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# FÉDÉRATION ÉQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

## Eventing

Updated 20 December 2018

### A. EVENTS (2)

#### Mixed Events (2)

Individual Competition  
Team Competition

### B. ATHLETES QUOTA

#### 1. Total Quota for Eventing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men/Women	62	3	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>65</b>

#### 2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men/Women	3	Maximum 1 Team with 3 athletes per team

#### 3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

### C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

#### Eventing – Age Requirements *(link to FEI 2020 Olympic Games regulations to be inserted)*:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December 2002 (18 years of age).

All horses participating in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 2012 (eight years of age).

#### Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

##### Eventing:

All Horses/Athletes who take part in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Eventing Competitions must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements (MER) as a combination by obtaining “FEI qualifying results” in the



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following level of Competition which take place from 1 January 2019 until (and including) 1 June 2020 that being the date five (5) weeks before the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline (the “MER Deadline”).

- 1 qualifying result at a CCI 5\*, Long 5\* (2019), or 5\* Major (2019) or
- 1 qualifying result in a CCI 4\* AND 1 qualifying result in a CIC 4\*.

**Note:** Taking into account the updated proposal for the eventing categories submitted to the FEI General Assembly in November 2017

An FEI qualifying result is achieved by completing the above Competitions within the minimum parameters of an all-round performance, with:

- **Dressage test:** minimum 55%percent;
- **Cross Country test:** clear (0) round or 11 penalty points on Cross Country Obstacles, not more than 75 seconds over the optimum Cross Country phase time. At “Classics (name TBC)” Events & CCI 5\*, the maximum time by which the optimum time may be exceeded is 100 seconds;
- **Jumping test:** not more than 16 jumping penalties.

1. **Minimum participation:** To be eligible as Olympic qualification Events, team Competitions outlined under section D must include at least three (3) NOCs i.e. with teams presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Horse Inspection. At least three (3) Athletes of the team must complete the Olympic Qualification event for the team to be considered qualified.
2. **List of Olympic Ranking Events and MER Events** (as defined in the Appendix) counting for achieving Olympic ranking points / minimum eligibility requirements for 2019 and 2020 will be published on the FEI website: ([www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)). This list of 2019 Events (Ranking and MER) will be published in December 2018 and the 2020 MER Events will be published in December 2019. No additions of Events will be accepted after the publication of the selected Events calendar. Replacement in case of cancellation of an Event for force majeure reasons will be reviewed on a case to case basis.
3. All 4, 5 and “Classics (name TBC)” star events counting for eligibility and qualification of nations will be on established and experienced events organising yearly events with a proven organisational record at the 4 star level.
4. The FEI reserves the right to appoint the main Officials (President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Veterinary Delegate) for 4, 5 star and “Classics (name TBC)” Events counting for qualification and eligibility.
5. **Participation restriction:** No **Athlete/Horse combination** may participate at an event to obtain an Olympic MER within the period of 4 weeks after having started the Cross country test of a Long format (CCI) event and/or 2 weeks (10 days) after a short format (CIC) event.

### D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

FEI Olympic Groups as referred to through the qualification procedure are based on the following seven (7) geographical regions:

- A - North Western Europe;
- B - South Western Europe;
- C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia;
- D - North America;
- E - Central & South America;
- F - Africa & Middle East;



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G - South East Asia, Oceania

The composition of each FEI Olympic Group is available on <https://inside.fei.org>

**QUALIFICATION PLACES**

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

**Team Qualification**

15 NOCs will obtain team qualification; one (1) as a host country place, 13 team quota places will be allocated through team championships and one (1) through the FEI Nations Cup™ Final, as per the table below. A team consists of three (3) athletes/horses.

<b>Number of Team Quota Places</b>	<b>Qualification Events</b>	<b>NOC</b>
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The Host Country (JPN) - <i>Please refer to section <b>Host Country Places</b> for further information.</i>	1. JPN
6 (max.18 athletes)	The six (6) best ranked teams from the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) excluding the Host Country team.	2. GBR 3. IRL 4. FRA 5. GER 6. AUS 7. NZL
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from the 2019 FEI European Eventing Championship, from FEI Olympic Groups A and/or B excluding teams qualified as above.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) best ranked team from a Group C 2019 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding teams qualified as above.	
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E at the 2019 Pan American Games, excluding teams qualified as above.	
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from the Olympic Groups F and/or G at a 2019 Group F and G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event excluding teams qualified as above.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The <del>highest placed team from the FEI Eventing Nations Cup Final 2019</del> or the highest ranked team according to the final classification of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series 2019, <del>as applicable</del> , excluding teams qualified as above. #	
<b>TOTAL: 15 teams / maximum 45 Athletes</b>		
<b>Reallocation Of Team Quota Place(s):</b>		
- Composite Team(s) (as defined in the Appendix)		
The total number of teams participating in the team competition, including Composite Teams, may not exceed 15.		

