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Road to Tokyo 2020 Newsletter – No 02 – 13 September 2019

Welcome to the second "Road to Tokyo 2020" Newsletter, designed to keep you up to date on everything happening in view of the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 in Tokyo (JPN).

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Key milestones leading up to the Tokyo 2020 Games



Pan American Games in Lima, Peru:

- Jumping Olympic qualifier for the three best ranked teams from Groups D and/or E not already qualified
- Dressage Olympic qualifier for the two best ranked teams from Groups D and/or E not already qualified
- Eventing Olympic qualifier for the two best ranked teams from Groups D and/or E not already qualified



FEI Group G Jumping Qualifier in Valkenswaard, The Netherlands:

- Jumping Olympic qualifier for the two best ranked teams from Group G



Tokyo 2020 Olympic test event (CCI3*) in Tokyo, Japan:

- See the summary below as well as links to all related FEI articles



Longines FEI European Championships for Jumping, Dressage and Para Dressage, Rotterdam, The Netherlands:

- Jumping Olympic qualifier for the three best ranked teams from Group A and/or B not already qualified
- Dressage Olympic qualifier for the three best ranked teams from Group A and/or B not already qualified



One year to go to the Paralympic Games



Longines FEI Eventing European Championships, Luhmühlen, Germany:

- Eventing Olympic qualifier for the two best ranked teams from Groups A and/or B not already qualified



Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final, Barcelona, Spain:

- Olympic qualifier for the best ranked team not already qualified



FEI Eventing Nations Cup™, Boekelo, The Netherlands:

- Eventing Olympic qualifier for the highest ranked team (not already qualified) according to the final classification of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Series 2019



FEI Jumping Group F Qualifier in Rabat, Morocco:

- Jumping Olympic qualifier for the two best ranked teams from Group F not already qualified



FEI Dressage Group F Qualifier in Exloo, The Netherlands:

- Dressage Olympic qualifier for the best ranked team from Group F not already qualified



The Olympic flame to be lit in Olympia, Greece for the start of the Olympic torch relay



FEI nominated entries (Olympic)



FEI nominated entries (Paralympic)



Tokyo Olympic sports entry deadline (FEI definite entries)



Tokyo Paralympic sports entry deadline (FEI definite entries)



Tokyo 2020 Olympic Opening Ceremony



Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Opening Ceremony

Tokyo 2020 Test Event

Double Olympic champion **Michael Jung** (GER) reigned supreme at the Ready Steady Tokyo test event, which took place from 12-14 August, taking the honours with Fischerwild Wave ahead of Japan's Ryuzo Kitajima riding Vick Du Grisors JRA and Yoshiaki Oiwa with Bart L JRA. The German winner was quick to praise the facilities provided at the two venues, Equestrian Park and Sea Forest.

"For me it was very interesting to be here and nice to see how everything works, especially the cross country with the horses. It felt very good. It's difficult but still possible and I think it's really not a problem. For sure you need a very good preparation and you have to be very fit before you arrive here, the horses and the riders as well."

The overwhelming impression from the 20 National Olympic and Paralympic Committees that were onsite was extremely positive and the general mood was summed up by Sydney 2000 Olympic champion **David O'Connor**, Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee.

"The facilities are very impressive and we had the chance to test everything we needed to test, which was the purpose of this week's test event", he said. "There are some adjustments to be made but they are minor ones, as the Organising Committee has thought through all the details and is right on track to make 2020 a really great Olympic Games for equestrian sport."

With optimising performance in challenging climatic conditions high on the agenda for all sports during the Ready Steady Tokyo test events, the FEI took this opportunity to roll out a major **research study (see attached fact sheet)** aimed at identifying best practices and management of horses training and competing in hot and humid environments.

The study effectively monitored horses before, during and after their journey to Tokyo, with data collected through under-tail temperature monitors and sensors that measure stable and travelling activity, as well as thermal comfort. Findings from the study will build on the existing framework for implementing measures to run equestrian sports in hot and humid climates that was developed for the Games in Atlanta 1996 and the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong.

To ensure that NOCs and NFs are fully aware of the climatic challenges, the FEI included an information session on climate mitigation protocols aimed at minimising the effects of heat and humidity in the official Observers Programme, which ran concurrently with the test event.

Read up on all the relevant Tokyo 2020 Test Event press releases:

- **FEI researches equine health and performance at Tokyo 2020 test event**
- **Home side hero Yoshiaki Oiwa takes early lead at Ready Steady Tokyo test event**
- **Triple Olympic gold medalist Hoy snatches lead with Bloom after cross country**
- **Olympic champion Jung claims Ready Steady Tokyo test event honours**
- **Ready Steady Tokyo equestrian test event boasts world-class startlist**

In addition, the observers Test Event NOC/NPC Observers Programme can be found [here](#), (Test Event August 2019 section).

