

Session 1 – Monday, 25 April, 09:30 – 10:30

Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Regulations

Format: This session will include a presentation of the key topics that are common to all 4 disciplines in the Olympic and Paralympic Regulations. There will be a presentation of each topic followed by a Q&A.

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(A) Purpose of Session 1

During the initial Consultation Process for the Olympic and Paralympic Regulations, the focus was on the sports/technical rules/formats for the 4 disciplines. As not all NFs were part of the initial Consultation Process (only those that competed at Tokyo 2020), the Sports Forum is an opportunity for all NFs to give their input on the Olympic and Paralympic Regulations for Paris 2024.

The outcome of the survey and online consultation sessions will be presented in Sessions 2 – 5 of the Sports Forum. The Supporting Documents for Sessions 2 – 5 (which includes the proposals of the Technical Committees based on the feedback received from NFs and Stakeholders so far) are available [here](#).

The purpose of Session 1 is to look at the following main topics that will be included in the Paris 2024 Olympic/Paralympic Regulations. These topics are common to all 4 disciplines and were not discussed as part of the Consultation Process so far:

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A summary of each of these topics is set out in [Section C](#) below. National Federations are of course free to raise any other topic relevant to the Olympic and Paralympic Regulations during the FEI Sports Forum.

(B) Olympic and Paralympic Regulations, Paris 2024: Where we started – Where we are now – What comes next

There will be lots of opportunity for debate and discussion during the FEI Sports Forum 2022 but the Sports Forum is not the end of the consultation; there will be several more opportunities for feedback, comment and discussion before the Olympic and Paralympic Regulations are put forward for approval at the FEI General Assembly 2022 in Cape Town (RSA) in November.

See below an overview of the full process from beginning to end:

- **FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021, Antwerp (BEL)**
 - Approval of the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Systems (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing). The documents approved by the General Assembly are published [here](#).
 - Teams of 3 confirmed
 - Method for Distribution of Quota Places confirmed
 - Qualification Systems have now been approved by the IOC
 - Still to be approved at FEI General Assembly 2022: MERs, Reallocation of unused quota places, specific Equestrian deadlines,, competition structure
 - Approval of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Qualification System (Para Dressage).
 - The Paralympic Qualification System was approved in full at the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021 due to the fact that Para Dressage Athletes could already start earning their MERs as of 1 January 2022. The document approved by the General Assembly is published [here](#).
- **Olympic Regulations and Paralympic Regulations Consultation Process**
 - 7 December 2022 - **Surveys** sent to National Federations that participated in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as key stakeholders:
 - **Jumping**: 35 NFs, 89 Athletes, 3 MOUs, 1 Discipline Manager and 29 Officials;
 - **Dressage**: 29 NFs, 59 Athletes, 3 MOUs, 1 Discipline Manager and 33 Officials ;
 - **Eventing**: 29 NFs, 77 Athletes, 1 MOU, 1 Discipline Manager and 29 Officials
 - **Para Dressage**: 27 NFs, 77 Athletes, 1 Discipline Manager and 15 Officials.
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 - 15 February 2022 – **Survey Responses**
 - **Jumping**: 35 NFs, 89 Athletes, 3 MOUs, 1 Discipline Manager and 29 Officials;

- **Dressage:** 29 NFs, 59 Athletes, 3 MOUs, 1 Discipline Manager and 33 Officials;
- **Eventing:** 29 NFs, 77 Athletes, 1 MOU, 1 Discipline Manager and 29 Officials
- **Para Dressage:** 29 Responses
- March 2022 – Creation of **Consultative Groups**
 - One representative of each NF that had participated/qualified in Tokyo 2020;
 - Tokyo 2020 Officials and Competition Managers
 - Regional Group Chairs; Veterinary Chair and Chair of the Athletes Committee
 - Representatives of the stakeholders with a signed MOU with the FEI.
 - All Athletes having participated in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
 - Respective Technical Committees
- 21 March 2022 – **Para Dressage Online Consultation Session**
 - 41 Participants (Breakdown: 6 Tokyo Officials/OC, 5 Athletes, 18 National Federations, 9 FEI Group Chair Representatives, 3 TC Members)
- 21 March 2022 – **Dressage Online Consultation Session**
 - 42 Participants (Breakdown: 6 Tokyo Officials/OC, 5 Athletes, 18 National Federations, 9 FEI Group Chair Representatives, IDRC, IDT, 2 TC Members)
- 22 March 2022 – **Jumping Online Consultation Session**
 - 44 Participants (Breakdown: 6 Tokyo Officials/OC, 2 Athletes, 20 National Federations, 9 FEI Group Chair Representatives, IJOC, IDRC, JOC, 4 TC Members)
- 28 March 2022 - **Eventing Online Consultation Session**
 - 44 Participants (Breakdown: 5 Tokyo Officials/OC, 5 Athletes, 20 National Federations, 9 FEI Group Chair Representatives, 5 TC Members)
- **FEI Sports Forum 2022 - 25 – 26 April 2022**
 - 5 sessions on Olympic and Paralympic Regulations – Monday, 25 April 2022
 - Session 1: General Topics common to all disciplines in the Olympic Regulations, General Topics in Paralympic Regulations
 - Session 2: Olympic Regulations – **Jumping**
 - Session 3: Olympic Regulations – **Eventing**
 - Session 4: Olympic Regulations – **Dressage**
 - Session 5: Paralympic Regulations – **Para Dressage**

