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Welcome to the fourth "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 dates and milestones leading up to the Tokyo 2020 Games

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 Olympic Games - Equestrian Eventing Cross Country update

Further to the Ready Steady Tokyo Equestrian Test event, held in August this year and during which an FEI official climate impact study and horse monitoring project took place, the FEI has decided to shorten the Olympic Eventing Cross Country course to approximately eight (8) minutes, allowing for a course of approximately 4,500 metres. The decision to shorten the course, based on advice from the Veterinary and Eventing Committees, has been approved by the FEI Board.

In addition Tokyo2020 have agreed that the start time for the cross country will be brought forward to between 07:30 and 08:00 in order to enable an 11:00 finish, the time identified by our climate studies as the beginning of the potentially highest Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) readings. A final decision on the exact starting time is expected in January.

The welfare of both human and equine athletes is at the heart of the FEI’s decision-making process and these decisions have been taken to allow competing nations to optimise their performances in the Tokyo summer climate.

Further technical details on the Eventing Cross Country course will be released in due course.

Tokyo 2020 Customs & Freight Forwarding Guide now available online

The Tokyo 2020 Customs & Freight Forwarding Guide is intended for all people and organisations involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. It provides an overview of the formalities for exporting and importing equipment and supplies to and from Japan for use in connection with the Games.

Please note that this is the general Customs and Freight Guide and that a specific Equine Freight Manual will be available in the New Year.

Find the guide here.

Tokyo 2020 obtains International Sustainability Certificate ISO 20121
At the end of November the Tokyo Organising Committee proudly announced that it had obtained the ISO 20121 certification, an international standard governing sustainable event management. Sustainability at Olympic events, and the acquisition of an ISO 20121 certification was pioneered by the Olympic Games London 2012, and has since become a goal for all Summer and Winter Olympic Games Organising Committees.

Obtaining this certification, which addresses the environmental, social and economic impact of events, clearly reflects that sustainability is an integral part of the Tokyo 2020 Games organisation and has been fully embedded into the management process.

"This will help us achieve our goal of truly sustainable Games, and we hope it will provide greater opportunity for the implementation of ISO 20121 at other future large-scale events." - Tokyo 2020 CEO Toshiro Muto.

Meet the Tokyo 2020 Volunteers

Volunteers are an essential ingredient to the successful organising and running of events, and a core value of the Olympic Movement. Thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds, who share the same passion for sports come together at each edition to share this unique experience based on Olympic ideals of friendship, excellence and respect. For the Tokyo 2020 Games, out of 204’680 applications, 80’000 people will be volunteering and experiencing a once in a life-time opportunity to contribute in making these Olympic Games a success.

On 5 December we celebrated the International Volunteers Day, and for the occasion, the IOC
released a short video highlighting the vital role volunteers play and thanking them for their passion and commitment.

Watch the video here.

Rules and Qualifications

REMINDER - NOCs/NFs Certificate of Capability

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.

a) 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.

b) 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").

REMINDER - Horse Ownership / Nationality

Further to Article 139 of the FEI General Regulations and Articles 606 and 620 of the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020:

- The nationality of the Owner of a Horse competing at Tokyo 2020 must be the same as the nationality of the Athlete riding the Horse.
- Only Horses owned by Owner(s) having the same nationality of the Athlete (i.e. not leased horses) can participate at Tokyo 2020.
- The Owner of the Horse and its nationality must be entered in the FEI Database by 15 January 2020.
• If the nationality of the Horse is changed between 15 January 2020 and Tokyo 2020 the Horse will not be eligible to compete at Tokyo 2020 (The owners can change provided the nationality is maintained).
• As per the FEI General Regulations, “Owner” means a person or entity having a property interest in whole or in part of one or more horses.
• The horse may be owned by individual(s) and/or company(ies) and/or by a partnership of individual(s) and/or company(ies).
• If the Horse is owned by a company, the nationality of the Horse is that of the country where the company is registered. The name of the company and its nationality must be entered in the FEI Database by 15 January 2020 as mentioned above.
• When a Horse is owned by a company it is not mandatory to enter the name of an individual (with legal ownership in the company) in the FEI Database prior to 15 January 2020.
• The NF of a Horse belonging to a partnership or syndicate of owners must inform the FEI by 10 April 2020, i.e. the date of the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (OCOG) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) accreditation date for NOCs, of the name of one (1) owner to ensure that they are entered in the Olympic Accreditation System.

Qualifying Events in 2020 for FEI Paralympic Ranking Lists

The list of Qualifying Events in 2020 counting for the FEI Paralympic Ranking Lists has just been published by the FEI [here](#).

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The period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists ends on **31 January 2020**.

Useful Information

Preparation for and management of horses and athletes during equestrian events held in thermally challenging environments
Whilst ideally all equestrian events would be run in optimal climatic conditions, this is often logistically not possible. With the climate challenges facing equine and human athletes at the Tokyo 2020 Games, we can only once again stress the importance of optimising the preparation ahead of the Games.

In order to keep horses healthy and performing well under conditions of increased thermal stress, the FEI has adopted the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) Index as its method for assessing and managing thermal stress, and conducted research to put together a document outlining some best practises and recommended changes to normal management.

We invite you all to read and share the information which can be found here.

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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