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Welcome to the 12th “Road to Tokyo 2020” Newsletter! We are now five weeks away from the Games and from now onwards, we will be sending updates via this newsletter as and when necessary up until the start of the Olympic Games on 23 July and in the build up to the start of the Paralympic Games on 24 August.

It’s all systems go now. The deadline for Qualified Nations to submit their Certificates of Capability is 21 June and we are delighted to confirm the venues are looking great and officially complete and ready to welcome the equestrian delegation.

Last month, among many topics covered, we referred to Rule 50, presented you with the **Doping & Medication Control Guide** available in eight languages and provided a reminder/clarification regarding provisions and deadlines for replacements and substitutions for all Athlete/Horse combinations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

This edition includes all the latest news – such as the release of Version three of the Tokyo 2020 Playbooks – important updates to the FEI Olympic & Paralympic Regulations following the Board Meeting on 15-16 June (including updates regarding Horse Owners/support personnel at Tokyo) and updates to the Dressage Music Rules for Tokyo 2020.

As all participating nations, teams and officials are aware, the Covid-19 requirements imposed by the Japanese government are very stringent. You will find a brief update below and a link to a new page on the website providing detailed checklists and all the requirements you need to meet in order to enter Japan and then during your stay.

And lastly, since our previous newsletter, we have released three new episodes of the Beat the Heat series – including a special video on conditions during Tokyo2020 - which we recommend all individuals travelling to Tokyo watch in order to be best prepared for the Games.

We hope you enjoy this edition, and please do not hesitate to **contact us** for any further information or questions. Many thanks for your attention. #StaySafe and #StayStrong.

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Please refer to the **FAQ** for information regarding confirmation result.



FEI Deadline to fulfil MER requirements (FEI Paralympic nominated entries)



**Tokyo 2020 Olympic sports
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**Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
Opening Ceremony**



**Tokyo 2020 Paralympic sports
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**Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
Closing Ceremony**



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Tokyo 2020 Session - Online FEI Sports Forum 2021 RECAP

The first session of the Online FEI Sports Forum on 1 June 2021 was dedicated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Below we have regrouped the main points:

Tokyo 2020 final update & logistics

The FEI Director of Games Operations Tim Hadaway provided an update on the Bajikoen Equestrian Park (EQP) and Sea Forest (SFC) venues, horse health certification and quarantine requirements for Tokyo 2020. He also outlined the requirements for shipping feed, veterinary supplies and equipment as well as the on-venue services in place for feed, hay and bedding during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Tokyo 2020 feed and bedding memo can be found on our dedicated **Olympic** and **Paralympic** hubs.

Covid-19 countermeasures at Olympic & Paralympic Games

FEI Director of Olympic Games Catrin Norinder highlighted key points around the Covid-19 countermeasures with regards to attendance and accreditation, bubble to bubble regulations, testing requirements and the role/requirements around of the Covid-19 Liaison Officer.

Substitution rules at Tokyo 2020

A pre-competition change of Athlete/Horse combination can be made several times within the respective national team between 21 June (the date of the FEI nominated entries) up to two hours before the start of the first competition in Dressage, Eventing, as well as Jumping Individual and Jumping Team. A Medical or Veterinary Certificate will not be required.

Substitutions can be done once per discipline, up to two hours before the start of competition for Team classification. The Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) will need either Medical or Veterinary approval for the following:

- Substitutions in Dressage between the Team Qualifier and Team Final.
- Substitutions in Eventing before Cross Country (up to 5:45am on the morning of the start of the Cross Country) or before Team Jumping.
- Substitutions for Jumping between Team Qualifier and Team Final.

Climate mitigation for humans & equines

Horses and humans need to be fully prepared to work and compete safely in Tokyo's hot and humid environment. It was reminded that certain important practices for human acclimatisation, such as humidity preparation, appropriate cooling and a hydration routine are key. Preparations also include learning to recognise heat stress symptoms and dealing with them immediately to prevent them from becoming a heat-related emergency.

For our equine athletes there will be extensive air conditioning in stables and transportation in Tokyo. There will also be cooling facilities in all training and competition areas, including regularly refilled supplies of water and ice for horses. There will be robust mitigation protocols in place during training and competition, climate monitoring at both venues (EQP and SFC) and on the field of play, horse monitoring by specialist veterinarians and physiologists, emergency care facilities and protocols, enhanced decision-making processes to support Ground Juries, and climate protocols put in place by specially trained and very experienced personnel.

