The opening ceremony for the Olympic Games is just two weeks away on Friday 23 July 2021 and it is all systems go! There have been many challenges faced on the journey to Tokyo 2020, and it has now been announced that with the current Covid situation in Japan, there will be no spectators at any of the venues in Tokyo. This is of course disappointing, but it is also the only way that the Games can go ahead and allow our athletes – human and equine – the opportunity to display their undeniable talents to an unprecedented worldwide television audience.

We have collected all the latest news and information from the FEI, the IOC/IPC and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, so from logistics and planning to veterinary, sporting and concerted communications efforts to shine a spotlight on the very best of our sport, we recommend you review the items below to ensure you are ready and poised for the Games!

For the Olympic Games, the most exciting news of the day is the DEFINITE ENTRIES are now confirmed and published on the Olympic Hub! Check out the detailed press release so that you can read all about the partnerships participating at these extraordinary Games.

While for the Paralympic Games, we have also reached an exciting milestone, with less than 50 days to go, and the publication of the NOMINATED ENTRIES on 8 July and available on the Paralympic Hub.

Many thanks for your attention. #StaySafe and #StayStrong.
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Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Definitive entries published

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony
A Message/reminder ...

FEI Veterinary Department: Do not clip or shave your horse's whiskers before the Olympic or Paralympic Games

We would like to draw the attention of all National Federations and team veterinarians that as of 1 July 2021, a penalty of disqualification (not being able to compete) will be issued if horses are found to have their sensory hairs clipped or shaven at an FEI competition, as per point (i) of the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1004 (Prohibited methods) unanimously voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020.

This applies to all FEI Events as of 1 July, including the Tokyo 2020 Games this summer.

The Tokyo 2021 Veterinary Commissions will evaluate the presence of sensory hairs on the horses’ face (whiskers and eyes) at the Arrival exams and the 1st Horse Inspections. The Horse Inspection Panel may refer your horse to the Holding box for further evaluation of this condition if necessary.

Here is an extract of point (i) from the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1004 (prohibited methods):

_Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI Events: i) if the Horse’s sensory hairs have been clipped and/or shaven or in any other way removed unless individual sensory hairs have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule. As of 1 July 2021, Sanction 39 in Annex VI will be applicable._

The FEI Veterinary Regulations 14th Edition, effective 1 January 2021 are available [here](#).

Saddlery and Equipment

We would like to remind all participating Athletes and their support personnel, as well as National Federations, to review and ensure they are compliant with all the permitted equipment – saddlery and compensating aids for Para Dressage – as stipulated in the respective discipline rules:

- FEI Jumping Rules 2021
- FEI Dressage Rules 2021
- FEI Eventing Rules 2021
- FEI Para Dressage Rules 2021

FEI Para Dressage Department regarding Paralympic Games Profile-specific Compensating aids or Non-Standard Compensating aids
We would like to remind you that any Profile-specific Compensating aids or Non-Standard Compensating aids, not previously listed on the FEI Masterlist, will not be able to be approved on site in Tokyo to be used during the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

We invite all NFs to contact their Para Dressage Athletes nominated to compete at the Paralympic Games to check that their aids listed on the FEI Masterlist are correct.

**Profile-specific Compensating aids:**
Profile-specific compensating aids are aids or equipment, other than approved saddlery, which may be used by nominated profiles and must be noted on the FEI Masterlist following Classification evaluation. These are listed in the summary table of FEI Para Dressage Rules (See Article 8428 and Annex IX for full details).

For any requests, please send an email to the FEI Para Dressage department (no formal application form is required) at the latest two weeks before the horse inspection for approval.

**Non-Standard Compensating aids:**
Non-Standard Compensating aids required by an individual Athlete and not described specifically in the FEI Para Dressage rules. The aid is prescribed specifically for the Athlete to enable them to ride the Horse without providing an advantage over other Athletes within the same Profile or Grade. These aids may include modifications to a Standard or Profile-specific Compensating aid, or a piece of non-Standard equipment custom made for the Athlete.

According to Para Equestrian Rules, Article 8428.9, Athletes can apply through their NF requesting Non-Standard Compensating aids for FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage competitions.

Requests must be submitted to the FEI Para Dressage department in writing with supporting material at least two weeks before the day of the horse inspection for the event to which it will apply.

