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Latest News from Tokyo 2020

Tokyo horse monitoring research project findings now available online!
Many of you will already have received the news about the Tokyo horse monitoring research project being available online, but we want to be sure that no one is left out which is why we take the time to mention it once more.
The results of a major research study commissioned by the FEI, which was conducted at the Ready Steady Tokyo Test Event in August 2019, have been published here. The study aimed at identifying best practices and management of horses training and competing in hot and humid environments.

The study findings show that horses generally coped extremely well with the conditions and remained in good health for the duration of the test event, held at the same time of year as the Games in 2020, despite the fact that conditions were thermally challenging. The report also confirms that on cross country day (13 August), the high WBGT Index, steep initial climb and sharp turns on the course did produce a significant challenge for competing horses and that all possibilities must be explored to mitigate the effects of the climatic conditions which are indicated to peak between late morning and mid-afternoon.

The report as well as background on the Tokyo Test Event Research project can be found here.

History-making Egyptians win Olympic Jumping qualifier in Rabat: Qatar also claims Tokyo ticket

The Egyptian side of Mohamed Taher Zeyada, Nayel Nassar, Abdel Said and Sameh El Dahan won the Group F Olympic Jumping qualifier at Rabat in Morocco in style. Completing with just four faults over two tough rounds of Nations Cup competition, they pinned Switzerland into second and Italy into third place. There were six countries from this region - Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - chasing down two available places at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. And it was the Qataris who booked the second slot when finishing eighth of the 14 competing nations.

Read full press release here.

FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Boekelo - Swiss book ticket to Tokyo

In the thrilling finale to the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ 2019 series at Boekelo (NED), team Germany posted their fourth win of the season while league leaders Sweden held on to take the series title. However some of the biggest smiles were on Swiss faces when they pulled Olympic qualification out of the bag.

There were three teams in contention for the single ticket to Tokyo 2020, and Dutch hopes were dashed when they found themselves lying eleventh of the 12 competing nations after Saturday’s cross-country phase. But Switzerland and Belgium slugged it out to the very end, with the final series rankings swinging the pendulum in favour of the Swiss.

Read full press release here.
South Africa clinches final Olympic team Dressage slot in Exloo

It was a big moment for South African Dressage when they qualified a team for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games at Hippisch Centrum in Exloo (NED) in October.

The only country to field a side in the Group F (Africa and the Middle East) qualifier incorporated into the CDI 3* Grand Prix at the Dutch fixture, the foursome of Tanya Seymour, Laurienne Dittmann, Gretha Ferreira and Nicole Smith produced solid performances to make it happen.

This was the final Tokyo slot to be filled, bringing the total number of nations that will line out in Japan next summer to 15. The full list of qualified countries in Dressage is now: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Russia and the USA. Teams in Tokyo will consist of three riders.

Read full press release here.

Paralympic ticket sales through the roof

A record number of 390,000 people participated in the first Paralympic ticket lottery that was held for residents of Japan during the period from 22 August to 10 September 2019.

This is more than three times the number of people who took part in the initial offering of tickets for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Such a level of interest has never been seen before in the history of the Paralympic Movement. The ticket demand was well spread across the 22 sports which will be part of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Andrew Parsons, IPC President, said: “The demand for tickets experienced during the first Tokyo 2020 Paralympic ticket lottery is unprecedented and like nothing we have seen before in Paralympic Games history.”

Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Further to the introduction of new competition formats for the three Olympic Equestrian Disciplines, the Olympic formats have been tested at several events this year:

- Jumping & Dressage at the FEI Nations Cup™ Youth event in Hagen (GER) June 2019; and
Eventing at the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ events, Taupo (NZL) May, Pratoni del Vivaro (ITA) June, and Boekelo (NED) in October 2019.

The testing of the formats at the above events was very useful and helped all involved (FEI Athletes, NFs, Chef d'Equipes, Officials, OBS, OMEGA, HQ) understand the new formats better and identify important rule updates and clarifications, some of which also had an effect on the Rules for the Paralympic Games. These Events have also allowed for a very valuable two-way feedback process with the National Federations, Chefs d’Equipes and Athletes.

Please find the updated FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games on the FEI Olympic webpage and the updated FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Paralympic Games on the FEI Paralympic webpage.

A mark-up version – Tokyo 2020, showing the changes from the version last approved in April 2019 is also available.

These changes have been respectively approved by the FEI Board, the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee.

Please contact the FEI Olympic and/or Paralympic Department for any additional questions or clarifications at: catrin.norinder@fei.org.

Classification at Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

The FEI would like to remind National Federations that no Classification will take place at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. NFs are responsible to make sure that their Athletes meet Classification eligibility criteria and that all details on the FEI Classification Masterlist are correct.

Status requirements

As per the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games, to be eligible for selection by an NPC, Athletes must be internationally Classified with a “Confirmed” status or a status of “Review with Fixed Review Date” with a review date after 31 December 2020. Athletes with a status of “Review” with no date, will not be eligible for selection. National Federations must be aware that the Classification Status needs to be in order by the Nominated Entries date of 19 June 2020. For further information please see the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games page.

Please note that a rule revision proposal for 2020 will mean that Athletes with a “Review” or “Review with fixed Review Date” status must be competing at the event to be reviewed by Classifiers.

NFs with potential qualifying Athletes who have a “Review with fixed Review Date”
status, where the date falls between 19 June 2020 and 31 December 2020, must contact the FEI Para Dressage Department.

Compensating Aids Requirements
We would like to remind NFs and Athletes that they are responsible to make sure the correct compensating aids are listed on the FEI Classification Masterlist. As no classifiers will be present at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, Athletes may only use the profile-specific and non-standard compensating aids that are listed correctly on the Masterlist. We urge all Athletes and NFs to check that the Masterlist shows the compensating aids that they wish to compete with, as strictly no additions or changes will be made at the Games.

For any questions please do not hesitate to contact the FEI Para Dressage Department.

Olympic Qualifications

Out of the 200 quota places available in equestrian sport at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the 50 team quota places have now all been allocated. They were allocated among the three Olympic disciplines throughout the designated qualification period as follows:

Jumping
• Twenty (20) teams made up of three athlete/horse combinations (total 60)

Dressage
• Fifteen (15) teams made up of three athlete/horse combinations (total 45)

Eventing
• Fifteen (15) teams made up of three athlete/horse combinations (total 45)

REMEMBER:
The deadline for NOCs / NFs to confirm Team qualification to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is 31 December 2019.

Athletes do not directly earn a spot for the Olympic Games; they earn a spot for their country and then have to be selected by their National Olympic Committee to participate, provided they fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements. The number of individual places available in each discipline are:

Jumping:
• 15 individual athlete/horse combinations (a maximum of one per country).

Dressage
• 15 individual athlete/horse combinations (a maximum of one per country).
**Eventing**
- 20 individual athlete/horse combinations (a maximum of one per country).

Total number of Athlete/Horse combinations per discipline:
- **Jumping**: 75 combinations
- **Dressage**: 60 combinations
- **Eventing**: 65 combinations

Read all about the qualification procedure [here](#).

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**Useful information**

Ticket sales for residents outside Japan take place via Authorised Ticket Resellers (ATR). The complete list of appointed entities can be found [here](#).

We will continue to keep you up to date on any information in relation to ticket sales as we go along the road to Tokyo.

**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.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)
- [www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org)