# pending confirmation that the IOC has informed NOCs of the clarification.



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**Individual Qualification:**

Only NOCs that have not accepted a team quota place are eligible to obtain individual quota places.

Each athlete can obtain a maximum of one (1) individual quota place for his NOC.

For Eventing, a nation can qualify for a maximum of two (2) individual places.

**The FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing**

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (as defined in the Appendix) is limited to the best **four (4) results** per Athlete/Horse **combination** in these events, within the period from **1 January – 31 December 2019**. The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Ranking - Eventing will be published by 15 December 2018 at the latest and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

<b>Number of Individual Quota Places</b>	<b>Qualification Events</b>	<b>NOC</b>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</b></p> <p>The two (2)* best ranked athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing from each of the seven (7) below-mentioned groups will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC:</p> <p>A - North Western Europe; B - South Western Europe C - Central &amp; Eastern Europe; Central Asia D - North America E - Central &amp; South America F - Africa &amp; Middle East G - South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p>* Unless one (1) or two (2) individual quota places from that FEI Olympic Group, has already been allocated to an NOC/NOCs from that FEI Olympic Group due to their withdrawal of a qualified team as per the process set out in paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (allocation through overall ranking)</b></p> <p>Six (6) individual quota places will be allocated in descending order of the best ranked Athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing (up to a maximum of two quota places per NOC).</p>	
<b>TOTAL: 20 Athletes</b>		



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**HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team with a maximum of three (3) Athletes. Each Athlete and Horse must fulfil the minimum age requirements and the minimum eligibility requirements to compete as listed in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team, it may send one (1) or two (2) eligible individual Athletes instead.

**E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

Following each qualification event, the FEI will publish the results on its website (<https://inside.fei.org>).

The team and Individual quota places will be confirmed separately as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

By 10 January 2020, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated team quota places. Each NOC must confirm or decline the allocated team quota place by 3 February 2020.

After the NOCs confirmation of team participation, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated individual quota places and each NOC with Individuals must confirm the use of quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

**F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES**

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES**

**Unused team quota places (excluding Host Country places)**

If an NOC does not confirm the NOC Certificate of Capability (as defined in the Appendix by 31 December 2019 or informs the FEI, by 3 February 2020, that it declines its team quota place, the team quota place(s) will be considered to be withdrawn and will be reallocated as follows:

- The team quota place(s) will be redistributed to the Composite Team(s), provided that the NOC(s) had the minimum three eligible combinations as of 31 December 2019.
- If an NOC has declined a team quota place by 3 February 2020 or an NOC has not confirmed the NOC Certificate of Capability by 31 December 2019, then the NOC will be allocated one (1) individual quota place from within the respective FEI Olympic Group in the Individual Qualification.
- A maximum of two (2) Individual quota places per FEI Olympic Group can be allocated to NOCs who were informed of their team quota place by the FEI on 10 January 2020.
- If more than two (2) NOCs from the same FEI Olympic Group withdraw prior to 3 February 2020, then priority for the Individual quota places will be given in chronological order of withdrawal, i.e. the NOC that has withdrawn earliest shall have priority. If the NOCs concerned have each withdrawn at the same time, the NOC with the highest ranking athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing shall have priority. In the event of a tie, the FEI will invite the NOCs/NFs concerned to a draw. If an NOC does not have any athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Eventing, then that NOC shall not be entitled to an Individual quota place.
  - o For the purpose of this process, the term “withdrawal” shall mean either:



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- (i) A written notification by an NOC to the FEI that the NOC declines its team quota place. In such circumstances, the date of withdrawal shall be the date the written notification is received by the FEI.
  - or
  - (ii) Failure by an NOC to confirm their NOC Certificate of Capability by 31 December 2019 deadline. In such circumstances, the date of withdrawal shall be deemed to be 31 December 2019.
- An NOC that withdraws its team quota place after 3 February 2020 will not be entitled to be allocated an Individual quota place in accordance with the process above.
  - If the full quota of 15 teams has not been reached following the reallocation of team quota places as detailed above, the unused athlete quota places (three (3) per team) will be reallocated to the NOCs as individual quota places. These places will be allocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked athletes from the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing, excluding NOCs that have already accepted a team quota place, and provided that the NOC has at least one (1) Athlete/Horse combination that fulfils the Minimum Eligibility Requirements by the MER Deadline.

