

## Session 2 – Monday, 25 April, 10:30 – 11:30

### Paris 2024 Olympic Jumping Regulations

**Format:** This session will include a presentation of the key topics which were submitted for review as part of the initial online survey and then discussed during the online consultation process for the discipline of Jumping. Participants are invited to open the discussion in the Q&A following the presentation of each topic and the submission of proposals.

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**Panelists:** Santiago Varela, Tokyo 2020 Jumping Course Designer  
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### Paris 2024 Olympic Regulations / Jumping Consultation process

#### Topics for feedback

- Timelines for entries
- Competition schedule
- Substitution process
- Minimum Eligibility Requirements (level, deadline to obtain it, etc.)
- Order of the Competitions: Individuals and Teams
- First Individual Competition: Ranking by Penalties only or by Penalties and Time
- Maximum Number of Penalties per round in the Team Competition
- Feedback on any other topics

#### Feedback provided by

##### FEI Official:

- Kim Morrison (CAN)
- Yves Rossier (CAN)
- Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP)
- Kazuya Hirayama (JPN)
- Louis Konickx (NED)
- Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR)

##### MOUs Stakeholders:

- EEF
- IJOC

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#### **Timelines for entries**

**Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022**

## National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

### JOC, IJRC, EEF, HUN, IRL:

MERs deadline must be at least 8 weeks before the OG in order to allow enough time and equal conditions for preparation.

### IJRC, EEF, IRL, GRE, ITA:

The Nominated Entries stage shall either be omitted all together or be moved closer to the Definite Entries date and replacements shall be permitted until just before entering the Olympic village/stables.

### BEL, POL:

As close to the event as possible

### GBR:

The ability to submit definite entries within one month the Games (and ideally as late as possible) is important given the challenges of preparing both athletes and horses for peak performance.

### FRA, GER:

As close as possible to the event; under no circumstances longer deadlines than in the past.

### NED:

5 weeks before competition

### ARG:

1 month before

## **Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum**

The Jumping Committee notes that the Definite Entries will be a date set by the OC.

The Nominated Entries deadline will be the same for all disciplines and should be 6 weeks prior to the Event (as it was for Tokyo, approximately 2 weeks prior to the Definite Entries date).

The Jumping Committee added that 12 riders and 12 horses must be declared at the Nominated Entries date and that as of that date, pre substitution changes can be made. At the Definite Entries date, 3 combinations and a reserve must be submitted and substitutions can still be made.

## **Competition schedule**

## **Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022**

### FEI Officials

#### Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR):

There was in principle two different concepts in order to establish start lists, except for except for competitions there had a draw. The ground jury recommend a consistent establishment of the start lists only based upon reverse order of merit (penalties and time), even also for the team competitions.

The training session we recommend is done with the whole team for, let's say; 6 minutes and individuals without team will be drawn into groups of four. This system was used for 2021 CH-EU-S and created less problems.

Another action to reduce problems for the training session is to allocate one judge inside the arena.

The schedule/rules should clarify that tack allowed in training session is the same as for competitions.

Louis Konickx (NED):

1st day: qualifier for individuals and teams over 1 round  
2nd day: team final and individual qualifier over 1 round  
3rd day: rest day  
4th day : individual final over 2 rounds + evt JO  
NB: eventually 2nd individual round on 5th day

Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP):

The Team Competition must take place first whilst the Individual's Final must be the last event. The rationale behind this idea is that, technically speaking, the order established during Tokyo didn't take into account each competition's difficulty thus, it was almost impossible to manage. If the team qualifier takes place on the first then it would be easier to manage (it would come out almost on its own) if we take into account the stress levels surrounding a team competition (i.e like at Barcelona Nations cup final).

If we establish a logical order, following the degree of difficulty it would be as follows:

1st case study  
1st day: Team Qualifier Competition  
2nd day: Individual Qualifier Competition  
3rd day: Team Final  
4th day: Individual Final

If the 1st case study results impossible to follow, then the order should be as follows:

2nd case study  
1st day: Team Qualifier Competition  
2nd day: Team Final  
3rd day: Individual Qualifier Competition  
4th day: Individual Final

National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

IJRC, EEF, IRL, GER, GRE:

(a) The recommendation is to change the order of competitions, holding the Team Final before the Individual Final

(b) if 2.(a) is approved, then the following Jumping schedule is proposed:

- Day 1 1st Vet check
- Day 2 1st Warm up
- Day 3 Team Qualifier
- Day 4 Team Final
- Day 5 Rest day \*
- Day 6 2nd Vet check \*\* and 2nd Warm up \*
- Day 7 Individual Qualifier
- Day 8 Individual Final

\* Adding an extra rest day provides the horses with a better chance to recover after the team competition and adding a 2nd Warm Up will ensure a fairer individual competition.

\*\* The 2nd Vet Check is important, so that should a horse be withdrawn from the Team competition for veterinary reasons, it will have a chance to return for the Individual Qualifier.

