on. If the tie cannot be broken following this process, the FEI will invite the NOCs/NFs concerned to a draw.

FEI Certificate of Capability: A certificate that must be provided by the National Federation to the FEI for each Athlete and Horse that are nominated to participate in the Olympic Games. This certificate confirms the minimum eligibility requirements as laid down in the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games. It confirms that the Athletes and the Horses have the necessary experience and ability to participate at the required standard.

FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage: The official rankings based on results achieved by an Athlete and Horse as a combination at the Olympic Ranking Events during the period 01 January 2023 – 31 December 2023. The List of the Olympic Ranking Events and the relevant ranking rules will be published by December 2022 (exact date TBC).

FEI Olympic Group Qualification Events: Those events at which teams from specific FEI Olympic Groups can participate in order to earn a team quota place, namely:

- For FEI Olympic Groups A and B: the 2023 FEI Dressage European Championships;
- For FEI Olympic Group C: the 2023 Group C FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event;
- For FEI Olympic Groups D and E: the 2023 Pan-American Games;
- For FEI Olympic Group F: the 2023 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (only if a team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group F NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022) as per the process set out in Section D (Qualification Pathway));
- For FEI Olympic Group G: the 2023 Group G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (only if a team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group G NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022 as per the process set out in Section D (Qualification Pathway)).

MER Deadline: TBC

MER Events: Those events at which Athletes and Horses can earn the minimum eligibility requirements.

NOC Certificate of Capability: NOC confirmation that at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations from that NOC have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements during the period FEI Dressage World Championships 2022– 31 December 2023. Such confirmation must be provided to the FEI by 5 January 2024.

Olympic Ranking Events: Those events at which points for the FEI Olympic Rankings – Dressage can be earned.