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CODE OF CONDUCT

FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General Welfare:

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete, veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. **Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:**

a) Competition area

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. **Humane treatment of horses:**

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition

5. **Education:**

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

CHAPTER I - GENERAL

Article 600 - INTRODUCTION

This booklet sets out the rules for the Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games. It must be read in conjunction with the Paralympic Charter as well as the IPC Anti-Doping Code applicable at the time of the Paralympic Games, FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations (GRs), FEI Para Dressage Rules, FEI Para Equestrian Classification Rules, the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMRs), the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the FEI Veterinary Regulations (VRs), all of which remain in force except where otherwise specified.

A separate document setting out the FEI Paralympic Venue and Operational requirements is also applicable to the organisation of the Equestrian competitions at the Paralympic Games.

A Tribunal procedure resembling arbitration is provided for in the FEI Statutes and GRs. In accordance with this procedure, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, has the exclusive jurisdiction to be the final forum to resolve all disputes concerning these Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games.

The FEI assumes the responsibility for the technical supervision of the preparations of facilities and for the technical control of the Competitions.

Any terms with a capitalised letter are defined in the FEI Rules and Regulations referenced above.

Article 601 - COMPETITIONS

The following Competitions will be included in the Paralympic programme:

- 1.** Para Equestrian Dressage, Individual Medal Event
- 2.** Para Equestrian Dressage, Team Medal Event
- 3.** Para Equestrian Dressage, Individual Freestyle Medal Event

Article 602 - COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- 1.** The general Competition schedule for the Equestrian Events is agreed between the FEI, the Organising Committee of the Paralympic Games (OCOG) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).
- 2.** An explanatory brochure containing the general programme and arrangements giving all details of facilities, installations, FEI Veterinary Regulations (VRs) and Health Regulations and International movement of horses requirements if applicable, shall be distributed by the OCOG to the IPC, to the relevant IFs and to all NPCs no later than one year before the opening of the Paralympic Games.

Article 603 - COMPETITION PROGRAMMES

Daily Start Lists must be made available to spectators free of charge in paper format upon arrival to the venue.

Article 604 - CLASSIFICATION, MEDALS & PRIZES

1. MEDAL EVENTS

One (1) set of medals will be awarded for the Team Medal Event (Teams with mixed Grades). Five (5) sets of medals will be awarded for the Individual Medal Event and five sets of medals will also be awarded to the Freestyle Medal Event (one set per Grade).

2. PRIZES FOR ALL PARALYMPIC COMPETITIONS

Medals will be awarded according to the Paralympic Charter.

2.1. Individual Athletes

Medals and diplomas are awarded to the individual Athletes placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Diplomas are awarded to the individual Athletes placed 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

2.2. Teams

Medals and diplomas are awarded to all members of Teams (3 members) placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Diplomas are awarded to each Team member placed 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

2.3. Horses

Rosettes (ribbons) and stable plaques provided by the OCOG will be awarded to the Horses of all Athletes who have received a medal or a diploma.

Article 605 - QUOTA

1. TOTAL QUOTA

Seventy eight (78) Athletes will be qualified and allowed to participate at the 2024 Paralympic Games, and seventy eight (78) Horses will be allowed to enter the Paralympic stables.

No reserve Athletes/Horses will be permitted.

Article 606 - ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES AND HORSES

1. ATHLETES

1.1. To be eligible for participation in the Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games, all Athletes and Horses must comply with all current FEI Rules and Regulations, be correctly registered with the FEI and must have achieved the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) that is outlined in the Qualification Procedure (as published on the FEI website).

1.2. From and including the year in which they reach their 14th birthday, Athletes are eligible to take part in the Para Equestrian Dressage Competitions.

1.3. 2020 Paralympic Title Holders: No past Paralympic title holder (Team or Individual) will be automatically eligible for the 2024 Paralympic Games.

1.4 Any Athlete changing their sport nationality during the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games qualification period (1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023) will be removed from the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List. In addition, an Athlete will only be allowed to earn a

quota place for a given nation provided they satisfy the IPC's eligibility requirement on nationality for their specific nation at the time such quota is earned.

2. HORSES

2.1. Age

For Para Equestrian Dressage, Horses must be born on or before 31 December 2018 (6 years of age - the age being counted from 1st January of the year of birth).

2.2. Registration

Horses entered for the Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games must have been registered with the FEI the latest by the date of Final Entries. The National Federation (NF) of the Athlete is responsible to ensure that the Horse fulfils the registration criteria.

2.3. Passports

Any Horse entered for Equestrian Competitions at the Paralympic Games must have a valid FEI Passport or an FEI approved national passport with a valid FEI Recognition Card as a means of identification and to establish ownership. These documents must be duly completed and correct at the time of the Competitions in compliance with the VRs.

2.4. Name of Horse

No commercial prefix or suffix will be included with the name of the Horse on any Paralympic participation/entry list, start list or results. The FEI reserves the right to amend any Horse's name accordingly.

