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Comments of the Swiss Equestrian Federation regarding Olympic Formats

1 General

The Swiss Equestrian Federation does understand that something has to be changed in order Equestrian Sports to be more attractive and to have a strong position at Olympic Games after 2020. To produce a good show is fine as well, but still the best combination should be winning in the end. The desire of having more “flags” (participating nations) might influence the level of the sport in a negative way and be contra productive in the long term.

We are not very happy with the fact that now there will be taken a decision for an Olympic Format without having been able to test it before. And we share as well the opinion, that it would be good to have the identical format – or at least a similar format – at all the Championships. Because to have different formats at Regional and World Championships and as well at Olympic Games makes it difficult for the spectator to understand.

2 Dressage

We agree that a Team should be composed of 3 combinations (without drop score).

We would prefer Proposal Number 2, like this all Nations are competing at the deciding competition for team medals.

Our proposition for the Qualification for Test 2: That only 2 per group can qualify directly and then in addition 10 Lucky Losers. We think that otherwise it is not really sure that the best pairs are fighting for medals in the end. The decision who will be competing in which group will even be more critical than today – and this should not be the case.

There should be half of the riders on Day 1 and the other Half on Day 2.

We think it would be good to have 18 (instead of 15) in the Test 2.

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