

Dear Carina and members of the FEI Dressage Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to engage in the debate on the future of our Olympic Sport. We had a meeting with last week and discussed the matters thoroughly.

The SWE NF are convinced that changes have to be made and we all have the same objective – to maintain our Olympic status by modernizing and developing dressage, whilst keeping the very essence of the sport.

By doing this we have to focus on following

- Engagement, dedication
- Presentation
- Understanding
- Sustainability

The Swedish NF are in favor with proposal A, but there are several issues to discuss and think over before it can be presented to the IOC as a real change of format, which we believe has to be done.

Day one – Grand Prix

- Group classification how will it be done?
- Important that Athletes from the same Nation won't be placed within the same group.

Day two – Grand Prix Kür – Individual medal

- Will all three athletes from each NF be able to qualify for the individual competition?

Day three – Grand Prix Special – Team competition

- Difficult for outsider to understand the classification in the three groups
- Important to publish the starting order in group C well in advance. Riders need time to prepare themselves.
- How do you sell group C in advance?
- Will the Athletes choose the Music themselves or will it be done by the OC?
- We propose that Teams choose their own Music
- Reserve horse, we would like to see the possibility to be able to substitute up to one hour before the Team competition starts.

General thoughts:

- We need to take Dressage into the current century, make the Sport modern. Change the dress code, tails are not part of this century, allow more color combinations.
- The FEI Grand Prix can be shortened
- Open scoring is necessary for the live public to understand our sport.
- Open scoring with the percentage presented in the graphics' for the TV public like faults and time
- To reduce the time in each test, Athletes can be allowed on the course before the prior Athlete has left the course.
- The number of Athletes in the Grand Prix can be reduced
- The Grand Prix test can be shortened. For instance shorten the walk and remove the first halt etc.