Each Horse keeps the same identification number provided by the Organizing Committee on arrival throughout the Event. It is compulsory that this number be worn by the Horse at all times when outside the stable (from the time of arrival until the end of the Event) so that they can be identified by all Officials including the Stewards. Failure to display this number incurs first a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury. 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 an 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.

Article 607 - DEADLINES FOR QUALIFICATION OF NATIONS, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY

1. QUALIFICATION OF NATIONS

The deadline for NFs/NPCs to qualify for the Paralympic Games is **31st December 2023**. Only results until 31 December 2023 23:59 in the country where the competition is taking place will be considered for this qualification). Further details on the qualification chronology are outlined in the Paris 2024 Qualification Procedure.

2. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

2.1. FEI Nominated Entries must be accompanied by Certificates of Capability and must be received by FEI no later than 19 June 2024, 23:59 (Swiss time).

2.2. Certificates of Capability

NPCs qualified to take part in the Paralympic Games must send a Certificate of Capability for each Athlete/Horse combination nominated, on a form provided by the FEI, to the FEI no later than **19 June 2024** midnight (Swiss time). Athletes for which Certificates of Capability have not been received on time may not be allowed to participate.

The Certificate of Capability (which can be obtained by Athlete/Horse combinations until the 18 June 2024) must include a record of the results obtained in Competitions satisfying the Minimum Eligibility Requirement as laid down in the Qualification Procedure confirming that the Athlete/Horse combinations have the necessary experience and ability to participate at the required standard.

3. PARIS 2024 OFFICIAL FINAL ENTRIES: DATE TBC.

Date TBC is the latest date for Final Entries. NPCs having qualified four (4) Athletes must declare after the Individual Competition which three Athletes will be competing as Team members.

These entries will include the Athletes having reached the Minimum Eligibility Requirement from countries having achieved qualification according to the procedure established by the FEI and approved by the IPC. All qualifications must have been previously confirmed by the FEI.

Entries for the 2024 Paralympic Games will be submitted by NPCs through an online sport entries and qualification system (ePEQ). Instructions for the use of ePEQ will be distributed to NPCs in 2024.

Article 608 - REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

If a qualified nation finds that it has Athletes who are unable to compete in the Team or in the Individual Competitions after the Nominated Entries of 19 June 2024, it must inform the FEI immediately, in order to provide the opportunity for other nations to participate.

The fill-up of quota of additional Teams and Individuals may only be made in accordance with the procedure laid down, provided that the total quota of permitted Horses and Athletes is not exceeded (see Art. 605).

Article 609 - SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Substitutions will only be allowed in the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse on the presentation of the appropriate Medical/Veterinary certificate and the permission of the Chief Medical Officer and/or the Veterinary Commission.
2. Substitutions can only be made with another Horse or Athlete that was duly entered on the list of Nominated Entries of 19 June 2024.
3. Substitutions are defined as follows:
 - 3.1 Substitution 1 - for Athlete and/or Horse will be permitted from the FEI nominated entries list between the dates of the official Final Entries until completion of the Sport Entries sign-off conducted during the relevant NPC's Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM).

Substitute Athletes must have met the qualification criteria and Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) for the respective Event(s), and must also have signed the IPC Eligibility Code Form. In addition, the Athlete's NPC must have submitted an Accreditation Application Form for the substitute Athlete by the deadline of DATE TBC.

NPCs must complete an Official Substitution Application Form, which will be available on request through the OCOG Sport Entries Team. NPCs must return the completed form to the OCOG Sport Entries team for consideration and processing.

Should an Athlete be substituted according to Substitution 1, their Paralympic accreditation will be transferred to the substitute Athlete and the initial Athlete will lose all their rights but may remain in their accommodation.

3.2 Substitution 2 - for Teams needing to substitute a Team Athlete and/or Team Horse with an Individual Athlete and/or Individual Horse will be permitted in the period between the Declaration of starters and up to two (2) hours before the scheduled starting time of the Team Competition (first grade to go in the Team Competition).

3.3 All substitutions must be validated by OCOG, competition management and FEI. However, regardless of the situation, all substitutions are subject to final review and approval by the IPC.

Article 610 - OFFICIALS

The FEI will appoint the following Officials in accordance with the FEI Para Dressage Rules. These Officials will be considered International Technical Officials (ITOs) according to IPC definition and numbers are subject to the approval of the IPC.

The expenses for accommodation, transport and uniforms for Technical Officials shall be paid by OCOG according to agreement with OCOG. The Technical Officials must be present at the site at least three (3) days prior to the first (1st) event in their sport and at least one (1) day after the last event of their discipline or according to specific agreement with FEI/OCOG depending on needs.

1. JUDGES

- Seven (7) Ground Jury (President and Members) and one (1) travelling reserve

2. STEWARDS

One (1) Chief Steward, who shall be supported by an assistant Steward from the team of National Technical Officials Stewards. The Chief Steward must arrive to be on site for the arrival of the Horses.

2. VETERINARY

- Veterinary Commission: one (1) President and two (2) Assistant members

A Foreign Veterinary Delegate (FVD) shall be appointed by the FEI Board in consultation with the Veterinary Committee, to assist and advise OCOG on the preparations for the Games and approve the veterinary services and the Equine Anti-doping and Controlled Medication infrastructure. The FVD will visit the Equestrian venue prior to the Games. The FVD must be at the site of the Games at least three (3) days before the start of the first Competition.