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

#Tokyo2020
#1YearToGo

Sunday 25 August marked the one-year countdown to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, which will be the 16th edition since the first official Paralympic Games were held in 1960 in Rome (ITA). Although not all Paralympic Games were held alongside Olympic Games prior to 1988, Tokyo is one of the few venues that did host both Games – so this will mark the second time Tokyo hosts the Paralympic Games, the first being in 1964! The OC and the IPC are confident these will be tremendous Games for the Paralympic movement with more live broadcast coverage than ever before, promoting top sport while raising awareness for people with disabilities.



Qualifications Information



The summer months have been busy with teams carefully preparing and securing some of the last team qualification slots available:



jumping

17 of the 20 team places have now been allocated. The three remaining team slots will be decided in October at the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final (1 team slot) in Barcelona (ESP) and the Group F qualifier (2 team slots) in Rabat (MAR).



dressage

14 of the 15 team places have now been allocated. The remaining team slot will be allocated at the Group F qualifier in Exloo (NED) from 24-27 October.



eventing

14 of the 15 team places have now been allocated. The last remaining team slot up for grabs will be decided at the final leg of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ in Boekelo (NED) from 10-13 October.

You will find all the detailed information on the teams qualified, the qualification systems and events in the dedicated Tokyo 2020 section of [Inside.FEI.org](https://www.inside.fei.org).

REMINDER

Important information for the NOCs/NFs having obtained a team place for the Tokyo2020 Olympic Games in the three (3) disciplines during the period of the WEG 2018 to 31 December 2019. All team places will need to be confirmed by **an NOC Certificate of Capability**.

For details please refer to the FEI Regulations at Equestrian Events effective for Tokyo2020 and IOC Olympic Qualification Systems on the [FEI website](#) :

1. **Deadline for NOCs/NF to confirm Team qualification to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games:** 31 December 2019

Definition of a NOC Certificate of Capability: at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations from the NOC/NF need to have obtained the Olympic minimum eligibility requirements during the period FEI World Equestrian Games 2018 – 31 December 2019. NOC confirmation to be provided to the FEI by 31 December 2019.

Results to be taken into account: Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) obtained at and after WEG 2018 until 31 December 2019, according to the MER criteria published for each discipline

1. **Note:**
The three (3) athlete/horse combinations that obtain this NOC Certificate of Capability do not need to be the same as the combinations that will represent the NOC/NF at the Olympic Games.
2. The three(3) Athlete/Horse combinations must be three different Athletes with three(3) different Horses. This requirement has been included to ensure that, in principle, the NOCs/NFs have a team at the required level to compete at the Olympic Games.

Unused (or unconfirmed) team quota places (excluding Host Country places): If an NOC has declined a team quota place by 3 February 2020 or an NOC has not confirmed the NOC Certificate of Capability by 31 December 2019, then the place(s) will be reallocated according to the procedure for each discipline and the NOC will be allocated one (1) individual quota place from within the respective FEI Olympic Group in the Individual Qualification.

Athlete Eligibility: All Horses/Athletes who take part in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Eventing Competitions must achieve the respective minimum eligibility requirements (MER) as a combination set for the respective by obtaining "FEI qualifying results" in the listed Competitions which take place from 1 January 2019 until (and including) 1 June 2020 that being the date five (5) weeks before the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline (the "MER Deadline").

Documents newly published on Inside.FEI.org

(<https://inside.fei.org/fei/games/olympic/tokyo-2020>)

Medical & Horse Welfare section

- **Document: Beat the Heat (IOC)** - Tokyo 2020 will be extremely hot and humid, which is why an IOC group of medical experts developed guidelines to assist athletes in their preparations to acclimatise and stay hydrated including several pre-cooling strategies which will also be essential reading for Technical Officials. We encourage you to read and share this document with Technical Officials, athletes and anyone who might benefit from this information.
- In addition, a **Climate and Weather Guide for Tokyo 2020** is now also available
- The Tokyo Organising Committee are making all necessary preparations to ensure they are able to deliver first-class medical services to athletes and all other stakeholders. This is why two **Guides** have been created, named **Healthcare** and **Pharmacy**. We recommend you take the time to carefully read through them.

Provisional Timetable

- **Document: Timetable 22 August 2019** - Following Tokyo 2020 Test Event, some minor modifications to the provisional 2020 Olympic competition schedule have been made.

Qualifications

Document: Guidelines (IOC) 22 August 2019 - A guideline for qualification events leading up to the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020 has been supplied by the IOC, mainly covering the use of Olympic properties at qualifying events.

Official Tokyo 2020 Olympic Hospitality Packages now on sale

Tokyo 2020 **announced** that it will start accepting applications for the purchase of hospitality packages at venues for the Olympic Games from late August for those residing in Japan, see [here](#).