### Unused individual quota places

If an allocated individual quota place is not confirmed by the NOC or is declined by the NOC by the confirmation deadline, 16 March 2020, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- To the NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing to the relevant Group according to the qualification procedure.
- Any unused or unallocated individual quota place to be reallocated through the overall FEI Olympic Rankings - Eventing.

## REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team or decides to send one (1) or two (2) eligible Athletes instead of a team, the unused Athletes quota places will be reallocated to the NOCs of the highest ranked Athletes, not already qualified in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**.

## G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

### P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate Athletes are non-competing Athletes, and are not included within the Athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the "Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide". P alternate Athletes can only become competing Athletes as per the conditions outlined in the "IOC/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy."

#### Eligibility:

P alternate Athletes and horses must comply with the same eligibility criteria and age requirements as competing Athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.



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Quota:

Each team is entitled to one (1) P alternate Athlete and one (1) P alternate Horse for a total of 15 P alternate Athletes and 15 P alternate horses for Eventing.

**H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE**

Date	Milestone
10 - 23 September 2018	FEI World Equestrian Games (Tryon, USA)
28 August –1 September 2019	FEI European Championships (Luhmühlen, GER) – FEI Olympic Groups A,B
22-26 May 2019	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (Baborowko, POL) – FEI Olympic Group C
26 July- 11 Aug 2019	Pan American Games (Lima, PER) FEI Olympic Groups D & E
22-26 May 2019	FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (Saumur, FRA) - FEI Olympic Groups F & G
By the end of the 2019 FEI Eventing Nations Cup season	FEI Eventing Nations Cup Final Classification

15 December 2018	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events (and ranking rules) and List of 2019 MER Events
WEG 2018 - 31 Dec. 2019	Period for NOCs to obtain a <b>team</b> quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
15 December 2019	FEI to publish List of 2020 MER Events
1 January - 31 December 2019	Ranking period: FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing
1 January 2019 – 1 June 2020 (“MER Deadline”)	Period for Athletes and Horses to obtain the FEI minimum eligibility requirements

By 10 January 2020	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their <b>team</b> quota place allocation
3 February 2020	NOC to confirm allocated <b>team</b> quota place to FEI. If an NOC withdraws their team quota place by this date or had not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2019, the NOC in question will be eligible for an <b>Individual</b> quota place (subject to the process set out in “Team Qualification”).
17 February 2020	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• allocation of Composite Team(s) quota place(s)</li> <li>• reallocation of one (1) Individual place to each NOC that has withdrawn their Team quota place (subject to the process set out in “Team Qualification”)</li> <li>• allocation of <b>Individual</b> quota places.</li> </ul> Determination of Individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Eventing



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16 March 2020	NOCs to confirm use of allocated Individual quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
1 June 2020 “MER Deadline”	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements. FEI Nominated Entries – FEI to receive FEI Certificates of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse combination)
one (1) day after MER Deadline	FEI to confirm approval of FEI Certificates of Capability to NFs
6 July 2020	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries Deadline
24 July 2020	Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020





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**APPENDIX - DEFINITIONS**

**Composite Team:** A three (3) member team from an NOC. The Composite Team will be selected according to the following process:

- the respective rankings of each NOC's top three (3) different athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing shall be added together to give an aggregate ranking;
- the NOC with the best aggregate ranking shall be awarded the redistributed quota place;
- in the event of a tie (i.e. where the aggregate rankings are the same), the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the highest ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Eventing. In the event of a further tie, the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the second highest ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Eventing, and so on. If the tie cannot be broken following this process, the FEI will invite the NOCs/NFs concerned to a draw.

**FEI Certificate of Capability:** A certificate that must be provided by the National Federation to the FEI for each Athlete and Horse that are nominated to participate in the Olympic Games. This certificate confirms the minimum eligibility requirements as laid down in the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games. It confirms that the Athletes and the Horses have the necessary experience and ability to participate at the required standard.

**FEI Olympic Ranking – Eventing:** The official rankings based on results achieved by an Athlete and Horse as a combination at the Olympic Ranking Events during the period 01 January 2019 – 31 December 2019. The List of the Olympic Ranking Events and the relevant ranking rules will be published by the FEI 15 December 2018.

**MER Deadline:** The date that falls five (5) weeks before the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline, such date to be communicated by the FEI upon confirmation by Tokyo 2020 and the IOC of the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline.

**MER Events:** Those events at which Athletes and Horses can earn the minimum eligibility requirements.

**NOC Certificate of Capability:** NOC confirmation that at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations from that NOC have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements during the period FEI World Equestrian Games 2018 – 31 December 2019. Such confirmation must be provided to the FEI by 31 December 2019.

**Olympic Ranking Events:** Those events at which points for the FEI Olympic Rankings – Eventing can be earned.