The FVD will liaise, throughout the preparative phase, with the President of the Veterinary Commission and FEI management and will communicate with the veterinary authorities of the host country.

It is essential that the Veterinary Commission includes internationally recognised experts with specialised knowledge of the Paralympic discipline.

- Two (2) Testing Veterinarians

3. FOOTING SPECIALIST

One (1) Footing Specialist for the Dressage arena ground preparations. Pre-visits to be organised in cooperation with OCOG.

Article 611 - FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE

1. FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE

- 1.1.** The Foreign Technical Delegate shall be appointed by the FEI in accordance with the FEI General Regulations and IPC Requirements.
- 1.2.** The Technical Delegate for the next Paralympic Games may be appointed at any time after the conclusion of the last Games.
- 1.3.** Their powers, obligations and responsibilities are laid down in the GRs and in the respective Rules for the Paralympic discipline concerned.
- 1.4.** The Technical Delegate is required to visit the Competition venue before the Games. Timing and number of visits established in agreement between FEI and OCOG to:
 - 1.4.1** Review the technical requirements including results and scoring for the relevant discipline as well as checking all administrative and logistical arrangements for the technical officials, groom and Horses.
 - 1.4.2** Approve the sites for the Competitions including footing, training and schooling areas.
 - 1.4.3** Review and validate all technical elements of the pre-Olympic test Events.
- 1.5.** The Technical Delegate is required, before the start of the respective Competitions, to:
 - 1.5.1.** Check the general layout of the Competition venue;
 - 1.5.2.** Ensure that the arenas are thoroughly tested;
 - 1.5.3** Ensure that results and sign-off procedures are organised together with the OCOG and Officials involved
 - 1.5.4.** Be present before the start of their Events, recommended arrival day to coincide with the arrival of the first Horses on the venue.
- 1.6.** OCOG will pay for travel expenses for the Technical Delegate in accordance with the travel policy applicable to the Paralympic Games.

In exceptional cases only, additional visits by the Technical Delegate/Coordinator will be covered by FEI with the approval of the Secretary General.

Article 612 - SECRETARY GENERAL & FEI HEADQUARTERS STAFF

The FEI Secretary General or their representative will facilitate and ensure the co-operation between the Technical Delegate and OCOG Competition Management. FEI support will be provided to OCOG for all matters that will require FEI involvement.

Article 613 – PUBLIC RELATIONS AND RESULTS

- 1.** The FEI Secretary General or the FEI Secretary General's representative(s), in cooperation with the OCOG, will be responsible for relations with the news media (press, radio, TV). In addition, FEI will be responsible for providing information concerning entries (qualification of teams, Athletes and Horses), Judges, Technical Delegates, etc. according to PRIS (Paralympic Results and Information systems) requirements. FEI will also attend and when necessary, initiate press conferences in consultation with the OCOG, Technical Delegate, and the President of the Ground Jury and/or the Chair of the Discipline committees.

2. Arrangements must be made by the OCOG to ensure that the results are published immediately after each Competition and distributed to the FEI, media, team officials, FEI Officials and other relevant client groups according to PRIS procedures (Paralympic Result & Information Services).

Article 614 - MEDICATION CONTROL OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES OF ATHLETES

The World Anti-Doping Code and IPC Anti-Doping Code (each as in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games) will apply to all Athletes participating in the Paralympic Games.

Article 615 – EQUINE ANTI DOPING AND CONTROLLED MEDICATION MEASURES FOR HORSES

Medication and Doping Control for Horses will be carried out as set out in the EADCMRs and the VRs:

1. SELECTION OF HORSES FOR SAMPLING (SEE ALSO VETERINARY REGULATIONS CHAPTER 6)

1.1. The FEI, as set forth in the EADCMR's Article 5.4.1 will decide on the number of Horses to be tested. In addition, the Testing Veterinarian(s) (and technicians) will operate in close liaison with the President of the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Commission/Delegate. The Testing Veterinarian will, wherever possible, respect any specific request for Horses to be sampled made by the President of the Ground Jury. The President of the Ground Jury will, however, fully consider the proposals of the Testing Veterinarian before deciding on the strategy for sampling at the Event.

1.2. Three possible methods for selection of Horses can be distinguished: obligatory sampling (i.e. medal winners), random sampling, (i.e. selection process agreed by the President of the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission/Delegate and/or Testing Official) and targeted sampling (i.e. if a specific reason necessitates testing of a Horse). Horses may be selected for sampling at any time during the FEI On-site Jurisdiction period. Horses may be selected for sampling one or more times during the FEI On-Site Jurisdiction period.

1.3. For obligatory testing in the Paralympic Games, sufficient Horses must normally be sampled to ensure that at least at least the following samples are available for analysis:

1.3.1. in all Final Competitions for Individuals, the first three placed Horses;

1.3.2. in Final Dressage Competitions for Teams, one Horse from among all the Horses in each of the first three placed Teams;

2. PRE-ARRIVAL AND ELECTIVE TESTING

FEI may offer a Pre-Arrival and Elective Testing (PAET) service for Horses competing in the Event. Full details will be published in advance of the Event if this service is to be provided.