(c) if 2.(a) is approved, and provided this is compatible with IOC Rules, it is recommended that possibilities be explored to save one day of competition, for example by merging or otherwise combining the Team and Individual Qualifiers for the following reasons:

- this will save one day of jumping for the horses and
- this will offer a more level playing field to all combinations, i.e. Individual and Team.

ISR:

Competition during day time and not in the evening.

NED, AUT, IJOC:

OG previous format

SWE:

Warm-up

1st day: Team Qualifier

2nd day: Team Final

3rd day: Rest day

4th day: Rest day/ 2nd horse inspection / warm-up

5th day: Individual Qualifier / Re-inspection

6th day: Individual Final

Team competition before the individual competition. This helps the Chefs to manage their teams, make substitutions (where necessary) and always line up the freshest and readiest combinations on the way to the most demanding Individual Final, thus creating better competition and avoiding stress on tired horses.

MEX:

We think that if there is a possibility of having an additional qualifying competition, it would level the playing field.

USA:

The only comment would be to remove the day off between the Training Session and the First Competition if the schedule allows with the other disciplines.

IJOC, JOC, CZE, ESP, POR, HUN, BEL, FRA, EST, ITA, POL:

*In favour of moving the Team Final before the Individual Final*

FEI Athletes

Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA):

*Team competition first Individual last , but most importantly totally against Teams of 3 (teams of 4 in round 1, teams of 3 in round 2)*

Tiffany Foster (CAN):

*The team competition should come before the individual final.*

## Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum

The schedule suggested by the Jumping Committee is as follows:

- Day 1 Horse Inspection
- Day 2 Re-inspection / Training Session
- Day 3 Team Qualifier
- Day 4 Team Final
- Day 5 Horse Inspection (in the evening)
- Day 6 Re-inspection / Training Session
- Day 7 Individual Qualifier
- Day 8 Individual Final

The Jumping Committee confirmed that the second horse inspection would be open to all 4 horses and that the first horse inspection should also be open to horses for both team and individual competitions.

## Substitution Process

### Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

#### FEI Officials

##### Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR):

If it's possible: Make it even clearer, in the rules, the difference between pre-competition changes and substitutions. Otherwise we find the text describing and it doesn't open for different interpretations. We will underline the importance of having pre-printed, dedicated forms to be used by the chefs, in order to get all necessary information. Could be made as annexes to the schedule/rule.

##### Louis Konickx (NED):

Keep substitution possibilities as they are (in view of horse welfare).

##### Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP):

###### Case study 1

Before 1st day: Team Qualifier Competition (Pre-competition Changes)

Before 2nd day: Individual Qualifier Competition (Pre-Competition Changes)

Before 3rd day: Team Final (Substitution)

Before 4th day: Individual Final (There will not be substitution at team level, only with riders qualified as reserves; i.e. if one of the qualified riders can't compete, then the first non-qualified will take its place)

###### 2nd case study

Before 1st day: Team Qualifier Competition (Pre-competition Changes)

Before 2nd day: Team Final (Substitution)

Before 3rd day: Individual Qualifier Competition (Pre-competition Changes)

Before 4th day: Individual Final (There will not be substitution at team level, only with riders qualified as reserves; i.e. if one of the qualified riders can't compete, then the first non-qualified will take its place)

##### Yves Rossier (CAN):

Important to be able to do so for Team competition but Teams must have available horses to substitute and this is only possible if Team competition happens first (i.e. to avoid horses having to be withdrawn because of injuries, sickness etc).

#### National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

##### JOC:

Substitutions allowed at the discretion of the Chef D'Equipe until the evening before the competition or for veterinary reasons until 2 hours before the competition

##### IJRC:

Substitutions should mean that principal substitutions must be facilitated and in this respect :

(a) substitutions shall be allowed at the absolute discretion of the Chef d'Equipe until the evening before the competition and

(b) Substitutions shall be allowed for veterinary reasons at any moment.  
(take the case of the Japanese Team in Tokyo when a horse over reached in the warm up). In such a case the reserve rider, who is usually always close to the warm up arena, could replace his/her team mate i.e 10/15 horses later and avoid the team from being eliminated.

EEF, HUN, IRL, GRE, EST, ITA:

The recommendation is that as a principal substitutions must be facilitated and in this respect :

(a) substitutions shall be allowed at the absolute discretion of the Chef d'Equipe until the evening before the competition and

(b) substitutions shall be allowed for veterinary reasons until 2 hours before the competition.

ESP:

The issue of substitutions is important because they can be made (for the team event, since there are three members) if there is an injury to a horse or rider on the test track prior to the competition

SUI:

The only problem we had was the availability of the people involved in the process onsite (OC / FEI) or maybe it was as well a problem in the system that not everything was submitted immediately.

ARG:

Day before

GBR:

We would propose that the requirement for medical or veterinary certificates be removed, permitting substitutions to be made for tactical reasons, at the discretion of the NF. The current system is not open and transparent, and it is potentially open to abuse. Substitutions should be allowed for any reason, or not at all, to protect the integrity of competition and ensure a level playing field for all participants.

