The XIV Paralympic Games – London 2012

Clarifications on FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games (2nd Edition) – issued 21/03/2012.

Para-Equestrian Dressage

Ref: FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games Art. 621.2

With regard to the Team Test it will be compulsory for all Athletes (Individual and Team Athletes) to participate in order to ensure the equal and thus fair application of substitution rules for all participants. As a further clarification, Article 8456.2.3 of the FEI Rules for Para-Equestrian Dressage Events (3rd edition, effective 1st January 2011 and including modifications for 1st January 2012) will apply to all Athletes equally (Individual and Team Athletes) so that no substitutions will be possible later than two hours before the scheduled starting time of the first Team Test competition.

Ref: FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games Art. 621.4.2.14

With regard to the team Competitions, the Chef d’Equipe decides the starting order within the grade for his own Athletes.

Ref: FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games Art. 621.4.2.16

With regard to identification numbers, those Horses shared by two Athletes will have two different identification numbers. If the Horse is taken out from the stable for the purpose of a Athlete then it has to wear the identification number which was allocated to this specific Athlete/Horse combination. If the Horse is taken out from the stable with purpose for both Athletes (walking the Horse around, grazing, etc) then it is up to the groom to choose one of the two identification numbers.

Ref: FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games Art. 621.5.1

With reference to the classification of Teams, neither elimination nor retirement of a Team Athlete (or several Team Athletes) will lead to the elimination of the whole team. In both cases, elimination or retirement, the respective Athlete(s) will be counted as a zero (0) percentage for the Team result. The same applies for the Individual Championship Test.

Athletes that were eliminated or had to retire in the Team Test may nonetheless continue as a Team Athlete in the Individual Championship Test.
Ref: FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games Art. 621.5 & 621.7

A positive doping test of a Team Athlete and/or Horse will lead to the disqualification of the whole team whereas the clean Athlete/Horse combinations (that had been part of the disqualified Team) may continue as Individual Athletes.

A Team Athlete and/or Horse that was disqualified from a Competition for other reasons than doping (as specified in the FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations, FEI Sport Rules, or if the circumstances require an immediate action) will be counted as a zero (0) percentage for the Team result, meaning that the Team will be upheld. The disqualified Team Athlete may only continue in the subsequent Competition in case his disqualification was limited to the previous Competition. A disqualification issued for the whole Event will prevent the Athlete from participation in any further Competition.

An Individual Athlete and/or Horse that was disqualified from a Competition for other reasons than doping (as specified in the FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations, FEI Sport Rules, or if the circumstances require an immediate action) may only continue in the subsequent Competition in case his disqualification was limited to the previous Competition. A disqualification issued for the whole Event will prevent the Athlete from participation in any further Competition.

Ref: FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games (no specific Article)

The London Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) will appoint a Foreign Rider who will be entitled to attend the pre-draws and whose duty will be to submit a Foreign Rider report to the FEI after the conclusion of the event.