3 PROCEDURES RESULTING FROM POSITIVE FINDING FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

3.1. All procedures resulting from a positive finding for a Prohibited Substance in a Horse shall be conducted in accordance with the EADCMRs and all related documents, including, but not limited to, the VRs and the FEI Standard for Laboratories.

3.2. The Person Responsible (PR) of a Horse whose A-analysis was positive is not allowed to leave the venue of the Paralympic Games until given permission to do so by the FEI Secretary General, on sanction of elimination from the Paralympic Games.

If the PR contests the validity of the test results, FEI Legal Director, IPC Medical and Scientific Director, and FEI Veterinary Director must be informed immediately by confidential letter. All copies of the original and subsequent analytical documents must be submitted to the FEI.

Article 616 – RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

Neither the Organising Committee nor the FEI accepts any responsibility for any accident or illness that may befall any Horse, Athlete, Groom or any other person. The same applies in case of damage to cars, saddlery, equipment, utensils and all other objects (including damage resulting from theft, loss, fire).

NFs/NPCs are responsible to ensure that each participating Horse is insured for a sufficient amount to cover any eventuality that can occur during or in relation to the Paralympic Games including without limitations, problems during OCOG organised transportation between port of arrival and Equestrian venue in the host country.

All owners and Athletes are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their Horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out a third party insurance providing full coverage for participation in Equestrian Events at home and abroad and to keep the policy up to date.

To the greatest extent permitted by law, the FEI and the OCOG expressly exclude any liability for any damages relating to loss of property or injury of any kind to Athletes, Owners, Support Personnel or Horses at or in connection with the Paralympic Games. By participating in the Paralympic Games, each Athlete shall be deemed to have taken notice of and accepted these rules and the above exclusion.

Article 617 – PROTESTS / APPEALS

- 1.** Presidents of NFs and NPCs, Officials appointed under FEI Rules, Chefs d'Equipe, or if there is no Chef d'Equipe present, the Persons Responsible for the Horses taking part in the Event and Team Veterinarians, are entitled to lodge a Protest or Appeal as set forth more specifically in the GRs.
- 2.** The procedure regarding the lodging of Protests and Appeals is laid down in the GRs and/or the Classification Manual as appropriate.
- 3.** Protests to the Ground Jury must be accompanied by a deposit to the FEI of the equivalent of CHF 150.
- 4.** Protests and Appeals to the FEI Tribunal must be accompanied by a deposit to the FEI of the equivalent of CHF 500.
- 5.** No deposit is required for Protests concerning Abuse of Horse.
- 6.** Protests and Appeals to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) must be made in accordance with the relevant IPC Rules and the CAS Arbitration Rules for the Paralympic Games.
- 7.** Protests or Appeals related to classification cannot be submitted at the Paralympic Games because no FEI Classifier is appointed to officiate at the event.

Article 618 - FEI ON-SITE JURISDICTION PERIOD

The FEI On-Site Jurisdiction Period corresponds to the enforcement of the FEI Rules and Regulations on the Paralympic Games.

The "FEI On-Site Jurisdiction Period" will start from the day of arrival of the Horses in the Paralympic stables until the day of the last Competition.

Article 619 - OWNERS OF HORSES

1. ACCREDITATION

Each NPC may request accreditation for a maximum of two owners for each Horse allowed in the Paralympic Stables during the Paralympic Games. The name of one (1) out of the two (2) owners must be stated in the FEI Horse Passport. Access will include the stables in accordance with the VRs along with the training areas and the Athletes' and Paralympic Family seating.

2. REGISTERED OWNERS

The NF of a Horse belonging to a partnership, company or a syndicate of owners must inform the FEI by the date of the OCOG/IPC Nominated Entries for NPCs: 19 June 2024 of the name of one owner to ensure that it is entered in the Paralympic Accreditation System.

Article 620 – SCOREBOARDS, VIDEO BOARDS

An electronic scoreboard must be provided by OCOG within the Main Arena.

Any video board in the Main Arena must be placed at a height such that it will in no way interfere with the Horses' performance.

Live scoring with running average percentage (average percentage the Athlete has obtained so far in the test, and is updated after every movement) is compulsory. Open scoring/running scoring (showing average marks per movement during each test) must be provided but must not be visible to Athletes in the arena or the judges. Where the position of the main scoreboard does not allow visibility to the public, kiss & Cry or Athlete stand, additional boards (small score boards) must be positioned in the arena. A countdown clock/display must be available for all Para Dressage tests: This must be visible to the competing Athlete and the Kiss & Cry or Athlete stand.

The OCOG will ensure that all Chef d'Equipes and Officials are informed at the Official briefings on the technology used during the competitions (live screens, score boards, etc)

CHAPTER II – PARA EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

ARTICLE 621 - RULES FOR THE PARA EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

1. GENERAL

The Para Equestrian Dressage Competitions at the Paralympic Games are conducted in accordance with the current FEI Para Dressage Rules the current FEI Para Equestrian Classification Rules and the IPC/FEI Qualification Criteria.