We would recommend that substitutions should be permitted up to 1 hour prior to competition starting. As it stands, a minor incident occurring within the two-hour window risks a whole team being eliminated prior to starting.

All athletes who have competed for their nation at any stage (whether in the team qualifier or team final) should be awarded a medal if the team finishes on the podium.

NED, POL, CAN:

up to 2 hours before competition

SWE:

Substitution for horse/rider combination between the first and second round of the team competition should be possible also without a Veterinary certificate.

FRA, GER:

Pre-competition change/substitution rules must be clearly defined beforehand. We need a guarantee that we can substitute Athletes/Horses until very shortly before the competition starts (less than 2 hours before the start of the competition).

Multiple pre-competition changes must be possible before travelling to the event without losing an accreditation because e. g. a deadline has passed.

If the competition format is changed to "Team before Individual Final", substitutions should be possible anyhow, i.e. also for the individual competition.

FEI Athletes:

Ashlee Bond (ISR):

Can substitute between team rounds only if a horse is injured, can put in a different rider for the individual competition

Nicole Walker (CAN):

Allowed within 2 hours start of the team event

### Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum

The Jumping Committee confirmed that tactical substitutions are not allowed and the only possibility for a substitution is to have a veterinary or doctor certificate.

The event begins at the first horse inspection and only horses stabled at the Olympic stables can be substituted for the team competitions, the exact time is to be defined. However the Jumping Committee did emphasize the fact that the deadline will be very clear in the rules. Horses not having passed it can take part in the second horse inspection in order to take part in individual competitions. However horses cannot be substituted with horses located outside the venue who would not have taken part in the first horse inspection.

### Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Level, deadline to obtain it, special qualifying events, etc.

### Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

FEI Officials

Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR):

Ground jury was lucky not having any fatal incidents, especially in the individual competitions. We are still of the opinion that too many horse/rider combinations was not prepared for an Olympic level. Qualifications should only be done at championships and games built at the same level and/or in specially assigned 5\* events.

NO "home" qualifications nor special qualification events should be accepted.

We recommend that in all qualifying competitions there is solely one chance to qualify. In many other sports they operate with minimum requirements (as us), but only one opportunity to be selected.

MER should be 5\* NC standard including water jump (WJ), as we see WJ broaden the test and demand a more complete combination (horse/rider).

Louis Konickx (NED):

Cross of home qualifiers, including the rule that the president of the jury can allow 2nd attempt to the rider to qualify.

Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP):

MER's must be obtained only at CSI/CSIO 4\* and 5\* therefore having all the competitors under the same conditions. Special MER competitions can't be allowed anymore.

Yves Rossier (CAN):

Qualifying events must be real competitions (CSI4-5\*) with correct specifications and not special qualifying events.

Kim Morrison (CAN):

To standards by April 1 same year as event.

Kazuya Hirayama (JPN):

Minimum Eligibility was more difficult. I support to increase number of flags. But we have to consider of qualifying systems.

National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

JOC:

All combinations must obtain their MERs at official FEI shows.

MERs should be:

- i) 2 results with up to 8 faults at separate 5\* 1.60m
- ii) 2 results with up to 4 faults in 4\* 1.55 m at separate 4\* shows and 1 result with up to 8 faults at 5\* 1.60 m
- iii) 3 results with 0 faults at separate 3\* shows in Nations Cup, Grand Prix or world Cup

IJRC:

(a) MERs must ensure a horse and rider combination's capability to jump an Olympic course:

- i. 5\* (Nations Cup - GP - WC - Major CHs) 1.60m - two results with up to 8 faults, at different shows and with technical requirements established by the FEI Jumping Committee (Combinations, water jump etc)
- ii. 4\* (Nations Cup - GP - WC - Major CHs) 1.55m - two results with up to 4 faults & one 5\* 1.60 result with up to 8 faults, with technical requirements established by the FEI Jumping Committee (Combinations, water jump etc)
- iii. or three results in 3\* show 1.50m classes with 0 faults, at separate shows, with technical requirements established by the FEI Jumping Committee (Combinations, water jump etc)
- iv. 3\* (Nations Cup - GP - WC) 1.50m - three results with 0 faults, at separate shows, with technical requirements established by the FEI Jumping Committee (Combinations, water jump etc)

However for a large number of riders this is by far not enough. They are asking how somebody should jump an Olympic course when he hasn't managed to be clear in a 160 class before. They should require 5 x clear in 160 or at least 4 faults.

(b) Deadline for obtaining MERs depends on a final decision on timelines (see 1. above), however such a deadline shall be at least 8 weeks before the OGs

(c) Qualifying events have already been approved together with the Qualification System. However, there must be no special events allowed only for the purpose of

obtaining MERs. All combinations must obtain their MERs at official shows entered in the FEI Calendar according to the applicable Rules.

#### IJOC:

Current MERs are appropriate for the difficulty of Olympic Games. Qualifying events should be the same for all nations.

However requirements for courses should be revised, there are too many mandatory items to be followed and course designers at this level know how to make a good course.

Special qualifying competitions should not be organised anymore.

