

Session 6 – Olympic Competition Format DRESSAGE

Below please find the proposal put forward for discussion by the FEI Dressage Committee in regards to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

It will be desirable to use the same competition format also for the World Equestrian Games.

A team consists of 3 athletes + 1 reserve horse/athlete combination

Invitation for 15 teams and 15 individuals (max one per country) = 30 flags

Proposal - Three tests

Illustration:

Test 1 – GP – 60 combinations

Day 1			Day 2			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	
10	10	10	10	10	10	
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
2	2	2	2	2	2	+ 6 "lucky losers" = 18 for Ind. final

Starting order for Test 1 GP

- based on the World Ranking List position of the combination on date of definite entries
- max 2 riders per NF may start per day, max 1 per NF per group.
- the highest ranked rider will be placed according following system: F, C, E, B, D, A

Day 1			Day 2		
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
60	58	56	59	57	55
54	52	50	53	51	49
48	46	44	47	45	43
42	40	38	41	39	37
36	34	32	35	33	31
30	28	26	29	27	25
24	22	20	23	21	19
18	16	14	17	15	13
12	10	8	11	9	7
6	4	2	5	3	1

Test 2 – Grand Prix Freestyle – Individual Competition

18 combinations qualified from the Grand Prix

Test 3 – Team Competition - GPS to music – 8 Teams of 3 = 24 combinations – Reserve horse possible

Group A	Group B	Group C
1	9	17
to	to	to
8	16	24
Reverse order of GP Team results	Reverse order of GP Team results	Reverse order of intermediate Team standing after 2 nd group

Explanation:
Test 1 – Qualification

Grand Prix (two days)

6 groups/heats of 10 horses each, 3 groups on day 1 and 3 groups on day 2;

2 from each heat plus 6 lucky losers (overall best of the rest) qualify for the GPF Individual final, to have 18 Athletes. If a qualified horse drops out before the final, the spot goes to the next lucky loser (number 7). All teams to receive a qualification ranking after the GP (by adding up 3 best results per team).

Starting order: Draw in ranking groups (of combinations).

Test 2 – Individual competition

Grand Prix Freestyle (one day)

18 combinations qualified from the GP, best two from each of the 6 heats, plus 6 lucky losers (overall best results of the rest).

Test 3 – Team competition

Grand Prix Special to music (one day).

Music not judged, to be delivered by athlete.

8 teams with best total result from GP to ride in 3 groups of 8.

24 starters, no other athletes are allowed to participate (thus competition will be 60 minutes shorter than today).

 Starting order: One athlete per country will start in each group. In the 1st and 2nd group team riders will start in reverse order of the GP Team result; after the 1st and 2nd group have completed the GPS an intermediate team standing will be established. A longer break will be foreseen before the start of the 3rd group.

 In the 3rd group team riders will start in reverse order of the intermediate Team standing (based on results of team riders after the 2nd group).

A reserve horse could be used (as a strategical tool) for the GPS only. The reserve horse needs to pass the Horse Inspection and needs to also be able to do the familiarisation. The latest day/hour of substitution needs to be defined. No vet/doctor certificate would be required in order to activate the reserve combination for the GPS.