Music

NPCs must provide the completed Music Submission Form in the form/format specified by the Paris 2024 Organising Committee/IPC for each of their Athlete's FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test when entering their Athletes via the Paris 2024 Sports Entries system.

2. PARTICIPATION IN PARA EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

All Qualification Criteria and other Requirements are subject to the Rules of the IPC, who have governance of the Games.

2.1 Teams

A NF having obtained eligibility and qualification according to Paralympic Games Eligibility and Qualification Criteria, may enter a team composed of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) Athletes. At the Team Competition three of the four entered Athletes will compete. Declaration of the team will take place after the Individual Competition. Each team must have at least one (1) Athlete in Grade I, II or III. A Team may not include more than two (2) Athletes from any one (1) Grade. The scores of all three (3) team members obtained at the Team Competition count for the team result (no drop score).

2.2 Individuals instead of Teams

NFs not qualified with a team may send up to two (2) individual Athlete/Horse combinations. NFs having obtained eligibility and qualification according to Paralympic Games Eligibility and Qualification Criteria to enter individuals in place of a team, may enter such individuals with one (1) Horse each. See IPC Paralympic Games Qualification Criteria, which is published on the IPC and FEI websites, and available for downloading once approved.

2.3 All Athletes must be qualified and eligible to compete according to FEI and IPC Rules. All Athletes must participate in the Individual Competition for their Grade. In the Team Competition, only the declared Team members will be allowed to compete and in the Freestyle Competition only the qualified Athlete/Horse combinations will be allowed to compete. The total number of entries from any country overall across all Grades shall not exceed four (4).

2.4 No Athlete may ride more than one (1) Horse in any Test at the Paralympic Games. All Athletes, having started their first Test on a certain Horse, (the 'Original Horse') may not change from riding the Original Horse in further Competitions.

2.5 . An eligible Horse is one (1) that has been accepted on to the venue and passed all necessary veterinary tests. See also Article FEI Para Dressage Rules 8422.9 Sharing of Horses.

3. COMPETITIONS

All Competitions will be held in Grades. Athletes must compete in their correct Functional Profile Grade, as stated on the FEI Classification Master List.

3.1 FEI Para Grand Prix A– Individual Medal Event and qualifier for Freestyle Medal Event

The FEI Para Grand Prix A, in which all Athletes must participate, is the Individual Medal Event, and the qualifying competition for the Freestyle Competition. Individual Medals will be awarded in each Grade.

The top eight (8) Athlete/Horse combinations per Grade qualify for the FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle.

3.2 FEI Para Grand Prix B - Team Medal Event

Only open to team Athletes (max. three (3) per NF) declared by the Chef d'Equipe.

Team medals will be given based on the results of the FEI Para Grand Prix B results only.

3.3 FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle – Individual Freestyle Medal Event

Competition only open to the top eight (8) Athlete/Horse combinations per Grade from the FEI Para Grand Prix A. Individual Freestyle Medals will be awarded in each Grade.

In case a qualified Athlete/Horse combination withdraws from the FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle, the vacant spot is filled by the next highest placed Athlete/Horse combination (i.e. number 9) of the FEI Para Grand Prix A to fill the number of combinations allowed up to two hours before the start of the FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle.

- 3.4** The approximate timing of all classes will be decided, where possible, by the Foreign Technical Delegate in conjunction with IPC and the Competition Manager at least two (2) months before the Games. The order of the Grades will be arranged with the aim of not exceeding forty-five (45) Tests per day. Where possible, Grade I and Grade II Athletes should be separated by a class for other Athletes.

THE PARA DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS AT THE PARALYMPIC GAMES ARE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEI PARA DRESSAGE RULES EXCEPT THAT THERE WILL BE SEVEN (7) JUDGES IN TOTAL (JUDGING IN GROUPS OF FIVE (5)), A FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE, AN ASSISTANT FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE, A CHIEF STEWARD, AND AN ASSISTANT CHIEF STEWARD 4.DECLARATION OF STARTERS & DRAW FOR THE STARTING ORDER

4.1. Declaration of starters

Declaration of starters should be done no later than two (2) hours before the draw. The exact time of the draw should be published in the schedule.

4.2. Draw for the starting order

- 4.2.1.** There must be a separate draw for each (Grade I to V) Competition, conducted in order of the Competition. It shall be conducted at a meeting that includes the President or a member of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate, , a senior member of the OCOG Competition Management Team, and the Chef d'Equipes. Unauthorized persons should not be admitted to this meeting. Chef d'Equipes must check the draw for the starting order within thirty (30) minutes of presentation.
- 4.2.2.** The draw is conducted in the same manner regardless of the Competition being a Team or Individual event. Where possible, the draw will be conducted electronically.
- 4.2.3.** NPCs with two (2) Athletes in the Grade enter the draw first, followed by NFs with one (1) Athlete.
- 4.2.4.** For the Team Competition, Chef d'Equipes can decide the starting order of their own Team Athletes. Chef d'Equipes cannot decide the running order for any Individual Athletes. If the draw is conducted in advance, the Chef d'Equipe can request changes to the order of their own Team Athletes, as presented at the meeting, but only within the starting

positions given. If the draw is conducted during the meeting, Chef d'Equipes must declare the order they wish their Athletes to go prior to the start of the draw of that Grade.

