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Introduction

The Pan American Games celebrate its 19th edition in the capital of Chile. Three equestrian disciplines will be represented: Jumping, Dressage and Eventing. A total of 117 athletes from 19 nations will compete for the medals, with some nations also seeking the last team qualification slots on offer for Paris 2024.

Here's a preview of what to expect from the equestrian events at the Pan American Games 2023.

Pan American Games 2023 promise super sport

By Louise Parkes

The build-up to the 19th Pan American Games is at boiling point this week, and for Chile it is a very special moment as the country which is renowned for its stunning natural beauty, unique cultural traditions and rich history welcomes athletes from all across the Americas for the very first time.

From 20 October to 5 November the capital city of Santiago will take centre stage as more than 6,000 of the best athletes on the continent compete across 38 sports, with qualification for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games adding an extra edge to the tension and excitement.

The countries that have previously hosted the Pan American Games are Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, the United States of America and Venezuela. The Games always take place the year ahead of the Olympics, and in equestrian sport there are three Olympic qualifying spots on offer in Jumping and two each in Dressage and Eventing, all of which will be hotly contested again this time around.

The participating nations this year include Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, USA, Uruguay and Venezuela while the two athletes from Guatemala will compete under a Neutral PS Flag.

The 2023 equestrian venue is at the Escuela de Equitación Regimiento Granaderos in Quillota, a traditional army compound in the Valparaiso region that lies in the foothills of Chile's coastal mountain range. Quillota is located 126 km from Santiago city, and the action gets underway with Dressage next Sunday, 22 October.

Dressage

A total of 11 nations, eight with teams, three with individual athletes and a maximum of 36 starters will line out in Dressage.

Team Canada came out on top at the last Pan Americans in Lima, Peru in 2019 pinning USA into silver medal spot and Brazil into bronze, the Canadians and Brazilians earning the two spots on offer for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Canada's Moreira Laliberté won both the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special with her Sandro Hit gelding Statesman, and she was joined by Jill Irving, Tina Irwin and Lindsay Kellock to take the team title.

But it was the USA's Sarah Tubman and First Apple who claimed individual gold with a single percentage point advantage over Canada's Irwin and Laurencio in silver while Tubman's team-mate Jennifer Baumert took the bronze with Handsome. The American record in the history of Dressage at the PanAms, which dates right back to the first edition staged in Buenos Aires (ARG) in 1951, includes eight team and 10 individual titles, and Tubman made it three-in-a-row individual victories for USA following a back-to-back double from compatriot Steffen Peters in 2011 and 2015.

Both Small Tour and Big Tour combinations compete at the PanAms, and the Small Tour riders were first to battle it out in the individual gold-medal-deciding Intermediate I Freestyle/Grand Prix Freestyle on the final day in Lima. Just four horse-and-rider partnerships contested the higher-level Big Tour class, but the medals were decided by the biggest scores on the day regardless of the category, so it was Small Tour contenders Lockman, Irwin and Baumert who posted those to claim the medals.

Chasing down the Olympic qualification spots this time around will be Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico.

Eventing

A total of nine nations, eight with a team, one with an individual athlete and a maximum of 34 starters will line out in Eventing.

The Americans are the defending team champions here following the success of Lynn Symansky (RF Cool Play), Tamie Smith (Mai Baum), Doug Payne (Star Witness) and Boyd Martin (Tsetserleg) who reigned supreme in 2019 ahead of Brazil in silver and Canada in bronze.

USA has long been the dominant force in Pan American Eventing, with a total of 10 team and 11 individual titles.

Martin and Symansky took individual gold and silver respectively in 2019, and bronze went to Brazil's Carlos Parro (Quaikin Qurious). USA and Brazil took the two qualifying spots for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The cross-country test is always the thriller in the sport of Eventing, and appointed to design the track in Quillota is Pierre Le Goupil from France, the man who will also create the cross-country challenge for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games at Versailles (FRA) next summer, so there is huge interest in his ideas.

USA is already qualified in Eventing for Paris 2024. Teams seeking one of the two Olympic qualifying spots on offer at the Pan American Games 2023 are Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay.