#### EEF, HUN, IRL, GER, GRE:

(a) MERs must ensure capability of combination to jump Olympic courses:

i. 5\* (Nations Cup - GP - WC - Major CHs) 1.60m - two results with up to 8 points, at separate shows

ii. 4\* (Nations Cup - GP - WC - Major CHs) 1.55m - two results with up to 4 faults & one result 5\* 1.60 with up to 8 points OR two results 3\* 1.50m with 0 faults, at separate shows

iii. 3\* (Nations Cup - GP - WC) 1.50m - three results 0 faults, at separate shows

(b) Deadline to obtain MERs depends on final decision about timelines (see 1. above), however such deadline shall be at least 8 weeks before the OGs

(c) Qualifying events are already approved together with the Qualification System. However, there must be no special events allowed only for the purpose of obtaining MERs. All combinations must obtain their MERs at official shows entered in the FEI Calendar according to the applicable Rules

#### CZE:

Same system, 2 teams from group C

#### ESP:

The certificates should be referred to four and five star events, the three stars should not allow to obtain this certificate

#### ISR:

The current MER is slight difficult. It can be eased by deciding the 4 points at CSI4\* is ok. The deadline is ok. It would be great to have 3 special qualifying events in May-June 2024 to reach the MER.

#### POR:

CSI/O 3\*, CSI/O 4\* and CSI/O 5\* - Until 8 weeks before the Games

#### SUI:

MER must be fulfilled at competitions of equal level - be careful with accepting of extraordinary qualifying classes. Guidelines should be strictly followed or the difference between the riders in the first competition at the OG is too big, what makes it difficult for constructing a selective course without having a class that is too dangerous for some riders. OG must remain top sport.

Maybe an option would be to ask for a confirmation result in the current year of the OG, then you don't have those riders that fulfilled the criteria the year before. But it doesn't have to be too difficult neither as you don't want that the horses have to jump too much before the OG.

## ARG:

1 month before

## GBR:

The deadline for FEI Certificates of Capability should be extended (as per the timeline for entries above). The extended deadline date of 21 June worked well for Tokyo.

MERs should not be at 3\* shows and most definitely not at special events like Hagen. Qualification should ONLY be at recognized at 5\* shows. Even this height is well below Olympic heights - also we only ask for one qualifying round.

We have concerns that to reduce the qualifying standard is a potential human and horse welfare issue. We should be asking for at least two single round clears. This is the least we should ask for in terms of eligibility for Olympic Games, demonstrating the responsibility of the FEI that they are looking for a higher competence level, also to encourage competitors from countries who are new to the competition to accumulate more experience.

The FEI should also be able to exercise their discretion and offer flexibility for National Federations to add competitions to the calendar where MER opportunities have been reduced, in exceptional circumstances, with a fast-track process for such requests.

## IJOC, NED:

MER requirements Tokyo 2020 but skip the 3\* level as qualification

## SWE:

CSI/CSIO3\* - three clear rounds in GP 1.50 or Nations Cup 1.50. After obtained 3 clear rounds one qualifying result in CSI/CSIO4\* is also required.

CSI/CSIO4\* - two rounds with max 4 penalties in 1.55 GP or Nations Cup 1.55

CSI/CSIO5\* - one round with max 4 faults in GP 1.60 or Nations Cup 1.60

It's important that the MER is obtained in due time, around 2 months before the event. There has to be clearly marked MER competitions where there are more obstacles with a maximum height than stipulated in the rules. There should be an appointed person responsible to control each MER Event.

A double clear in Nations Cup should count as two results, not only one.

## BEL:

A MER can only be obtained in "normal official shows", with the normal pressure of competition. Not at events specially created to obtain a MER, on for example on a Tuesday like a training

## AUT:

Too low now! MER should be only reachable in competitions at 1,60m - not produce bad pictures with riders and horses that haven't the right level - it's also against the welfare of the horse that riders which never competed at that level are qualified to jump over the Olympic Course and make a first trial there

## FRA:

MER must be high enough to ensure that only Athlete/Horse combinations that are capable to meet Olympic requirements can participate. MER must be achieved at regular CSI/CSI-W/CSIO competitions, not at separate special events. CSIO3\* need to be included to ensure that nations can qualify who might not be invited to 4-Star CSIOs.

To the FEI to nominate an expert from rider or course designer level 4 for all qualifying events: ensure sport levels are respected.

MER for individuals using ranking list on GP 1m55 or +.

MEX:

Only 4\* and 5\*. Clear rounds in 4\*, max 4 penalties in 5\*.

Combinations should achieve the MERs at least twice and no special qualifying competitions.

EST:

Deadline to obtain MERs depends on final decision about timelines, however such deadline shall be at least 8 weeks before the OGs

ITA:

MERs must ensure capability of combination to jump Olympic courses, the deadline to obtain MERs depends on final decision about timelines, however such deadline shall be at least 8 weeks before the OGs.