4.2.5. For each Grade, consecutive numbers equivalent to the total number of starters in the Grade being drawn are placed in 'Container A' in a manner that does not show the numbers.

4.2.6. For the Grade being drawn, the NPCs with two (2) entries in that Grade enter the draw first. Where Chef d'Equipe's can decide on the running order of their Team Athletes, these places will be drawn first, followed by NPCs who have two (2) Individual Athletes. If this is more than one (1) NPC, a letter of the alphabet is chosen at random (by a draw), and the first NPC whose name starts with that letter is the first one whose Athletes enter the draw; the other NPCs with two (2) entries will follow in alphabetical sequence.

4.2.7. The Athletes from each of these NPCs in turn have their names drawn from 'Container B', together with a number drawn from 'Container A'. That number determines the starting position of each Individual Athlete.

4.2.8. If however any draw results in an Athlete being placed less than two (2) entries away from another Athlete of the same NPC, the number drawn is immediately returned to 'Container A' and the position is redrawn until there is at least a two (2) entries gap between Athletes from the same NPC.

4.2.9. Where the Chef d'Equipe has indicated a starting order for their Athletes before the start of the draw, the drawn order of those Athletes may be changed to reflect the order requested by the Chef d'Equipe. The starting positions must remain unchanged.

4.2.10. Athletes from NPCs with only one (1) entry each will be drawn for the remaining starting positions.

4.2.11. The Athletes are then entered in the starting list in the positions they have drawn.

4.2.12. The starting order for Freestyle Competitions will be drawn in groups of four (4) using the results of the Individual Competition. The first four (4) to compete in the Freestyle will be the four (4) lowest scoring combinations in the Individual Competition. The last four (4) to compete in the Freestyle will be the four (4) highest scoring combinations in the Individual Competition. Where the number of Athletes in the Grade is not divisible by four (4), the remaining Athletes (not in a group of four -4-) will be drawn as the first group.

4.2.13. Again, where possible, consideration should be given to avoid Athletes being placed less than two (2) entries away from another Athlete of the same NF.

4.2.14. When the starting lists are completed copies should be given to FEI Officials and to the representative of each NPC.

5. CALCULATION OF SCORES AND RESULTS

5.1. Teams

The scores of all three (3) team members obtained at the Team competition shall be totalled to determine the final Team placing.

Elimination or retirement of a Team Athlete (or several Team Athletes) does never lead to elimination of the whole Team but the elimination/retirement of the respective Athlete will be counted as a zero (0) percentage result instead.

A Team Athlete and/or Horse testing positive for a violation of the IPC Anti-Doping Rules or the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (as applicable) will lead to the disqualification of the whole team whereas the remaining Team 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 reasons other than a violation of the IPC Anti-Doping Rules or the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (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 retained. A disqualification issued for the whole Event will prevent the Athlete from participation in any further Competition.

In the case of equality of percentages the winning Team is the one whose lowest ranked Team Athlete, has the best result in the Team Competition. If still tied the same rule will be applied to the second lowest ranked Athlete in the Team Competition. If still tied the same procedure will be applied to the third Athlete in the Team Competition.

5.2. Individuals:

An Individual Athlete and/or Horse that was disqualified from a Competition for reasons other 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 their disqualification was limited to the previous Competition. A disqualification issued for the whole Event will prevent the Athlete from participation in any further Competition.

Individual Competition: In case of equality of percentage, the higher collective mark will decide on the better placing. If the collective marks are equal, the collective marks of the Judge at C will be decisive.

Freestyle Competition: In case of equality of percentage, the higher artistic marks shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for harmony shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for choreography shall decide.

6. HORSE INSPECTIONS

- 6.1 Horse Inspections will be carried out in accordance with the FEI VRs. A draw will take place prior to the First Horse Inspection to determine the order of the nations for the First and Second Horse Inspections.

All nations participating whether with Teams or Individuals will be included in this draw, Nations will present themselves in the order determined by the draw above and by Horse number by ascending order within their nation.

- 6.2 All Horses qualified for the Freestyle competition must present and pass the second Horse Inspection as per the Veterinary regulations.
- 6.3 In addition, Horses from the next three highest ranked combinations from each Grade in the Individual Competition will be presented as reserve Horses. In case of a tie, Article 621.5 shall apply.
- 6.4 In case a qualified Athlete/Horse combination withdraws or retires before the second Horse Inspection or is not accepted at the second Horse Inspection, the next best ranked Athlete/Horse combination from the Individual Competition, not already qualified, will enter the list of qualified Horses for the Freestyle competition, provided the Horse from that combination has passed the second Horse Inspection.

7. DISQUALIFICATION DUE TO A POSITIVE DOPING TEST

7.1. Athletes

Please refer to the IPC Anti-Doping Code (in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games) Articles 10 & 11.