Jumping

A total of 18 nations, nine with teams and nine with individuals, and a maximum of 47 starters will line out in Jumping.

It was Brazil, Mexico and USA that clinched team gold, silver and bronze in Lima four years ago, Marlon Zanotelli (Sirene de la Motte), Eduardo Menezes (HS Chaganus), Rodrigo Lambre (Chacciamia) and Pedro Veniss (Quabri de l'Isle) bringing it home for the Brazilian champions. It was a really close contest for silver and bronze.

Zanotelli went on to take the Individual title for Brazil ahead of Argentina's Jose Maria Larocca (Finn Lente) in silver and America's Beezie Madden (Breitling LS) in bronze while

Brazil, Mexico and Argentina claimed the three Jumping qualification spots on offer for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

USA has won the Pan American Jumping team title on seven occasions and Brazil has won it six times, while Americans have also racked up six individual victories. Chile made its mark in these Games at the inaugural event in 1951 when Alberto Larraguibel, César Mendoza, Ricardo Echeverría and Joaquín Larrain claimed the team title and Capt Larraguibel steered Julepe to take individual gold.

At the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games the countries chasing qualification for Paris 2024 will be Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Uruguay and USA.

Definite entries

Check all the athletes participating in the three equestrian disciplines at the Pan American Games 2023 in Santiago (CHI) [here](#)

Full Programme

Dressage

21 October - Horse Inspection and Draw for Starting Order

22 October - Prix St Georges / Grand Prix (Team and Individual Qualifier)

23 October - Intermediate I / Grand Prix Special (Team Final and Individual Qualifier)
Team Medal Ceremony

24 October - Second Horse Inspection and Draw for Individual Final

25 October - Intermediate I Freestyle / Grand Prix Freestyle (Individual Final)
Individual Medal Ceremony

Eventing

25 October - Draw of nations, Cross-Country course open to athletes

26 October - First Horse Inspection

27 October - Dressage

28 October - Cross-Country

29 October - Second Horse Inspection and Jumping test (Final Individual and Team)
Team and Individual Medal Ceremony

Jumping

29 October - Horse Inspection

30 October - Training

31 October - First Individual and Team competition

1 November - Second Competition Round 1, Second Competition Round 2 (Team Final and Individual qualifier). Team medal ceremony.

2 November - Second Horse Inspection

3 November - Third Competition Round 1, Third Competition Round 2 (Individual Final).
Individual medal ceremony.

Fast facts about the Pan American Games 2023

Total number of athletes: 117 (+14 reserves)

- **Jumping:** 47 athletes (+6 reserves)
- **Dressage:** 36 athletes (+4 reserves)
- **Eventing:** 34 athletes (+4 reserves)

Total number of Horses: 117

Total competing nations: 19

Dressage

Definite entries

11 nations

40 athletes/**40** horses (including 4 reserve combinations)

8 nations with a team: ARG; BRA; CAN; CHI; COL; ECU; MEX; USA (all these nations – except USA who is already qualified in Dressage for Paris 2024 - will be in the running for the 2 Paris 2024 Dressage team slots on offer - see Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification overview below)

3 nations with individuals: DOM; URU; VEN

First timers (no previous participation in Pan Am Games)

22 athletes

35 horses

Youngest athlete: Christian Simonson (USA) – 21 years old (born 26 August 2002)

(Reserve: Victor Trielli Ávila (BRA) – 27 years old (born 30 August 1996)

Oldest athlete: José Ramón Beca Borrego (URU) – 70 years old (born 8 April 1953)

(Reserve: Irvin Leiva Guillermo (MEX) – 37 years old (born 18 February 1986)

Athletes with most Pan American Games' participations

- Yvonne Loso De Muñiz (DOM) – 5 (2003 Santo Domingo DOM; 2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- Virginia Yarur (CHI) – 4 (1995 Buenos Aires ARG; 2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- João Victor Marcari Oliva (BRA) – 2 (2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- Mario Vargas (CHI) – 2 (2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2011 Guadalajara MEX)
- José Ramón Beca Borrego (URU) – 2 (2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- Julio Mendoza Loo (ECU) – 2 (2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN)
- Carolina Espinosa (VEN) – 2 (2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2019 Lima PER)
- Patricia Ferrando (COL) – 2 (2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- Maria Alejandra Aponte Gonzalez (CHI) – 2 (2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)

Most medals

The athlete with most Dressage medals at the Pan American Games is Christilot Boylen. She represented Canada in six Olympic Games (1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1984, and 1992) and has won 7 Pan American medals.