- **FEI Rules Revision Process: July – November 2022**

6 July 2022	First Draft of Olympic Regulations and Paralympic Regulations sent to National Federations and MOU Stakeholders
24 August 2022	Deadline for National Federations and MOU Stakeholders to make comments and/or propose any changes in relation to the 1 st Draft of the Olympic Regulations and Paralympic Regulations
Late August – Mid October 2022	Review of feedback by FEI Headquarters and Technical Committees
14 October 2022	Proposed Final Draft of Olympic Regulations and Paralympic Regulations provided to National Federations and MOU Stakeholders
12 November 2022	Rules Session at FEI General Assembly
13 November 2022	FEI General Assembly vote on Olympic Regulations and Paralympic Regulations

(C) Overview of Session 1 Topics

1 Overview of Timeline for Paris 2024 Qualifications, MERs, Entries etc.

1.1 *Olympic Games* (Note: FEI deadlines based on Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games) All deadlines are deadlines that are set by the FEI unless otherwise indicated as a Paris 2024 deadline in the table below.

Date	Milestone
FEI World Championships 2022 – 31 December 2023	Qualification Period <u>Team:</u> World Championships, FEI European Championships 2023, Pan Am Games, Olympic Group Qualification Events, <u>Individual:</u> Olympic Rankings
1 January 2023 – MER Deadline (Date TBC June 2024)	Period to earn MERs
5 January 2024	NOC Certificate of Capability
Early January 2024 (Exact Date TBC)	Formal Allocation of Quota (followed by confirmation of quota places by NOCs, Reallocation)
April/May 2024 (Exact Date TBC by OCOG/IOC)	Paris 2024 Accreditation Deadline (NOCs to submit list to OCOG of every potential delegation member)

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	it considers may attend the Paris 2024 Olympic Games).
June 2024 (Exact Date TBC)	MER Deadline
MER Deadline + 1 day	FEI Nominated Entries (FEI Certificates of Capability) Max 3x Athlete/Horse Combinations (Teams: 12 max, Individuals: 3 max)
8 July 2024 (Exact Date TBC by OCOG/IOC)	Paris 2024 Sports Entries Deadline

1.2 Paralympic Games

All deadlines are deadlines that are set by the FEI unless otherwise indicated as a Paris 2024 deadline in the table below.

Date	Milestone
1 January 2022 – 19 June 2024	Period to earn MERs
FEI Para Dressage World Championships 2022 – 31 December 2023	Qualification Period <u>Team:</u> World Championships, FEI Para Dressage European Championships 2023 <u>Individual:</u> Paralympic Olympic Rankings
4 March 2024	Formal Allocation of Quota (followed by confirmation of quota places by NPCs, Reallocation)
April/May 2024 (Exact Date TBC by OCOG/IPC)	Paris 2024 Accreditation Deadline (NPCs to submit list to OCOG of every potential delegation member it considers may attend the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games).
19 June 2024	MER Deadline
Date TBC	FEI Nominated Entries (Certificate of Capability)
August 2024 (Exact Date by OCOG/IPC)	Paris 2024 Sports Entries Deadline

2. Pre-Competition Changes and Substitution Processes (General)

2.1 Olympic Games

The proposal is to apply the same system/concepts as applied for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games:

Pre-Competition Change

- Pre Competition Change = A change of an Athlete/Horse combination that is made and completed during the period between FEI Nominated Entries and 2 hours before the start of the first competition of the discipline at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- Only Athlete/Horses combinations that are on the Nominated Entries list can be used for Pre Competition Changes. Therefore, the combination must have achieved the MER by the MER Deadline.
- No medical/veterinary certificate needed.
- Unlimited Pre-Competition Changes during the period between Nominated Entries and 2 hours before start of first competition of the relevant discipline (provided the changes are made from the Nominated Entries list) and clearly communicated to the FEI & Paris2024.