Qualifying events are already approved together with the Qualification System. However, there must be no special events allowed only for the purpose of obtaining MERs. All combinations must obtain their MERs at official shows entered in the FEI Calendar according to the applicable Rules

USA:

We believe that the MERs that have been put into place for the World Championships are a good starting point and recommend that it be monitored this year to see if it will work for the Olympics (note: we understand that there may be challenges with the timeline and approving rules). It must also be noted that there may need to be more attention paid to events that hold MER competitions to be sure that they indeed meet the specifications.

Regarding Special Qualifying events, in principle, we are not in favour of special qualifying events. There is an element of competing in an actual competition with other competitors that adds a level of difficulty that cannot be replicated with a special qualifying event. However, we also understand that there may be exceptions. In these instances, the rules that have been adopted for special qualifying events for the World Championships should be adopted and it should be with extreme scrutiny that these events are approved.

Additionally, we encourage the FEI to analyse the MER process for each horse that competed in Tokyo and see where and when they earned their MER and compare to their performance in Tokyo to see if anything can be learned.

FEI Athletes:

Matias Albarracin (ARG):

Sometimes It's too hard for people who live in countries without international shows.

Or international show but with enough stars. And the stars became for the money amount and the reality in some countries are different, even if the country have a team already qualified

Eugenio Garza Perez (MEX):

Needs to be harder to obtain

Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA):

MER should be Clear in 5\* at least one time clear in 4\* at least twice.

Special Qualifying events should not be allowed

Ashlee Bond (ISR):

Jump clear in a 5\* Grand Prix 1/2yrs prior to the Olympics

Nicole Walker (CAN):

Clear in 4\* GP or above within 6 months

Tiffany Foster (CAN):

No special qualifying events. MERs should be obtained in regular competitions.

### Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum

Following the comments received and the discussions held during the consultation sessions, the Jumping Committee made three major proposals with regards to MERs:

- Competitions with a height of obstacles below 1m50 should not be included in the Olympic Ranking.
- Special qualifying competitions will not be allowed.

The Jumping Committee also suggest that MERs must be obtained based on the height of obstacles in selected competitions:

- Height of MER competitions: 1m55 or 1m60
- Number of MER results required: 3
- Max. number of penalties: 4 at 1m55, 8 at 1m60

### Order of the Competitions: Individual and Teams

#### Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

FEI Officials

Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR):

Both alternatives has its upsides and downsides. The format as it is, add an interesting aspect into the game, which is the tactical skills of the chefs. Personally I think it flavour the games and make it even more interesting to watch. (In soccer you see that selection of the tea, always get nearly the same media attention as the match itself.)

Louis Konickx (NED):

Teams first.

Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP):

As mentioned above, there are two different options:

1st case study

1st day: Team Qualifier Competition

2nd day: Individual Qualifier Competition

3rd day: Team Final

4th day: Individual Final

If the 1st case study results impossible to follow, then the order should be as follows:

2nd case study

1st day: Team Qualifier Competition

2nd day: Team Final

3rd day: Individual Qualifier Competition

4th day: Individual Final

Yves Rossier (CAN):

Team competition first, Individual competition to follow as Team competitions should not be as difficult

Kim Morrison (CAN):

Team then individual

National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

IJOC, JOC:

In favour of moving the Team before the Individual.

IJRC, EEF, IRL, GRE, GER:

The order of competitions is that Teams shall compete before the Individual event (see also feedback on 2. Competition Schedule above) for the following reasons:

(a) this helps correct and progressive course designing: A Team Qualifier can be more inviting for teams with different levels from around the world. After that, courses will progressively become tougher to end up with the Individual Final as happens in all other Championships. (WEG; EU; Pan Am)

(b) it helps Chefs d'Equipe manage their teams, make substitutions (where necessary) and always lines up the freshest and readiest combinations while moving towards the most demanding Individual Final, thus creating a better competition and avoiding stress for tired horses

(c) the sport will be more exciting and fairer (see 2. Competition Schedule above) and will be in line with Olympic equestrian sports tradition

CZE, ESP, POR, SUI, NED, HUN, EST, POL, CAN:

Teams first, then individuals

ISR, ARG:

As it was in Tokyo.

GBR:

Team competition should take place before the individual. As there is no speed leg in which the combinations may warm up, it is a serious concern that those combinations with less experience at the highest level will go straight into the individual competition with not enough preparation at Olympic level.

This competition is supposed to be the ultimate challenge for the winning partnership, therefore jumping the team and coming out the best at the final individual day competition. Suggestions of 95 horses jumping is justified when there is plenty of time and arena availability to jump the horses. They are already stabled, with accommodation and accreditation provided for both riders, owners and grooms.

- 20 teams x 3 riders 60
- Individual riders 15
- Team reserve riders 20

1) The 35 Individual and team reserves jump before the team day one competition starts on TV. This will give a level playing field to all competitors of equal rounds jumped and help exotic partnerships towards the individual final.

2) TV First day for the team competition of 20 teams and 3 riders.

3) Classification of the team competition - 10 best teams to the following day's "team final". Classification of faults and time, also number of riders per team finishing as the schedule 2020.