Please do not hesitate to contact the FEI Para Dressage department for any questions you will have.

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**New/Updated on the FEI Olympic & Paralympic Hubs**

**Equine Shipping Update**

On 30 June, Peden Bloodstock sent all concerned National Federations a “Shipping Update” with a number of pertinent documents regarding

- Approved Feeds for shipping to Japan
- Aachen Horse Clothes Laundry Information
- Letter from Veterinary Services Manager

These are available in the Olympic Hub under the Tokyo Reference Documents Section and the Paralympic Hub under the Equine Transport section.

**FEI Clean Sport Doping & Medication Control Guide - Paralympic Games edition now available!**

We are pleased to announce that the Doping & Medication Guide for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games - which is applicable to both human and equine Athletes - is now available on the Paralympic Hub. As for the Olympic Games, this Guide has been created to help Athletes and their support personnel prepare for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games summarising all the key information and outlining equestrian-specific considerations and important dates and processes they must be familiar with and respect. Broken down into bitesize chapters, the Guide covers everything human and equine Athletes need to know, including useful links to resources for rules, procedures, deadlines as well as contact details for advice and guidance. It is important the Guide is read in conjunction with the resources provided by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), all of which can be found in the Paralympic Hub.

Note a PDF version is available to download in English and shortly in additional languages.

**Covid Liaison Officer (CLO) page – Olympic Games**
As all participating nations, teams and officials are aware, the Covid-19 requirements imposed by the Japanese government are very stringent.

The FEI 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 FEI freelance media for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. We recommend all members of the delegation to check the dedicated CLO page for the Olympic Games, which is updated on a daily bases and includes a very handy FAQ page, as well as all the updated Covid countermeasures and pertinent documentation to support you in your pre-travel preparations leading up to Tokyo and throughout your stay.

Simply go to the Covid Liaison Officer hub to get all the latest information, including:

- Playbooks
- Checklist – pre travel to Japan
- Insurance
- FAQs
- 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!

A similar page will be created for the Paralympic Games and made available very soon.

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**News from Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee & the IOC/IPC**

**IOC Rules 50.2 guidelines - opportunities for Athlete expression during the Tokyo Olympic Games**

In April 2021, following the IOC Athletes’ Commission’s (AC) consultation with more than 3,500 Athletes on Athlete expression and Rule 50.2 of the Olympic Charter, the IOC Executive Board approved a set of recommendations as proposed by the IOC AC. Please see these here along with the IOC press release.

This set of recommendations included, among other elements, the provision of increased information regarding the purpose and scope of Rule 50.2 as well as its implementation while confirmed the intention to protect the podium, the Field of Play and official ceremonies.

As part of the implementation of the IOC AC recommendations, the IOC Executive Board recently approved a set of Guidelines that have been developed to provide a framework for expression of views for Games participants as well as the implementation of Rule 50.2 at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Please find attached the guidelines as well as the press release.

Please note that these Guidelines allow for an additional opportunity for Athlete expression on the Field of Play prior to competition, while continuing to provide a clear and explicit protection of the Field of Play during competition, the official ceremonies and the Olympic Village. They also ensure that any expressions are "not targeted, directly or indirectly, against people, countries, organisations and/or their dignity".

Additionally the Guidelines are explicit in noting that any Athlete expression must respect the rules of the respective National Olympic Committee and also the regulations of the respective International Federation.

**Covid-19 Testing of Athletes**

Tokyo Medical Services have informed that the Covid test sample collection time has been changed at EQP for Athletes and NOC's as follows: 16:00-18:00 ⇒ 9:00-11:00.

**Late Athlete Replacement (LAR procedure)**

See previous Newsletter for details for any changes to be submitted by the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) for any of the three disciplines to Tokyo Sport Entries (SEQ) through the e-LAR system for both pre-competition changes and substitutions.

The final deadline for any Pre-competition change or Substitution to be completed is 2 hours before the start of the relevant competition (See Article 609 of the FEI Olympic Regulations).
The Tokyo Senior manager for Sport entries will be at the venue during the substitution windows to support this process. NOC Chef de mission or appointed person will be able enter a new request electronically with SEQ, from his administration access to the SEQ system, during the times where the LAR are urgent.

**Stables access**

The Tokyo 2020 Stables Access policy and associated processes has been published and is available in the FEI’s [Olympic Hub](https://olympic.hub.fei.org/).

