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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 Jumping

We are still sharing the opinion that in Jumping a Team should be composed of 4 combinations (keeping the drop score) with a reserve combination.

Heats or groups: in general we prefer the version with groups and not heats.

Jump-off for Team medals: we fear that this might get a real “race” at the end which would not be really helpful for the aspect of the welfare of the horse. As well we don't think that starting order should be changed during the jump-off itself

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