4) Classification for the whole number of 95 starting riders by the FEI.

- 5) The top 75 riders go to the first Individual competition day classified by faults and time.
- 6) Final Individual day top 30.

#### SWE:

Teams competition before the individual competition. This helps the Chefs to manage their teams, make substitutions (where necessary) and always line up the freshest and readiest combinations on the way to the most demanding Individual Final, thus creating better competition and avoiding stress on tired horses.

#### BEL:

First the Team competition, then Individual competition. All individuals need also to participate at the Team competition.

#### FRA:

Order of the competitions for Individual and Teams:

Teams before Individuals; as at past Olympic Games Individuals have to participate in the Team qualifying competition in order to guarantee a level playing field for all Athletes in the individual competition

All combinations for individual final must have compete at least one round of the team competition.

#### MEX:

Teams first - Individual at the end. But we don't support having individuals not jumping anything for a few days after the Warm Up - Training Session

#### ITA:

Our opinion is to invert the order of competitions, Teams shall be before Individual for the following reasons:

it helps correct and progressive course designing, Team Qualifier can be more inviting for teams with different level from around the world. After that, courses will progressively get tougher to end up with the Individual Final; it helps Chefs manage their teams, make substitutions (where necessary) and always line up the freshest and readiest combinations on the way to the most demanding Individual Final, thus creating better competition and avoiding stress on tired horses.

#### USA:

There are varying thoughts when it comes to this topic. There are some that don't feel strongly one way or the other as they can see the pros and cons for each scenario; there are some who thought having the Team last was really exciting and there are some who felt as though the Individual was anticlimactic and that more rounds need to be jumped in order to be crowned individual Olympic Champion.

#### FEI Athletes:

##### Eugenio Garza Perez (MEX):

Unfair. Should be random or based on fei ranking not team ranking

##### Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA), Ashlee Bond (ISR), Nicole Walker (CAN), Tiffany Foster (CAN):

Teams first, individuals second

#### **Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum**

The Jumping Committee is in agreement with the Jumping community and is in favour of having the team competitions before the individual competitions.

## First Individual Competition

Ranking by Penalties only or by penalties and time

## Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

### FEI Officials

#### Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR):

For us it make more sense to have penalties and time, and we avoid the risk having tens of winners, which is not understandable for a broader public.

#### Louis Konickx (NED):

Only by penalties and in case of tie for last ranking positions by time.

#### Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP):

With the new FEI rules ranking must be set following penalties and time

#### Yves Rossier (CAN):

penalties and times, Table A but not Table C

#### Kim Morrison (CAN):

Penalties and time

#### Kazuya Hirayama (JPN):

I support penalties and time.

### National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

#### IJOC:

Table A against the clock.

#### JOC:

Ranking by penalties and time

#### IJRC, EEF, GRE, EST, GER, IRL, ITA:

The ranking in the first individual competition is to be decided by penalties and time faults. This is the only way to determine the 30 best combinations qualified for the Final to start again at zero points and also the only way to fairly replace any drop outs from the Final with the next in the ranking order.

#### MEX:

Penalties and Time. Using that ranking by penalties only will add confusion. When there are not enough clear rounds or if there are more than 30 clear rounds, then the time comes in play. So at the end, it's a penalties and time competition.

#### USA, POL:

Penalties and time

#### CAN:

Olympics it should be different from a regular championship and it should be like a Table A and faults should not be converted to time in the first round. An Olympic jump off is exciting and won't happen with a traditional championship format.

### FEI Athletes:

#### Matias Albarracin (ARG):

Penalties is ok. Then jump-off.

Eugenio Garza Perez (MEX), Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA), Ashlee Bond (ISR), Nicole Walker (CAN), Tiffany Foster (CAN), Ra'ad Naser (JOR):

Penalties and time

### Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum

The Jumping Committee is in agreement with the Jumping community and is in favour of having the first individual competition on penalties and time.

### Maximum Number of Penalties per Round in the Team Competitions

To be applied also in the case of retirement or elimination?

### Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

FEI Officials:

Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR):

This is entirely a political question.

Sport is very often cruel, and if you have a bad day as an individual competitor; the team are out of the game. (Ex. qualifications track and fields relays) This is easy to understand for the broad public, but though for the competitors.

Louis Konickx (NED):

Maximum of 4 knock downs/or 16 penalties is the maximum. Elimination for the athlete when this number is the case.

Santiago Varela Ullastres (ESP):

I can't recommend to apply this new rule only for the OG without implementing it at normal CSI competitions. We will also need to observe how the new FEI Rule about time penalties will affect this idea.

Yves Rossier (CAN):

Competitor should be stopped on course if over 16 faults and a mandatory "retired/eliminated" score given to the Team

Kim Morrison (CAN):

20

National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

JOC:

The JOC is in favour of elimination of any combination exceeding 20 faults

IJOC:

In case of elimination or retirement, the rider should be penalised of 20 additional penalties.

Add to the Jumping Rules that an athlete can be stopped if he obtains a certain number of points and this should apply to all competitions not only OG.