- **Athletes with most medals participating in Santiago 2023**

- Yvonne Losos de Muñiz (DOM) – 2 (2 individual)
- Sarah Tubman (USA) – 2 (1 individual; 1 team)
- João Victor Marcari Oliva (BRA) – 2 (2 team)

Nations with the most medals in Dressage:

- USA – 36 (22 individual; 14 team)
- CAN – 22 (11 individual; 11 team)
- CHI – 15 (11 individual; 4 team)
- MEX – 10 (4 individual; 6 team)
- BRA – 7 (1 individual; 6 team)
- COL – 4 (1 individual; 3 team)
- ARG – 3 (2 individual; 1 team)
- DOM – 2 (2 individual)
- VEN – 1 (1 team)

Reigning champions - Lima (PER) 2019

Individual

- Gold: Sarah Tubman (USA)/First Apple
- Silver: Tina Irwin (CAN)/Laurencio
- Bronze: Jennifer Baumert (USA)/Handsome

Team

- Gold: Canada
- Silver: USA
- Bronze: Brazil

Eventing

Definite entries

9 nations

38 athletes/**38** horses (including 4 reserves)

8 teams: ARG; BRA; CAN; CHI; COL; MEX; URU; USA (all these nations – except USA who is already qualified in Eventing for Paris 2024 - will be in the running for the 2 Paris 2024 Eventing team slots on offer - see Olympic Qualification overview below)

1 nation with Individuals: ECU (2)

First timers (no previous participation in Pan American Games)

19 athletes

34 horses

Youngest athlete: Andres Felipe Gomez Sanabria (COL) – 22 years old (born 8 November 2001)

(Reserve: Mateo Garin (CHI) – 18 years old (born 31 May 2005))

Oldest athlete: Juan Carlos Tafur Eisenmayer (COL) – 69 years old (born 20 December 1953)

(Reserve: Tamra Smith (USA) – 49 years old (born 23 July 1974))

Did you know?

Athletes with most Pan Am participations

- **Ruy Fonseca** (BRA) – 4 (1995 Buenos Aires ARG; 2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- **Edison Alejandro Quintana Valerio** (URU) – 3 (2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- **Carlos Parro** (BRA) – 3 (2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- **Marcelo Javier** (ARG) – 3 (2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- **Juan Carlos Tafur Eisenmayer** (COL) – 3 (2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)

Most medals

The athlete with most Eventing medals at the Pan American Games is Michael Page, a legendary athlete from the USA, who has won three Olympic and six Pan American medals (3 team and 3 individual).

Athletes with most medals participating in Santiago 2023:

- Ruy Fonseca (BRA) – 5 (4 team and 1 individual) and
- Carlos Parro (BRA) – 4 (3 team and 1 individual)

Nations with the most medals:

- USA – 39 (27 individual; 12 team)
- CAN – 16 (6 individual; 10 team)
- BRA – 10 (3 individual; 7 team)
- MEX – 7 (4 individual; 3 team)
- ARG – 5 (4 individual; 1 team)
- BER – 3 (2 individual; 1 team)
- CHI – 3 (1 individual; 2 team)
- COL – 1 (1 individual)

Reigning champions - Lima (PER) 2019

Individual

- Gold – Boyd Martin (USA)/Tsetserleg TSF
- Silver – Lynn Symansky (USA)/RF Cool Play
- Bronze – Carlos Parro (BRA)/Quaikin Qurious

Team

- Gold – USA
- Silver – BRA
- Bronze – CAN

FEI Solidarity support

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FEI Solidarity has supported the National Eventing Team of Uruguay in its preparation and qualification for major events for the 2021-2023 period. The nation won individual silver and team bronze at the South American Games 2022 in Argentina. Afterwards, the team focused on preparations for the 2023 Pan American Games. This programme was successful and totally "self-sufficient" given that it has been managed by the National Head Coach. Edison Quintana is a Uruguayan coach, who had followed the FEI Level 3 Eventing Coaching Education Programme, and has been in charge of team preparations from the onset of the training programme. The URU team has entered four combinations.

