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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 Eventing

We entirely agree with the proposed format and procedures in Eventing without creating two full different competitions for the team and individual medals which is not a possible way. In addition, we support the idea, that a Team should be composed of 3 combinations (without the drop score). This allows to include more (little) nations and contributes positively to the safety of the sport, by potentially less readiness of the riders to assume any risks riding for the team, thus both arguments respecting fully the Olympic Spirit.

In this context, we think it is crucial that the penalty scoring for eliminated or retired combinations will be re-evaluated and adapted.

Concerning a new name “triathlon”, we agree that it mirrors better the format and idea of the discipline. In addition, the name “equestrian triathlon eventing” might also be considered, thus including/ maintaining the former discipline’s name.

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