

## Session 3 – Monday, 25 April, 12:00 – 13.00

### Paris 2024 Olympic Regulations – Eventing

#### Speakers' biographies

##### **David O'Connor (USA) – Chair, FEI Eventing Committee**

During his impressive career, David O'Connor has won three Olympic medals (team silver in Atlanta 1996 and individual gold and team bronze in Sydney 2000) as well as silver and gold medals at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg (CAN) and the FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2002 in Jerez de la Frontera (ESP). In December 2021, O'Connor was presented with the General Douglas MacArthur Exemplary Service Award by the United States Olympic Endowment making him the only equestrian to receive this distinction for his incredible contributions and commitment to equestrian sport. David O'Connor is also an International Eventing Course Designer and a successful trainer. He has been chair of the FEI Eventing Committee and member of the FEI Board since 2017.

##### **Catrin Norinder (FEI HQ) – Director, FEI Eventing and Olympic**

Catrin Norinder is the FEI Director Olympic and Eventing. Since joining the FEI in 1988, she has been involved in the organisation of equestrian sports at the Olympic Games starting with Seoul the same year. In parallel, Catrin Norinder has been in charge of Eventing including the creation and development of the Eventing Risk Management Programme. She was part of an IOC Evaluation Commission for the allocation of the Olympic Games and is a member of the ASOIF Multi-Sports Games Consultative Group. Catrin holds a degree in political science and is an organiser of international and national equestrian events in Lausanne (SUI).

##### **Geoff Sinclair (AUS) – Deputy Chair, FEI Eventing Committee**

Geoff Sinclair is the Deputy Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee and leads the FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG). He is an FEI Technical Delegate and Course Director and has officiated at five Olympic Games including Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016 as well as at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2002. He was Chef de Mission for the Australian team at the FEI World Equestrian Games 2006. Sinclair has been a member of Equestrian Australia (EA) for over 35 years and was EA Chairman from 2006 to 2008.

##### **Alex Hua Tian (CHN) - Olympian**

Alex Hua Tian is the first Chinese Eventing athlete in Olympic history, and the youngest ever Olympic Eventer of any nationality. He has represented China in three Olympic Games – Beijing 2008, Rio 2016 (where he was the only Chinese athlete to reach an Olympic final), and Tokyo 2020. Hua Tian has also participated at the Asian Games where he won silver at Incheon (KOR) in 2014 and bronze in Jakarta (INA) in 2018.

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## **Andrew Hoy (AUS) – eight-time Olympian**

Legendary Eventer Andrew Hoy has spent five decades around horses and is a man of many records. Having made his Olympic debut in 1984, he is the only Australian to have competed in eight Olympic Games winning six medals along the way. He carried Australia's flag at the opening ceremony of the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games where he won team gold. He then won team Olympic gold and individual silver on home ground in Sydney in 2000. At Tokyo 2020, at the age of 62, he became Australia's oldest Olympic medallist after winning a team silver and individual bronze in his eighth Olympic appearance. Andrew Hoy has competed in four FEI World Equestrian Games™ and has ridden around 180 5\* rounds.