Welcome to the seventh "Road to Tokyo 2020" Newsletter. We are now less than 200 days from the start of the postponed Olympic Games and next month we will be 200 days from the Paralympic Games. With this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to review all the key information, useful links, FAQs and some of the latest news as we prepare for these historic Games.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the next important deadline:

**Tokyo2020 Olympic Games:**
Horse Ownership/Nationality Registration on 15 January 2021

You will find attached the detailed reminder sent to all National Federations in December regarding this deadline.

From now on we will be sending a monthly newsletter to share information as it becomes available and/or is confirmed, to take us all the way to the Games and help guide you in your preparations on the "Road to Tokyo".

We are also at your disposal should you have any questions, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your attention. #StaySafe and #StayStrong.

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Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Interim Report from third party council of Covid-19 Countermeasures

The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee (OC) have released an interim report (published on the Olympic hub under Tokyo Reference Documents) summarising/clarifying Covid-19 countermeasures according to the different scenarios/settings (such as entry into Japan, transportation, competition venues) and the type of participant (Athletes, Games stakeholders etc).

We would like to highlight that this is an interim report which will be updated as the situation evolves. The FEI continues to liaise closely with the IOC and the Tokyo 2020 OC on these matters.

IOC statement on Covid-19 vaccinations

*The IOC continues to support the vaccination of those in need, high-risk groups, nurses, medical doctors and everyone who is keeping our societies alive as a priority.

As far as the Olympic Games are concerned, the IOC and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee have been following the principle that has driven all their decisions so far, which is to organise Games in a safe environment for all those involved. To ensure this, the IOC will continue working together in the All-Party Task Force with the Japanese Government, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the World Health Organization (WHO) to make every effort towards staging safe and secure Games this summer.

In that respect, the IOC and Tokyo 2020, along with the Japanese authorities, have been working on a toolbox of Covid-19 countermeasures. Vaccines are obviously a very important element of this, but they are one of many tools available in the toolbox, to be used in the appropriate way at
The IOC has sent a clear message from the beginning that there will be no obligation to get vaccinated. At the same time, the IOC and the International Paralympic Committee are fully aligned in their commitment to have as many foreign participants as possible vaccinated before the Games.

The IOC will work with the National Olympic Committees to encourage and assist their athletes, officials and stakeholders to get vaccinated before they go to Japan. This is, of course, to contribute to the safe environment of the Games, but also out of respect for the Japanese people. They should be confident that everything is being done to protect not only the participants, but also the Japanese people themselves.

Athletes are important role models, and by taking the vaccine they can send a powerful message that vaccination is not only about personal health, but also about solidarity and consideration for the wellbeing of others in their communities.

IOC Rule 50 applicable to the Games of the XXXII Olympiad Tokyo 2020

In addition to the specific Equestrian Guidelines on IOC Rule 50 published in July 2019 on the FEI website, a reference document to the general guidelines covering all Sports has been published on the FEI website. This document has recently been updated and is available on the FEI’s dedicated Olympic hub. You will also find a comparison table to highlight the latest updates, namely updates to include the requirements of non-branded face masks and face shields as well as confirmation that, for Equestrian Sports, Athletes are required to wear competition clothing for the victory ceremonies and not NOC uniforms.

Recap of key "rules and qualifications news" sent in 2020

Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Qualification systems

In May 2020, we announced the revised qualification systems and deadlines for the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Games in 2021.

- For the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Qualification systems, click here.
- For the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification system, click here.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Games Competition Schedule for 2021 Confirmed

In July 2020, during the inaugural online IOC session, the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (TOCOG) confirmed the Olympic Games Competition Schedule for 2021, which was posted on the FEI’s Olympic hub and shared with all stakeholders. Shortly afterwards, the Organising Committee confirmed the Paralympic equestrian timetable for 2021, which was also shared with all stakeholders and published on the FEI’s dedicated Paralympic hub.

Useful Information

Preparation for and management of horses and athletes during equestrian events held in thermally challenging environments

With the climate challenges facing equine and human athletes at the Tokyo 2020 Games, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you once again the importance of optimising the preparation ahead of the Games.

As you know, in order to keep horses - and humans - 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 practices and recommended changes to normal management.

We invite you all to read and share the information which can be found here. A series of informative videos on this topic will be shared with you in the coming months.

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.

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.
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