7.2. Horses

Team Competition:

Should a Team Athlete and/or Horse be disqualified for a positive test(s) for a Prohibited Substance under the EADCMRs, the Athlete will be will be disqualified in all Competitions and the entire Team will be disqualified from the Team Competition. If that Team is a medal winner, the Team medals will be reallocated to the next best ranked Team.

Individuals:

If an Individual Athlete and/or Horse is disqualified due to a positive test(s) for a Prohibited Substance under the EADCMRs, the Athlete will be disqualified from **all Competitions**. If a disqualified Athlete/Horse is a medal winner, the medals will be re-allocated to the next ranked Athlete/Horse combination. If two (2) or more Athletes/Horses are tied the tie will be broken according to Article 621.5.2.

ANNEX A - IPC ELIGIBILITY CODE

PARALYMPIC CHARTER

To be eligible for participation in the Paralympic Games, an Athlete, Coach, Trainer or other Team Official must comply with the Paralympic Charter as well as with the rules of the NPC concerned as approved by the IPC, and must be entered by their NPC. The above-noted persons must notably:

- respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence, and behave accordingly; and
- respect and comply in all aspects with the World Anti-Doping Code.

BY-LAW

- 1.** Each IF establishes its sport's own eligibility criteria in accordance with the Paralympic Charter. Such criteria must be submitted to the IPC Executive Board for approval.
- 2.** The application of the eligibility criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NPCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities.
- 3.** Except as permitted by the IPC Executive Board, no Athlete, Coach, Trainer or Official who participates in the Paralympic Games may allow their person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Paralympic Games.
- 4.** The entry or participation of an Athlete in the Paralympic Games shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

IPC ATHLETE NATIONALITY POLICY

The "*IPC Policy on the Nationality of Competitors*" will be applicable for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games and is available on the IPC website at www.paralympic.org

IPC ENTRIES - PARALYMPIC CHARTER

As a condition precedent to participation in the Paralympic Games, every Athlete shall comply with all provisions contained in the Paralympic Charter and the rules of the IF governing their sport. Such Athlete must be duly qualified by such IF. The NPC which enters the Athlete ensures under its own responsibility that the Athlete is fully aware of and complies with the Paralympic Charter and the World Anti-Doping Code.

ANNEX B - PROPAGANDA & ADVERTISING

Please see IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines on Equipment & Clothing – Paris 2024 Paralympic Games

ANNEX C - FEI CERTIFICATE OF CAPABILITY FOR THE 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES

To be received by the FEI no later than **19th June 2024**.

The undersigned, acting as President of the National Federation of hereby declares that the hereunder mentioned Athlete/Horse combinations have the required experience and qualifications to take part in the equestrian events at the Paralympic Games for which they have been nominated and that their performances entirely satisfy the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) as laid down in the appropriate Regulations and Rules.

The maximum number of Athletes and Horses allowed to be nominated on this form is **three** times the number permitted to be included in the Definite Entries.

ATHLETES		HORSES									Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER)
Last and first name	FEI registration number	FEI Grade	Name	FEI registration number	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour	Breed	Sire & Dam	Names of 2 Horse owners	Event where MER was achieved (place, date, competition, score)

Date

Name of the President of the NF
(Name in capital letters)

Signature of the President of the NF

Seal of the NF

Note: Information on the official FEI form for Certificates of Capability will be available on the FEI website and sent out to all NFs qualified for the Paris2024 Paralympic Games.

ANNEX D - HORSE BREEDS, COLOUR & SEX CODES

ABBREVIATIONS - TO BE USED FOR ALL ENTRY FORMS

Colours

BL	Black
BA	Bay
DB	Dark Bay
LB	Light Bay
CH	Chestnut
DC	Dark Chestnut
LC	Light Chestnut
GR	Grey
DG	Dark Grey
AP	Appaloosa
PB	Piebald/Skewbald
RO	Roan
ST	Strawberry
PA	Palomino
CR	Cream
DU	Dun

Sex

G__	Gelding
M__	Mare
S__	Stallion

Breed (stud book)

AA	Anglo-Arab
AAFE	Asociacion Argentina de Fomento Equino
AES	Anglo European Studbook
AHS	The American Hanoverian Society
APH	Studbook Austrian Performance Horses
AWHA	Australian Warmblood Horse Association
AWR	American Warmblood Registry
AWS	American Warmblood Registry
BAD-WÜ	Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Württemberg e.V.
BAVAR	Landesverband Bayerischer Pferdezüchter V.
BHHS	The British Hanoverian Horse Society
BRAND	Landespferdezuchtverband Berlin-Brandenburg w.V.
Bras-H	Associacao Brasileira de Criadores do Cavalo de Hipismo
Bri. WS	British Warmblood Society
BWP	Belgisch Warmbloedpaard v.z.w.
CCDM	Criadores de Caballos Deportivos Mexiicanos
Cdesp	Caballo de Deporte Espanol
CH	Swiss Warmblood
CSHA	Canadian Sport Horse Association
CWHBA	Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Ass.
DWB	Danish Warmblood Society
FWB	Finnish Warmblood
HAA	The Holsteiner Association of Australia
HANN	Verband Hannoverscher Pferdezüchter e.V.
HESS	Verband Hessischer Pferdezüchter e.V.
HOLST	Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes e.V.
HSHBA	Hungarian Sport Horse Breeders Association
ISH	Irish Sport Horse
ISREG	International SportHorse Registry Oldenburg Registry North America
KWPN	Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland
Lusit	Lusitanian
MECKL	Verband der Pferdezüchter Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V.
NA/WPN	The Dutch Warmblood Studbook in North America
NRPS	Nederlands Rijpaarden en Pony Stamboek