IJRC:

There is no doubt that we must avoid seeing badly ridden rounds and unpleasant scenes from combinations not capable of providing an acceptable performance (social licence).

Considering however that the elimination of a rider results in the entire team's elimination, we wish to avoid weaker federations experiencing the humiliation inflicted by elimination. Considering that the current regulations add one fault for every second over the time allowed, we believe that the results seen at the previous Olympics cannot be used as a source of comparison. In fact, with these time penalties, an extremely high number of faults would probably arise in the event of a refusal.

We therefore propose elimination in the event of a horse and rider having more than 5 fences or 4 fences down and 1 refusal with the time not counting in this case.

In the event of images that are negative for our sport or overuse of a horse during the Team or Individual Competitions, the horse/rider combination should be eliminated and treated the same as if elimination was the result of two refusals or a fall. It is important to establish the meaning of "negative images" for equestrian people.

EEF, IRL, GER, GRE, ITA:

The recommendation is against applying a maximum number of penalties per round in the Team Competition or to treat retirement or elimination any different than as per the existing Rules.

In respect of this discussion, we would like to recommend that any combination exceeding 20 jumping faults during the course (i.e. more than 5 fences or 4 fences and 1 stop, time not counting for this) in the Team or Individual Competition shall be automatically eliminated and treated the same as if eliminated due to two refusals or fall at all. This will allow all combinations a fair opportunity to jump in the OGs, while protecting the sport and the horses from :

- (a) bad sport and images on TV
- (b) unnecessary overuse of a horse when there is no possibility for a good result
- (c) unfair and misrepresentative results for Teams and Individuals, should a maximum number of penalties be applied

Also

- (d) elimination due to excess faults is also easier to understand for the non-equestrian spectators.

BEL:

Yes

AUT:

Ok

ESP:

It should be 20 points and not points for exceeding the time allowed. It will be necessary that this system has been experienced before in competitions prior to the OG

ISR:

As it was in Tokyo

POR:

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SUI:

An option could be to give a rider that has been eliminated or that even doesn't have started the result of the worst rider that has finished the class plus adding some penalty points as we had it before. Then you still have an option if your team had for ex. 2 clear rounds plus 1 elimination.

ARG:

20 points more than last results

GBR:

We suggest keeping it as it is classifying by the number of riders in a team that finish as per the schedule. There is only interest in the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

NED:

16 penalty points

HUN, EST:

any combination exceeding 20 jumping faults during the course (i.e. more than 5 fences or 4 fences and 1 stop, time not counting for this) in the Team or Individual Competition shall be automatically eliminated and treated the same as if eliminated due to two refusals or fall at all.

SWE:

Elimination in case of more than 20 penalties.

BEL:

No maximum number of penalties to be applied.

FRA:

We do want to have a discard score in Jumping team qualification: more than 16pts.

USA:

There are again varying opinions on this topic. Some believe that a 16 fault maximum is a bit like the "Gong Show" and others believe that there needs to be an option for an athlete to pull up in the best interest of his/her horse without completely jeopardizing the team's chances. Additionally, it has been noted that the Ground Jury should be empowered to take action when there is an obvious horse welfare issue.

POL:

The scoring system should be structured in such a way that the competitor does not feel pressured to finish the course at any cost in a team competition. The Ground Jury should have the right to stop a ride exceeding 20 penalty points (not counting the time).

CAN:

25 faults for a VW or Elimination

FEI Athletes:

Matias Albarracin (ARG):

Same as Tokyo.

Eugenio Garza Perez (MEX), Ra'ad Naser (JOR):

Yes

Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA):

Elimination 16, retirement 32

Ashlee Bond (ISR):

Lowest score of the class plus 4 penalties.

Nicole Walker (CAN):

20 faults

Tiffany Foster (CAN):

The issue would not exist if there was a drop score.

### Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum

The Jumping Committee was not in favour of introducing a maximum number of penalties as this could lead to some strategies. However the Committee is in favour of having a rule for all competitions allowing the Ground Jury to eliminate a combination if it is not up to standard during the course. This will be submitted in the rule revision process.

### Feedback on Any Other Topics

#### Feedback received online by the deadline of 15 February 2022

FEI Officials:

Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR), Louis Konickx (NED):

To ensure the quality of officiating there should be one more judge appointed for OG. Today; if an incident happening, there are not enough judges in the box to have a legal set up according to the rules.

3 in the box

1 at the water

1 for sensitivity thermography, doubling with boot and bandage control

There should be an additional one to replace president in case of incidents, which could also double as liaison.

GJ+TD like the new format as it easier to understand and we are especially positive to the fact that individual and team are completely separated. Though we have concerns connected to horse welfare based on the vast range of performance level of the combinations. (see previous answers connected to qualification for OG)

Kazuya Hirayama (JPN):

Supports the format used in Tokyo.

National Federations and MOUs Stakeholders:

IJRC:

We wish to emphasise that the vast majority of athletes believes that a team of four riders and a drop score is the format best suited for respecting horses and the athletes themselves (athletes under pressure when responsible not only for themselves but also for their partner the horse).