Jumping

Definite entries

18 nations

53 athletes/**53** horses (including 6 reserve combinations)

9 nations with a team: ARG; BRA; CAN; CHI; COL; ECU; MEX; URU; USA (all these nations – except Brazil (BRA) who is already qualified in Jumping for Paris 2024 - will be in the running for the 3 Paris 2024 Jumping team slots on offer – see Olympic Qualification overview below)

9 nations with individuals: BOL (2); DOM (1); ESA (1); PS PanAm Sports Flag* (1); PAN (1); PAR (2); PER (1); PUR (1); VEN (2)

(As per IOC Executive Board decision on 8 September 2022, effective as from 15 October 2022, Guatemala NOC has been suspended therefore athletes of Guatemala can no longer represent the country and compete under the country's flag/name in international multi-sports events. Consequently, athletes of Guatemala will compete in the Pan American Games 2023 under the PanAm Sports flag and code ("Neutral PS Flag").*

First timers (no previous participation in PanAmerican Games)

27 athletes

51 horses

Youngest athlete: Juan Serra (URU) – 23 years old (born 25 February 2000)

(Reserve: Tomas Galilea (ARG) – 26 years old (born 19 August 1997))

Oldest athlete: Beth Underhill (CAN) – 61 years old (born 5 August 1962)

(Reserve: Doda de Miranda (BRA) – 50 years old (born 5 February 1973))

Athletes with most Pan American Games' participations (competing in 2023 Santiago CHI)

- Jose Antonio Chedraui Eguia (MEX) – 4 (1999 Winnipeg CAN; 2003 Santo Domingo DOM; 2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2015 Toronto CAN)
- Samuel Parot (CHI) – 3 (2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN)
- Alonso Valdez Prado (PER) – 3 (2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) – 3 (1995 Buenos Aires ARG; 2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2011 Guadalajara MEX)

- Martín Rodríguez Vanni (URU) – 3 (2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- Doda De Miranda (BRA) – 3 (1999 Winnipeg CAN; 2003 Santo Domingo DOM; 2011 Guadalajara MEX)
- Pedro Veniss (BRA) – 3 (2007 Rio de Janeiro BRA; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)
- José María Larocca (jr) (ARG) – 3 (2011 Guadalajara MEX; 2015 Toronto CAN; 2019 Lima PER)

Most medals

The athlete with most Jumping medals at the Pan American Games is “Captain Canada” Ian Millar, who has represented his country at a record 10 Olympic Games (1972, 1976, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012), making him the athlete with the Olympic most appearances to date. At the Pan American Games, Ian Millar has won 10 medals (3 individual and 7 team). He is not competing in Santiago 2023.

“Captain Canada” is the Chef d’équipe of the Canadian Jumping Team and his daughter Amy Millar will be participating in Santiago.

Athletes with most medals participating in Santiago 2023

- Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) – 4 (1 individual and 3 team)
- Mclain Ward (USA) – 3 (1 individual and 2 team)

Nations with the most medals in Jumping

- USA – 31 (16 individual and 15 team)
- CAN – 20 (10 individual and 10 team)
- MEX – 20 (9 individual and 11 team)
- BRA – 14 (6 individual and 8 team)
- ARG – 10 (5 individual and 5 team)
- CHI – 8 (3 individual and 5 team)
- VEN – 1 individual
- PUR – 1 individual

Reigning champions - Lima (PER) 2019

Individual

- Gold – Marlon Modolo Zanotelli (BRA)/Sirene de la Motte
- Silver – José María Larocca (jr) (ARG)/Finn Lente
- Bronze – Elizabeth Madden (USA)/Breitling LS

Team

- Gold – BRA
- Silver – MEX
- Bronze – USA

Olympic Qualification

Dressage

Paris 2024 Olympic quota for Dressage:

- 15 teams/ 45 athletes
- 15 individual athletes
- Total: 60 athletes

Qualified teams

The following nations have qualified teams to date:

France (host nation); Australia; Austria; Belgium; Denmark; Germany; Great Britain; Spain; Sweden; The Netherlands; Poland; USA (**12 teams**)

Teams to qualify

The **two highest ranked teams** from the 2023 Pan American Games, from FEI Olympic Groups D (North America) and/or E (Central and South America) excluding teams already qualified.

