

Session 5 – Monday, 25 April, 15:00 – 15:30

Paris 2024 Olympic Regulations – Para Dressage

Speakers' biographies

Amanda Bond (GBR) – Chair, FEI Para Equestrian Committee

Amanda Bond is the Head of Equestrian Affairs for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. She previously served as CEO of British Dressage from 2008 to 2014. During this time, Great Britain became Olympic and Paralympic Champions and amassed a total of 14 medals at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, where Bond also served as Paralympic Dressage Manager. She was Chief of Paralympics for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and Technical Delegate for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Amanda Bond has been on the FEI Para Equestrian Committee since 2012 and has served as its Chair since 2016. She has been an FEI Board Member since 2020.

Bettina De Rham (FEI HQ) – FEI Director, Dressage, Para Dressage, Vaulting

Bettina De Rham has been FEI Director of Dressage and Para Dressage since 2016. She also manages Vaulting and was in charge of Reining until it stopped being an FEI discipline in November 2021. One of De Rham's first missions upon joining the FEI in 2008 was assisting in the logistical coordination for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. Bettina De Rham, who is of Swiss and Dutch origins, is an amateur Dressage and Eventing competitor and an Event organiser at national level.

Michel Assouline (USA/FRA) – Member, FEI Para Equestrian Committee

Michel Assouline was appointed USEF Head of Coach Development & Para-Equestrian Dressage Technical Advisor at the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) in 2017. Prior to joining the USEF, he had spent 12 years as Head Coach for the multi-medal winning British Para Dressage programme. Assouline was awarded the Mussabini Medal, a sports award recognising British coaches, and was inducted into the UK Coaching Hall of Fame in 2012. In 2017 he received the British Dressage Medal of Honour. He has been on the FEI Para Equestrian Committee since 2019.

Rodolpho Riskalla (BRA) - Paralympian

Rodolpho Riskalla made his Paralympic debut on home soil at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games where he clocked up two top 10 finishes. He had been an international Grand Prix Dressage rider and had taken up para sport only a few months prior, following amputations of both his feet and most of his fingers as a result of bacterial meningitis. The same year he won the FEI Against All Odds Award. In 2018, he picked up two silver medals at his FEI World Equestrian Games™ debut in Tryon (USA). He won his first Paralympic medal – individual silver – at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.