Equine & Human Anti-Doping

Clean Sport - Horses

- Extensive testing and analysis of equine samples will be carried out as per all FEI Events.
- Sample analysis will be carried out at the Laboratory of Racing Chemistry in Tokyo and Persons Responsible will receive ongoing Clean Sport communiques from the FEI.
- We once again stress the importance and remind all stakeholders of the opportunity to screen horses in advance through **Pre-Arrival Testing (PAT)**.
- This is an outstanding service and covers all substances on the Equine Prohibited Substances List, so please use it!

Clean Sport - Humans

- The IOC has testing jurisdiction over all athletes competing at the Olympic Games and the IPC over all para athletes competing at the Paralympic Games.
- All athletes registered to compete at the Games must obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in advance of taking any treatment that contains a substance or method on WADA's Prohibited List 2021. TUEs for regular treatments must be obtained well before the start of the Games.
- Bringing medication into Japan for personal or team use is strictly regulated and must be in line with Japanese law ahead of travel. Details and essential links are provided in the **FEI Doping & Medication Control Guide for Tokyo 2020**.
- All the relevant information about anti-doping at the Tokyo Games is explained in the **FEI Doping & Medication Control Guide for Tokyo 2020** and in free e-learning resources made available by WADA on the ADEL platform.

You will find all the detailed information on the **FEI Sports Forum 2021** hub where you can also review all the sessions in the *watch on replay* section.

*Emergency Board Resolutions: Modifications to Olympic and Paralympic Regulations

During the Board Meeting on 15-16 June, the FEI Board approved two *Emergency Board Resolutions:

Horse Support Personnel / Horse Owners

It has been agreed with IOC that up to two accreditations per horse (including reserve horses) for horse support personnel (for example farriers, equine therapists, physios, etc.) will be available for essential and operational needs only.

The existing "Horse Owner" category and function has been changed in the Accreditation System to "Horse Support Personnel" with immediate effect and all NOCs are required to immediately review those currently registered.

Access the full Tokyo Accreditation Entitlement Revisions on our dedicated **Olympic hub**.

Articles 620 and 621 of the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games have been amended to reflect these changes:

Article 620 – OWNERS OF HORSES (point 1 regarding Accreditation)

"Note: Further to the Accreditation Process Update issued by the IOC and Tokyo 2020 in May 2021, this provision will not apply at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The accreditations previously made available for owners will be issued to horse support personnel (administered by the NOCs) for essential and operational needs only."

Article 621 - ACCESS TO STABLES

"NOC (Horse Owner) (Not more than two owners per Horse) Not applicable for horse owners; access granted to horse support personnel administered by NOC instead (see note to Article 620 above).

Reserve Horse owner Not applicable for horse owners; access granted to horse support personnel administered by NOC instead (see note to Article 620 above)."

Addition to Article 600

"Given the Covid-19 related measures and requirements applicable prior to and at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (including but not limited to the IOC's Playbooks, Rules & Regulations, the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games 2020's requirements, and the Japanese Health Authorities' requirements), not every eventuality can be provided for in these Olympic Regulations; therefore the FEI, acting through the FEI Secretary General, shall be entitled to take any appropriate emergency decision or measure in order to ensure the running and completion of any of the Competitions. For the avoidance of any doubt, any such decision or measure can include, but is not limited to, appointing reserve Official(s), replacing Official(s), changing the composition of Ground Juries and/or Veterinary Panels (including reducing the minimum number of Ground Jury members or any other requirements), approving any appropriate and necessary deviation(s) to the FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations, Internal Regulations of the FEI and Sport Rules."

The corresponding changes were also made to the Paralympic Regulations.

The updated Regulations can be found in the respective **Olympic** and **Paralympic** hubs on Inside.FEI.org in both clean and mark-up versions.

New/Updated on the FEI Olympic & Paralympic Hubs

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Dressage Music Guidelines - Updates

We would like everyone to please take note that the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Dressage Music Guidelines have been update on 21 May.

The updated version can be found on the dedicated **Olympic hub**.

Equestrian Technical Officials' Guide

We have recently published the Equestrian Technical Officials' Guide on the FEI **Olympic hub**. It provides a summary of competition-related material for equestrian sport at Tokyo 2020, as well as a variety of information aimed at helping International Federations and their Technical Officials in planning and preparation for the Games. From accreditation to the schedule of competitions, applicable rules, uniforms and lists for officials, information on venues, FoP, Tokyo city, etc. this is a great resource and reference document for the Olympic Games.