Teams seeking qualification (7): Argentina; Brazil; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Ecuador; Mexico.

(The remaining slot will be allocated according to the section 1.5 of Article F of the Qualification System for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.)

See Dressage Qualification System for Paris 2024 [here](#).

Individual qualification (2 individual slots – 1 per NOC)

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.

Eventing

Paris 2024 Olympic quota for Eventing:

- 16 teams (including composite teams)/ 48 athletes
- 17 individual athletes
- Total: 65 athletes

Qualified teams

The following nations have qualified teams to date:

France (host nation); Australia; Belgium; Germany; Great Britain; Ireland; Italy; Japan; The Netherlands; New Zealand; Poland; Sweden; Switzerland; USA (**14 teams**)

Teams to qualify

The **two highest ranked teams** from the 2023 Pan American Games, from FEI Olympic Groups D (North America) and/or E (Central and South America) excluding teams already qualified.

Teams seeking qualification (7): Argentina; Brazil; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Mexico; Uruguay.

See Eventing Qualification System for Paris 2024 [here](#).

Jumping

Paris 2024 Olympic quota for Jumping:

- 20 teams/ 60 athletes
- 15 individual athletes
- Total: 75 athletes

Qualified teams

The following nations have qualified teams to date:

France (host nation); Australia; Austria; Belgium; Brazil; Germany; Great Britain; Ireland; Israel; Japan; The Netherlands, Poland; Saudi Arabia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; UAE
(17 teams)

Teams to qualify

The **three highest ranked teams** from the 2023 Pan American Games, from FEI Olympic Groups D (North America) and/or E (Central and South America) excluding teams already qualified.

Teams seeking qualification (8): Argentina; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Ecuador; Mexico; Uruguay; USA

Individual qualifications (3 Individual slots – 1 per NOC):

Three (3) Individual slots to highest ranked athletes from Olympic Groups D and/or E from the overall individual classification of the 2023 Pan American Games not qualified with a team.

(Note: a fourth Individual slot will be allocated to Groups D and/or E through the Olympic Rankings)

See Jumping Qualification System for Paris 2024 [here](#).

How to follow live the Panamerican Games 2023

[Watch the Pan American Games on FEI TV](#) with Spanish or English Commentary and on FEI YouTube! Click [here](#) for the schedules and links on FEI TV

You can follow the action through our YouTube Channel. For FEI You Tube, here are the links for the Dressage feed, other discipline links to follow:

- Grand Prix (Teams & Individual Qualifier) - Pan American Games 2023
<https://youtube.com/live/ucinEFvsZZw>
KEY: FB-711077334387153-0-AbzuFOdjWEiFpap9
- Grand Prix Special (Teams Final & Individual Qualifier) - Pan American Games 2023 + Medal Ceremony Teams
<https://youtube.com/live/TbymzvWJxBs>
KEY: FB-711079617720258-0-AbySAELa4TkNLdFX

- Grand Prix Freestyle - Pan American Games 2023 + Medal Ceremony Individual
https://youtube.com/live/kT_GFCJJkLY
KEY: FB-711081171053436-0-AbwhYZYrTmyGxUEX

FEI online resources

Keep up to date with the FEI's daily news service from the Pan American Games 2023 [here](#).

Keep up to date with the latest news from the **Pan American Games 2023** [here](#).

Results will be available [here](#).

The Equestrian events from the Pan American Games 2023 in Santiago (CHI) will be broadcast live on **FEI TV**, the FEI's official broadcasting platform and on FEI You Tube.

Images & Content: Free images for editorial purposes are available from the [FEI Flickr account](#) in the photostream and in the dedicated album.

Video footage will be available at <https://fei.scoopa.com/> with the following login details: media@fei.org Password: FEInews2023

Biographies from the main participants are available [here](#)

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