Substitution

Substitution = Any change of/to a team Athlete/Horse combination that is made after the Pre-Competition Change Deadline and completed:

- **Jumping**: During the period between the end of the Jumping Team Qualifier and up to two (2) hours before the start of the Jumping Team Final

- **Dressage**: During the period between the end of the Grand Prix up to two (2) hours before the start of the Grand Prix Special

- **Eventing***: During the period after the Dressage Test up to two (2) hours before the start of Cross Country;

OR

After the Cross Country Test up to two (2) hours before the start of the Team Jumping Text.

* In Eventing, penalties will apply for a Substitution.

Substitutions are applicable for Teams in team competitions only. No substitution of Individual Athlete/Horses.

Substitutions are only permitted for medical/veterinary reasons:

- Substitution of an Athlete – Medical certificate provided by NOC from team doctor (or doctor present on site/in Olympic Village)
- Substitution of a Horse – Veterinary certificate provided by NOC from team veterinarian (or veterinarian present on site and appointed by the team/NOC)

The decision of team doctor/team veterinarian is final.

All substitutions must be validated by OCOG Competition Management, the FEI and IOC according to the Late Replacement Policy.

For each discipline, each Nation may substitute a maximum of one (1) Athlete/Horse combination within a Team during the Olympic Games.

1.2 Paralympic Games

- Substitution 1 - for Athlete and/or Horse will be permitted from the FEI nominated entries list between the Sports Entries Deadline (date TBC) until completion of the Sport Entries sign-off conducted during the relevant NPC's Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM). (*System that applied for Tokyo2020*)
- - Feedback received from NFs that the deadline for Substitution 1 should be the same for all NPCs and not be linked to the DRM deadline which differs from one NPC to the other. This can be discussed at the Sports Forum during Session 5 (*Paris 2024 Paralympic Regulations - Para Dressage*)
- Substitution 2 - for Teams needing to substitute a Team Athlete and/or Team Horse with an Individual Athlete and/or Individual Horse this will be permitted in the period between the Declaration of Starters and up to two (2) hours before the scheduled starting time of the Team Test Competition (first grade to go in the Team Test). (System that applied for Tokyo 2020)

3. Athlete/Horse Nationality

The proposal is to apply the same system concept as applied for Tokyo 2020 (and previous Olympic Games):

- Horses entered for the Olympic Games must have been registered with FEI as property of owners of the same nationality as the Athlete, by 15 January 2024.
- This means the Horse must have the same nationality as the Athlete in the FEI Database by 15 January 2024.



- Horses, with multinational ownership, must be registered with FEI by 15 January 2024 under the name of the nation for which the Horse will compete during the Olympic Games.

At the Sport Forum, National Federations and Stakeholders will be asked if they want to retain this rule for Paris 2024.

This rule does not apply for the Paralympic Games.

4. NOC Certificate of Capability Concept

The proposal is to apply the same system concept as applied for Tokyo 2020:

NOC Certificate of Capability = NOC confirmation to be provided to the FEI that at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations from that NOC have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements during the period of respective discipline's FEI World Championships 2022 – 31 December 2023.

- Such confirmation must be provided to the FEI by 5 January 2024.
- The NOC Certificate of Capability applies for the team quota places only.
- The proposed MERs for each discipline are referred to in the [Supporting Documents](#) for the respective Sports Forum session for each discipline.
- The NOC can refer to any three athlete/horse combinations on the NOC Certificate of Capability provided they have achieved the MER. The 3 combinations listed do not need to be the Athletes that the NF/NOC intends to select for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- If a NOC cannot provide a NOC Certificate of Capability by the deadline, the NOC is not eligible to participate and the team place will be reallocated.
- The rationale for the NOC Certificate of Capability is to ensure that, in principle, the NOC has enough Athlete/Horse combinations at the level to be able to fulfil its quota place. This is to avoid a situation where the FEI cannot use all the quota places allocated to equestrian at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (and to avoid any future reduction in the quota allocated for the equestrian disciplines).