All National Olympic Committee (NOC) delegates will have access to back of house areas including all training arenas. However as part of Covid-19 countermeasures each NOC will be asked to limit the number of delegates in the final warm-up arena. It will be the responsibility of each Chef d’Equipe to manage and control this.

**Update to Pre-Games Sustainability Report**

Initially published in April 2020, Tokyo 2020 published an Update to their Sustainability Pre-Games Report to reflect the changes and new initiatives as a result of the postponement of the Games and the impact of COVID-19 on both Games operations and wider society.


Some of the highlights from the Update include:

- The Games are expected to go beyond carbon neutrality. With the participation of more than 200 local businesses, carbon credits equivalent to 4.38 million tonnes of CO2 emissions have been collected by Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Saitama Prefecture, far exceeding the originally estimated Games carbon footprint of 2.73 million tonnes of CO2.
- It is expected that 100% of the electricity used during the Games will come from renewable sources, with a direct supply of energy being provided by Olympic and Paralympic Partner ENEOS, and through the use of tradable green power certificates.
- Reduced resource consumption through simplified Games operations following the postponement, an approach that will serve as a model for future Games.
- Increase in measures to promote gender equality, diversity and inclusion during the Games.

Visit [Tokyo 2020 Sustainability Report](https://olympic.hub.fei.org/) for the full details.

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**Celebrate and promote equestrian sport at the Olympic Games**

Great content, stories and images for you and your Communications teams to SHARE and distribute locally, nationally and regionally!

Throughout the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the FEI will be sharing images and video content with National Federations and Athletes like never before. Each day we will be distributing images of Athletes and their teams at Tokyo as well as any video content, graphics and GIFs for the Athletes to post directly onto their own social media pages. Content will be delivered directly to the Athlete’s phone via the app, WhatsApp, email or text message alongside suggest captions & relevant credits. This is a completely free service for the Athletes to encourage them to post about Tokyo 2020 and increase the promotion and engagement of our sport.

To sign up please go to: [https://fei.socialie.com/get-started](https://fei.socialie.com/get-started)
Then enter the invite code: FEI2021

This will then lead you through the sign up process to register an account and how you would like to receive your content. Both Athletes and NFs are able to sign up to this service and once registered the FEI will be able to share content with you directly.

The FEI will continue to publish media images to our [Flickr](https://www.flickr.com) account however this new system will be the only method of sharing bespoke content with Athletes regardless of their results. Through the Socialie tool the FEI will be able to view the analytics of the content and which Athletes or National Federations have posted.
We encourage all National Federations to share this with their Olympic & Paralympic Athletes, and should you have any questions, please contact alice.permain@fei.org.

**Olympic Fan Zone**

Last week, the IOC unveiled the new Tokyo 2020 FanZone, where fans can engage with the Olympic Games in a whole new way.

With four different games to play, the FanZone has something for everyone: Trivia and Magic Moments build excitement heading into the Games while Brackets and Fantasy keep fans engaged through the entirety of the Olympic Games. Each game has a different structure and players can win Olympic prizes*.

The FanZone is available in six languages on the web and in the IOC app. You can follow these links to visit each version: English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Japanese.

The FanZone features all Tokyo 2020 disciplines.

More information regarding Trivia, Magic Moments, Brackets and Fantasy, as well as the FanZone brand guidelines can be found here.

**FEI Beat the Heat Series**

Check out the FULL Beat the series

The FEI Beat the Heat video series has been created 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.

The episodes are now (nearly) all available here on FEI Campus.

- Episode 1 - Equestrian Sport in hot and humid environments
- Episode 2 – Equine preparation at home
- Episode 3 – Self preparation
- Episode 4 - Equine Transportation
- Episode 5 - Human Travel
- Episode 6 – Human Competition (published on 08 July 2021)
- Episode 7 - Equine Competition (coming on 10 July 2021)
- Tokyo 2020 Special edition

**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 the recently created Covid Liaison Officer for Olympic Games (CLO) Hub

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

- Road to #Tokyo2020

Official websites of the

- Games: www.tokyo2020.org
- Games’ hospitality: https://officialhospitality.tokyo2020.org/
- IOC: www.olympic.org - and for all their information around the postponement of the Games, 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.”