Those residing outside Japan need to enquire at their National Olympic Committee or Authorised Ticket Resellers of their respective country or region – see the full list [here](#).

As the FEI's Official Hospitality Provider, and one of the official Ticket Resellers, **Jet Set Sports** is offering first-class Olympic hospitality packages to all FEI stakeholders, including National Federations, athletes, horse owners and fans.

The Olympic Experience Experts, Jet Set Sports have a long-standing relationship with the Olympic Family and as a result have access to prime event tickets for a wide range of sports, including; equestrian, swimming, basketball, netball and football amongst many others.

Should you be interested in hospitality packages, please fill in and send back the **questionnaire** to the email address indicated on the document. In order to offer you tailor made packages, please ensure you provide all the necessary information and as much detail as possible so they can customize the offering and provide you with the most memorable Olympic Hospitality Experience.

They will also be happy to address any questions or queries you may have.

Tokyo 2020 Mascots and Pictograms

Tokyo2020 Mascots



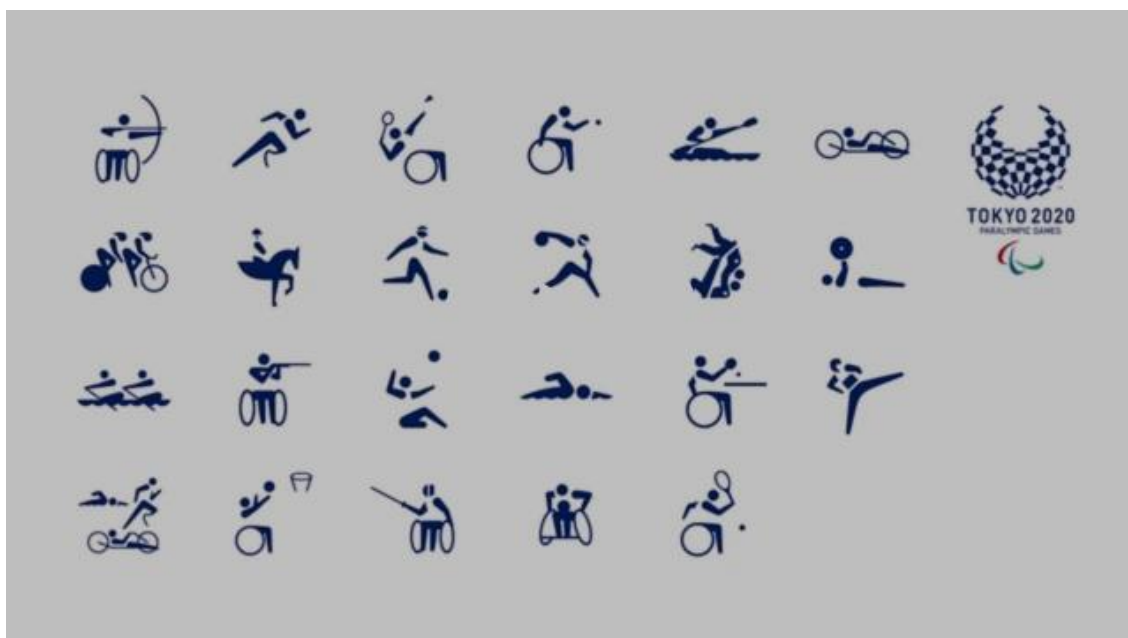
Meet Someity: The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic mascot, whose name was recently revealed - Someity (pronounced soh-may-tee) – and comes from someiyoshino, a popular cherry blossom variety, and additionally echoes the English phrase “so mighty”. Someity has tactile cherry blossom sensors and exhibits enormous mental and physical strength. It

represents Paralympic athletes who overcome obstacles and redefine the boundaries of what is possible.

Someity joins Olympic mascot Miraitowa, whose personality is derived from a traditional Japanese proverb that means to learn old things well and to acquire new knowledge from them. The name Miraitowa is based on the Japanese words "Mirai"(future) and "towa" (eternity) connected together. This name was chosen for the Olympic mascot to promote a future full of hope around the world.

Find out everything you ever wanted to know about Someity and Miraitowa [here](#).

Tokyo2020 Paralympic Pictograms



When it comes to pictograms, every Paralympic Games characterise the different sports on offer with their own unique style. It's a way to brand the Games and also add a local flavour/interpretation to each sport. Check out the short video retracing that evolution of the Paralympic Pictograms. (you will be redirected to YouTube)

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**

For all video content related to Tokyo2020, check out our dedicated stream on YouTube:

- [Road to #Tokyo2020](#)

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

- www.tokyo2020.org
- www.olympic.org
- www.paralympic.org



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