Riders' opinions on this subject are well-known.

Giving a couple the chance to jump only team or only individual competitions, would have the advantage of having fresher horses to same competitors and make a disadvantage to the others.

SUI:

Switzerland still votes for the format of 4 riders. The arguments were presented and discussed at the FEI General Assembly by the NF and Steve Guerdat. Horse Welfare! Starting order for the Jump off should be according to the start list of the finals (team and individual).

Jump off for all the medals in Team and Individual Competition and not only for gold.

ARG:

2 ROUNDS before individual competition, because the course designer can be a mistake or to build to strong the first one.

GBR:

Regional qualification is not equal. In 2023 or the year before any Olympic Games there should be a Continental or another World Championships to bring all the countries together. Then the non-qualified countries in order of classification disregarding the qualified countries can qualify for the Olympics of that cycle.

NED:

back to the old system with 4 riders and one discard score

SWE:

Elimination in case of more than 20 penalties in all competitions.

BEL:

If the possibility of a discard score (horse welfare) would be considered; why not 1 scratch score over de total of 6 team-rounds per country (3 riders/2 rounds)?

AUT:

Team Quota Places that don't reach MER should be given to individuals.

FRA:

We are still in favour of team of 4 and competitions with 3 scores counting and 1 drop score.

Substitutions must remain under Chef d'Equipe decision. We do not support that it is under vet certificate as it is leading to dishonest declarations.

We are in favour of drop score in team competition in both qualifier and final. If that would not be accepted we definitely insist to have it at least for the qualifier. This is crucial to address Tokyo drifts and have any mediatisation and welfare of the horses.

GER:

Olympic competition format:

if Teams of 3: no discard score

(We are in favour of teams composed of 4 Athlete/Horse combinations)

Our experience with a substitution in Tokyo from an organisational point of view: the replacement of an Athlete/Horse combination in Jumping went smoothly without complications.

The Individual Final should be one round against the clock with a jump-off against the clock; all Athletes start on zero penalties.

## ITA:

Proposal for Teams Competitions:

Teams Competition 1st round = 60 combinations (20 Teams with 3 riders each), the best 10 Teams of the first round are qualified for the 2nd round, with the sum of penalties and times of all 3 riders.

Teams Competition 2nd round = 30 combinations (10 Teams with 3 riders each), the starting order is determined according to the reverse order of ranking of the best 10 Teams qualified in the 1st Round.

Teams will be always made up of 3 riders, but it will be possible to make a substitution.

The final classification will be determined by the sum of penalties over the two rounds, with a drop score of the worst of the three results in the second round. Alternatively, the drop score could be applied to all six results. So the five best scores will count for the final results. In case of equality of Penalties among the Teams, the Jump-off will be carried out by two members of the Teams that have participated to the second round, designated by the Chef d'Equipe.

## POL:

Horse riding is one of the few Olympic disciplines in which we give penalty points. Due to public perception, it would be worth changing this scoring system in the future. A positive image of the discipline is very important now. Maybe it is worth considering that horses should score points for each successful jump ... big changes, big challenge but worth discussing

## FEI Athletes:

### Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA):

Listen to the riders, the industry is telling you that they are not happy with the decisions taken in GA.

### Nicole Walker (CAN):

4 riders per team with drop score

### Tiffany Foster (CAN):

All four riders of the team should be required to compete on the first day in the first individual qualifier. This will provide all the horses the opportunity to jump the easiest round of the championship. The FEI rules for every other competition require us to complete a round on our horse before the Grand Prix of the show but it is possible, and in some cases inevitable, for a horse to start in the team final. This is unacceptable and a welfare issue for the horse.

Additional feedback: If they are three-person teams, it needs to be that all four riders compete the first day. It's not fair to make horses start halfway through a championship. The FEI won't let you do any Grand Prix without completing a round at the show prior to the Grand Prix but they will let you go cold into the team final at the Olympics.

### Ra'ad Naser (JOR):

More riders from the first round should be accepted into the second round of the individuals. Makes a big difference for nations that don't have a team. Also the 3 rider format of the teams should be scrapped. The previous format made more sport sense. There should always be a discard score

**Proposal to be discussed during the 2022 FEI Sports Forum**

A few suggestions received during the consultation session were discussed by the Jumping Committee and their recommendations figure below:

- Jump-off for all medals: the Jumping Committee did think that having a jump-off for all medals make the competition very exciting and necessary given a medal at the Olympic Games gives access to all Grand Prix competitions.
- Having an additional judge: the Jumping Committee is in agreement with this suggestions and commented that the Jumping Rules for such an event require having 3 judges in the jury box, 1 liaison judge and 1 judge for the water jump. The requirements for the Olympic Games should therefore meet the Jumping Rules requirements and an additional judge should be appointed for Paris 2024.
- The use of the Nations Cup Ranking for the individuals competition draw was questioned: the Jumping Committee recommends that for Paris 2024, normal draws are done for all competitions requiring a draw.