NWB	Norwegian Warmblood Association
OLDBG	Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V.
PHBA	Polish Horse Breeders Association
P.R.E	Pura Raza Español
RHEIN	Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch e.V.
SA	Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen Anhalt e.v.
SACHS	Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen e.V.
SAWHS	South African Warmblood Association
SBS	Stud-book sBs, le Cheval de Sport Belge
SCSL	Stud-book du Cheval de Selle Luxembourgeois
SDWA	Scottish Dutch Warmblood Association
SF	Stud-book Français du Cheval Selle Français
SHBGB	Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain
SLS	Studbook La Silla
SWB	Swedish Warmblood Association
THU	Verband der Thüringen Pferdezüchter
TRAK	Verband der Züchter und Feunde des Ostpreussischen Warmblutpferdes Trakehner Abstammung e.V.
UNIRE	Unione Nazionale Incremento Razze Equine
VNP	Verband Niederösterreichischer Pferdezüchter
WESTF	Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch e.V.
ZANG	Stud-book Zangersheide
ZVDP	Zuchtverband für Deutsche Pferde e.v.
ZWEIB	Pferdezuchtverband Rheinland-Pfalz-Saar e.V.

ANNEX F - MEDICATION AND DOPING CONTROL PROCEDURE DURING & AFTER THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

See EADCMRS and VRs.

COST OF ANALYSIS

Please refer to the IPC Anti Doping Code (applicable to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games)

ANNEX G – HEALTH AND QUARANTINE

The competent authority will be the National Veterinary Authority of the host nation which will work with the OCOG and the FEI.

1. Regulations and health conditions for import and re-export of Horses

All Health and Quarantine arrangements must be agreed well in advance with the National Veterinary Authority of the host country and must include information relating to:

- 1.1.** length of any required quarantine period upon arrival of Horses.
- 1.2.** list of disease test types to be carried out during quarantine period.
- 1.3.** protocol regarding Horses testing positive for these tests during the quarantine period and for Horses in contact.
- 1.4.** additional tests required before departure and re-export to the country of origin.
- 1.5.** Distance from quarantine facility to Paralympic venue and distance from Airport to quarantine facilities and any precautions to be undertaken during movement between these locations.
- 1.6.** Provide details of customs' formalities and required border points of entry and exit.
- 1.7.** Provide details of an appointed shipping agent fully experienced in all aspects of international Horse transportation.
- 1.8.** Provide details of the competent Veterinary Authorities responsible in State/Region/Country.
- 1.9.** Provide details of any standard health requirements for which any waivers have been agreed.

2. Transport of Horses

The agreement with the National Veterinary Authority must cover:

- 2.1.** Customs formalities on entry and exit to the host nation.
- 2.2.** Transport plans and routes from port of entry to venue.

3. Veterinary Equine Clinic

A plan for the provision of all clinical veterinary facilities and onsite veterinary cover during all Competitions must be provided to the FEI for approval well in advance of the Games.

- 3.1.** A Veterinary Equine Clinic with surgical facilities, digital X-rays, ultrasonography, some diagnostic service must be provided at the Paralympic venue. There must be a suitable referral plan to a facility with full surgical, anaesthesia and diagnostic facilities and expertise within 1.5 hours.
- 3.2.** The Veterinary Clinic can be a temporary structure located in a large tent, providing there is air-conditioning available. Access by Horse trailers (concrete or stone dust ramp) is necessary, as are power, water supply and sewer connection.
- 3.3.** The Veterinary Clinic must maintain a 24-hour rotation of appropriately skilled personnel during the time of the Paralympic Games.
- 3.4.** All equipment can be leased if sponsorship is obtained.
- 3.5.** A large central space for clinical evaluation, including stocks and imaging equipment (such as digital x-ray, ultrasound, thermography) must be provided.
- 3.6.** A smaller room for storage of medicines and bandaging materials must be provided.
- 3.7.** A method of charging for medicines dispensed must be implemented.
- 3.8.** A small room for rapid turnaround using clinical biochemistry and haematology equipment (i.e. portable laboratory).
- 3.9.** Offices for clinical staff, facility for briefing of Team Vets and confidential discussion, and beds and showers for overnight duty personnel must all be provided.
- 3.10.** Four (4) stalls for Horses under treatment must be provided.

ANNEX H - CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Classification

Note: Classification for Equestrian Athletes will not be available at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games because all entered Athletes must have been previously internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2024.