Covid Liaison Officer (CLO) page

As all participating nations, teams and officials are aware, the Covid-19 requirements imposed by the Japanese government are very stringent.

The FEI, through the FEI Covid Liaison Officer (CLO) Dr Mark Hart (FEI Chair of the Medical Committee), is responsible for the implementation of the Covid-19 countermeasures for the full FEI Delegation including ITOs, NTOs, FEI Board, FEI Staff and Media for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. In order to ensure everyone is safe and in line with the Covid-19 counter measures, we have created a dedicated page outlining all the information, requirements and deadlines required

to enter Japan and have a safe and successful Games. Simply go to the **Covid Liaison Officer** page to get all the latest information, including:

- Playbooks
- Checklist – pre travel to Japan
- Insurance
- CLO Contacts
- FEI dedicated CLO communications for the IF delegation

Stay up to date and refer to this new hub and all the handy checklists and deadlines regularly!

News from Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee & the IOC/IPC

Version 3 of the Tokyo 2020 Athletes & Officials Playbooks Released

Following version 2 of the Tokyo 2020 Playbooks released in May, version 3 is now available for all Games stakeholders including Athletes, Team Officials, IFs and the Press. They provide updates and more specific details for everyone involved in the Games regarding the countermeasures that will help ensure a safe and successful event for all those taking part as well as the residents of Tokyo and Japan.

You will find a link to the new Playbooks **here** and on our dedicated **Olympic** and **Paralympic** hubs in the "Tokyo Reference Documents" section.

Tokyo 2020 Equestrian Team Leader Guide

This guide is now available on the Tokyo 2020 NOC Connect Portal.

FEI Beat the Heat Series

New Episodes available including Tokyo 2020 Special Edition!

The FEI Beat the Heat video series has been created specifically for Tokyo 2020, to provide insights and best practices when it comes to preparing for and competing/working in hot and humid climates. Developed by the FEI, in collaboration with medical and veterinary experts, the eight-part series provides top tips for both human and equine athletes, as well as all members of the community that are also required to travel and work/perform in hot and humid environments such as Athlete entourage and support personnel, Officials, Grooms, Horse Owners, etc.

New Episodes

4 - Equine Transportation

When travelling to thermally challenging environments, optimum transportation conditions are essential to the well-being of horses, as they not only reduce illness risks, but also lead to better performance during competition.

In this video we will provide you with tips on preparation your trip, recommendations for equine transportation and best practices upon arrival.

5 - Human Travel

Travel is an important step of the process when attending competitions in hot and humid environments. Whether you are an athlete, an official, volunteer or a staff member, this video will provide you with best practices for your trip preparation and acclimatisation upon arrival. We will show you how to make the most of your travel time to arrive rested and ready to beat the heat!

Tokyo Special edition

A special Beat the Heat episode entirely dedicated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This video will explore the climatic conditions on site; the measures in place to manage heat and humidity for both humans and horses; and, how Covid-19 risk mitigation may affect you and your horse's heat management plan.

You can watch all the episodes here on **FEI Campus**.

Useful Links

All the latest information on Tokyo 2020 on Inside.FEI.org:

- Click [here](#) for all relevant info about the **Olympic Games**
- Click [here](#) for all relevant info about the **Paralympic Games**
- Click [here](#) for Tokyo 2020 FAQs for all questions related to the Covid-19 pandemic and the postponement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. From qualification related queries to age-related requirements and the validity of MERs, we have you covered.
- Click [here](#) for all relevant info about the **Covid Liaison Officer hub**

For all video content related to Tokyo 2020, check out our dedicated stream on YouTube:

- [Road to #Tokyo2020](#)

Official websites of the Games, the IOC and the IPC:

- www.tokyo2020.org
- <https://officialhospitality.tokyo2020.org/>
- www.olympic.org - IOC - and for all their information around the postponement of the Games, click [here](#).
- www.paralympic.org - IPC - and for regular updates for Para athletes and IPC members on Covid-19, click [here](#).

Other useful link:

- **WADA's free learning platform ADEL** - Athlete anti-doping e-learning for athletes and athlete support personnel going to the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Two anti-doping courses ("ADEL for Tokyo 2020 Olympic" and "ADEL for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic") are available on **WADA's free learning platform ADEL** to help athletes and support personnel prepare for the Tokyo Games".

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