



Session 1 – Olympic and Paralympic Regulations

FEI Secretary General, Sabrina Ibáñez opened the first session of the day by giving a short summary of a recent meeting held between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the FEI regarding the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games with the main point being that the IOC is looking at the following key criteria when assessing the specific disciplines that will be included in the LA2028 programme:

- Cost and complexity
- Best athletes and athlete safety
- Popularity and host country interest
- Uniqueness, universality, gender equality and relevance for youth
- Integrity and fairness
- Environmental sustainability.

The IOC confirmed that the total Athlete quota across all sports at LA2828 will be 10,500.

The FEI Secretary General went on to give overview of the full Consultation Processes that the FEI is applying for the review of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Regulations and outlined the following key stages of the processes:

- FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021, Antwerp (BEL)
- Olympic Regulations and Paralympic Regulations Consultation Process
 - o Surveys (December 2021)
 - o Survey Feedback (February 2022)
 - o Creation of Consultative Groups
 - o Online Consultation Sessions (March 2022)
- FEI Sports Forum 2022
- FEI Rules Revision Process 2022
 - o First Draft circulated on 6 July 2022
 - o Deadline for NF/MOU stakeholder comments on 24 August 2022
 - o Proposed Final Draft circulated on 14 October 2022
- FEI General Assembly 2022
 - o Rules Session on 12 November 2022
 - o General Assembly Vote on 13 November 2022

The FEI Deputy Legal Director, Áine Power, then went through the following main topics that will be reflected in the Paris 2024 Olympic/Paralympic Regulations:



Overview of Timeline for Paris 2024 Qualifications, MERs, Entry dates etc.

The provisional timeline for Paris 2024 Olympic Games was presented. Monday, 24 June 2024 was proposed as the FEI deadline for combinations to achieve the Minimum Eligibility Requirements.

Pre Competition Changes and Substitutions

The distinction between Pre-Competition Changes and Substitutions was highlighted.

Pre Competition Changes can be made up to two hours before the start of the first competition of the discipline (and up to two hours before the start of the Individual Qualifier in Jumping). No medical or veterinary certificate is required but changes can only be made from combinations entered on the Nominated Entries list.

Substitutions only apply for the team competitions within certain defined windows for each discipline and are only applicable if accompanied by a medical/veterinary certificate from the team doctor/vet. Again, substitutions can only be made from combinations entered on the Nominated Entries list.

In response to a question from Francois Mathy (IJRC) regarding the necessity of providing a medical/veterinary certificate for substitutions, it was confirmed that the reason that a medical/veterinary certificate is required for a substitution is to ensure that the quota assigned to the respective disciplines is respected. The reserve Athlete/Horse is only activated for a medical/veterinary reason so that the reserve combination is not considered as an additional quota place.

In response to questions from the GBR NF and the USA NF regarding the deadline for pre-competition changes and substitutions it was clarified that the pre-competition change/substitution must be completed 2 (two) hours before the start of the relevant competition in order to allow all broadcasting/media/results information to be updated to ensure that the correct athletes and horses details were displayed etc. The system worked well at Tokyo 2020 and all pre-competition changes/substitutions were processed within the deadline.

Athlete/Horse Nationality

The rule requiring horses that compete in the Olympic Games to be registered in the FEI Database by 15 January 2024 as having the same nationality as the NF it will compete for was explained and NFs were asked if they wished to retain this rule or not for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. In response to a suggestion to move the deadline to a date nearer to the MER deadline, the FEI Deputy Legal Director explained that the later the deadline is, the less certainty NFs will have regarding the pool of horses available to them for selection for Paris 2024. While the FEI is flexible on changing the date, the FEI will wait to see what feedback is provided by NFs/stakeholders on this rule/date as part of the rules revision process before proposing any changes. Eleonora Ottaviani (IJRC) requested confirmation about the nationality of companies that own horses and it was confirmed that



the nationality corresponds to the country in which the company is registered rather than the nationality of the owners/shareholders of the company.

NOC Certificate of Capability

It was proposed to retain the same NOC Certificate of Capability system applied for Tokyo 2020. Under this concept, which only applies for team quota places, the NOC will have to confirm to the FEI by 5 January 2024 that at least three Athlete/Horse combinations from the NOC have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements during the period of the respective discipline's FEI World Championship 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Additional NOC Accreditations for Equestrian

The details are still under discussion with the IOC, IPC and the Paris 2024 OCOG. According to the proposed system, each NOC may request accreditation for a maximum of two owners for each Horse allowed in the Olympic Stables (maximum of four horses per team (three + one reserve), one horse per individual) during the Olympic Games and Training venue passes. Quentin Simonet (FRA NF) requested that owner accreditations are maintained even after a substitution is made and the horse that is substituted is no longer competing. The panellists explained that all these matters would be raised with the delivery partner for Equestrian once that company had been appointed; the appointment is expected to be confirmed at the end of May 2022.

Will Connell (USA NF) encouraged National Federations to lobby their National Paralympic Committee for more training venue passes and access to the Paralympic Village, particularly for carers. He stressed that support staff and carers are essential to the running of the Games and the need to provide this support for them. The panellists confirmed that this is a concern that the FEI is also raising directly with the IPC.

It was confirmed that the cost of additional delegation accreditations would be at the cost of the NOCs/NPCs.

Medals

It was confirmed that any team Athlete who participates actively in a team Competition at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (i.e. is on the field of play) would be entitled to a medal if their team wins a medal.

Reallocation of Quotas

It was proposed that the same general reallocation system/concept that applied for Tokyo 2020 would apply for Paris 2024, subject to further discussion and confirmation by the IOC.

The FEI Deputy Legal Director mentioned that NF/Stakeholder feedback would be welcome on the reallocation method that should apply for filling up the Jumping team quota places. The options are to (i) retain the Composite Team concept; or (ii) to reallocate to the next best placed team (not already qualified) at the FEI Jumping World Championships 2022.

The quota reallocation system for the Paralympic Games was already approved at the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021.



Paris 2024 Olympic Games – Provisional Timetable

The FEI Director of Eventing and Olympic Games presented the provisional Competition timetable for the equestrian competitions at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. There are 11 days assigned to the equestrian competitions due to the fact that the venue will also be used for Modern Pentathlon. There will be 3 competition days for Eventing, 4 competition days for Dressage and 4 competition days for Jumping. There was some discussion about the allocation of only one day for the Dressage test of Eventing. The FEI and Eventing Olympic Games Director Catrin Norinder informed delegates that the FEI will be looking at ways to make the Eventing dressage test more efficient and that the one day for dressage will be tested in advance of the Olympic Games. However, these plans will only start taking shape when the delivery partner for the equestrian events will be appointed by the Organising Committee, which is expected to occur by the end of May 2022.

The FEI is waiting for further details on the schedule for the ParaEquestrian competitions from the Paris 2024 Organising Committee and the IPC. So far, the only information that has been confirmed is that the ParaEquestrian competitions will run from 1 – 5 September 2024.