This rule does not apply for the Paralympic Games.

5. Additional NOC Accreditations for Equestrian

Proposal (Subject to confirmation by IOC/OCOG): For additional delegation accreditations for Equestrian, costs are covered by the NOC.

Each NOC may request accreditation for a maximum of two owners for each Horse allowed in to the Olympic Stables (max 4 Horses per team (3 + Reserve), 1 Horse per individual) during the Olympic Games.

- One (1) of those two (2) owners name must be entered in the Horse's passport. Access will include the stables in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations, training areas, Athletes' and Olympic Family seating.

This is the system that would have applied in Tokyo (but due to Covid-19 the owner accreditations were re-assigned to essential horse support personnel).

Maximum one dedicated Veterinarian per discipline and 4 grooms per team (3+Reserve)

The same system applies for the Paralympic Games.

6. Medals

All Athletes of a Team who are on the field of play/contributed to the team result will be eligible for a medal.

7. Reallocation of Quotas

7.1 Olympic Games

The proposal is to apply the same general system/concept as applied for Tokyo 2020 (subject to further discussion with/confirmation by the IOC).

The timelines for reallocation are still under discussion. For example, if a NOC is informed that they are eligible for a reallocated quota place, how long should they have to accept/confirm the quota place before the FEI reallocates it to the next eligible NOC? National Federation/Stakeholder feedback on this would be welcome during the Sports Forum.

Proposal:

Jumping: Team reallocation

1. Quota place is reallocated to the next best team (not already qualified) at the Event at which the original quota was earned.
 - o For example if the unused quota placed was earned at the FEI European Championships 2023, it will be reallocated to the next best placed team (not already qualified) at the FEI European Championships 2023.

2. If the quota place cannot be reallocated by the above method (for example if there is no other team from the event that could fill the quota place), it would be reallocated based on the Composite Team from Olympic Ranking.
 - o **Note:** The Jumping Committee is considering using the FEI Jumping World Championships 2022 rankings instead of the Composite Teams. National Federations and Stakeholders will be asked for their feedback on this option during the Sports Forum.

Jumping: Individual reallocation

- a. Next best Individual* of respective Olympic group qualification event (Pan Am Games only)
- b. Next best Individual* in the Rankings of the relevant Olympic Group
- c. If no eligible Individual in the Olympic Group Qualification Event/ Olympic Ranking, the quota place is reallocated to the next best Individual* in the Overall Olympic Rankings.

* Provided their NOC does not already have a team quota place

Dressage: Team reallocation

1. Composite Team from Olympic Ranking
2. If there are not enough Composite Teams to fill up the Team Quota, the places will be reallocated as Individual quota places based on the Olympic Ranking

Dressage: Individual reallocation

- a. Next best Individual of the respective Olympic group ranking
- b. If no eligible Individual in the Olympic Group ranking, the quota place is reallocated to the next best Individual in the Overall Olympic Rankings.

Eventing: Team reallocation

1. Composite Team from Olympic Ranking
2. If there are not enough Composite Teams to fill up the Team Quota, the places will be reallocated as Individual quota places based on the Olympic Ranking

Eventing: Individual reallocation

- a. Next best Individual of the respective Olympic group ranking
- b. If no eligible Individual in the Olympic Group ranking, the quota place is reallocated to the next best Individual in the Overall Olympic Rankings.

7.2 Paralympic Games

The reallocation system for the Paralympic Games 2024 was already approved at the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021. It follows the same approach as applied for Tokyo 2020.



Unused Team Slots

An NPC can accept three or four Team quota slots. If an NPC does not use all of its allocated Team quota slots, the NPC may then participate with a maximum of two (2) athletes exclusively in Individual competitions. The unused slot(s) will go to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, not otherwise qualified. Maximum two (2) per NPC.

Unused Individual Slots

If an NPC does not use all of its allocated quota slots for Individual athletes, the slot(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, not otherwise qualified, maximum two (2) per NPC.

8. Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Provisional Timetable

The competition schedule for the equestrian events at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games is still under discussion with the Paris 2024 Organising Committee.

The “working draft” will be presented during Session 1 at the FEI Sports Forum.

What has been confirmed is that there will be 11 competition days allocated to the equestrian competitions at Paris 2024 Olympic Games (Eventing (3 days), Jumping (4 days), and Dressage (4 days)) as the venue is shared with another sport (Modern Pentathlon).