

A collage of equestrian sports images, including a dressage rider on a dark horse, a show jumper clearing a rail, a team of horses and drivers in a carriage, and a rider on a horse in a stadium. The images are set against a dark background with colorful geometric shapes like triangles and rectangles.

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Qualification Systems
LA 2028 Olympic and
Paralympic Games



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Qualification Systems: 2025

Quotas

Qualification Events

Allocation of Quotas

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MERs

FEI Olympic Groups

Qualification Timeline

Olympic Regulations: 2026

Competition Formats

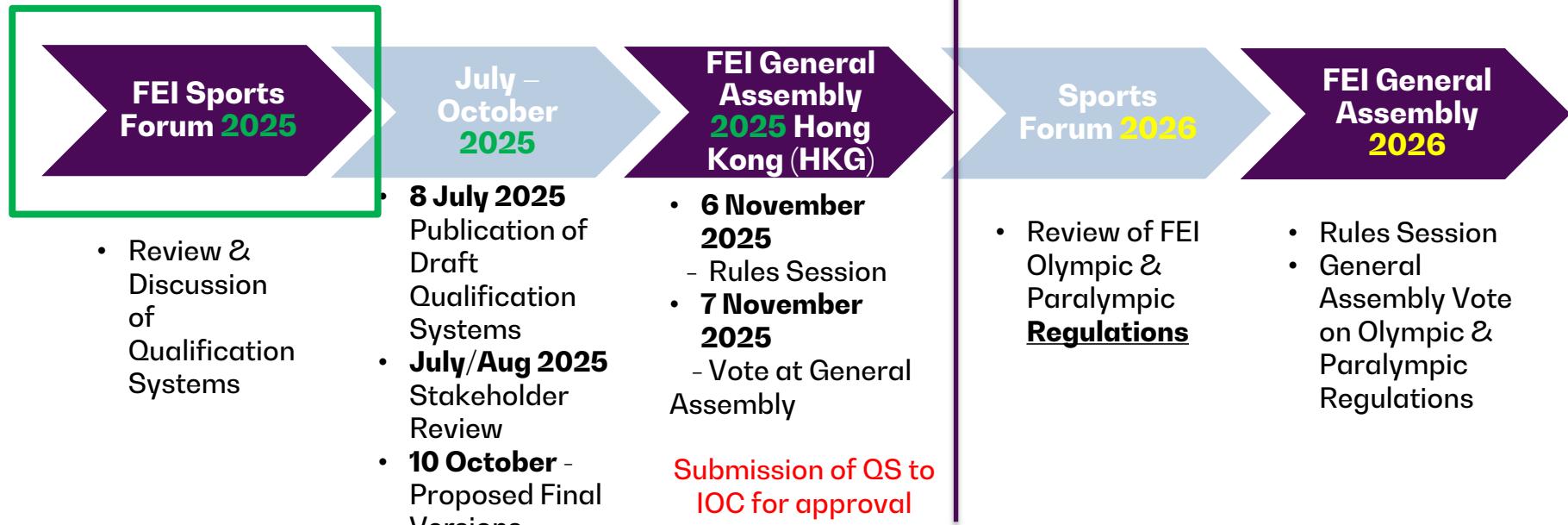
Horse Ownership

*Pre-Competition
Changes/Substitution*

Accreditations

Officials

Consultation Roadmap – Qualification System





LA2028 Qualification Timeline

FEI World Championships 2026 - 31 Dec. 2027	Start of Qualification Period - Team & Individual
1 Jan 2027–11 June 2028	Period to earn MERS
Jan. 2028 (exact date TBC)	NOC Certificate of Capability (Teams only)
Early Jan. 2028 (exact date TBC)	Formal Allocation of Quota by FEI (followed by quota confirmation/reallocation)
Sunday, 11 June 2028 (Proposal)	MER Deadline (4.5 weeks before Opening Ceremony (like Paris 2024))
MER Deadline +1 day: 12 June 2028	FEI Nominated Entries (FEI Certificate of Capability)
26 June 2028	LA 2028 Sports Entries Deadline (OCOG/IOC Deadline)
14 July 2028	Opening Ceremony



Team & Individual Quota Phases

Teams: 3 Phases in Qualification Cycle

Aachen 2026 – 31
December 2027

January 2028

11 June 2028

1
Qualification
Events

2
FEI
Allocation of
Team Quota

3
Obtain
MERs

*NOC Certificate
of Capability
January 2028*

*NF/NOC
Confirmation of
Quota Place
February 2028*

*FEI Certificate of
Capability
12 June 2028*

**Remember! Final Selection/Entry is by NOC:
Sports Entries – 26 June 2028**

Individuals: 3 Phases in Qualification Cycle

1 January 2027 –
31 December 2027

1
Olympic
Rankings /
Pan Am
(Jumping,
Dressage –
Groups D & E)

February 2028

2
FEI
Allocation of
Individual
Quota

*NF/NOC
Confirmation of
Quota Place
Feb/March 2028*

11 June 2028

3
Obtain
MERs

*FEI Certificate of
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NOC Certificate of Capability

NOC Certificate of Capability

Proposal:

Same System as applied for
Tokyo 2020 & Paris 2024



Olympic
MER



Olympic
MER



Olympic
MER



NOC
Certificate of
Capability

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World Championships 2026 – 31 December 2027

January
2028

**Any three Athlete/Horse combinations per discipline
(3 different Athletes and Horses)**

NOC Certificate of Capability

- NOC confirmation to be provided to the FEI that at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations from that NOC have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements during the period from the FEI World Championships 2026 – 31 December 2027.
- Deadline: **January 2028** (exact date TBC)
- Applies for **Team Quota places** only
- Does not apply for Paralympic Games





Reallocation of Quota Places

Tokyo & Paris Qualification Systems: Teams



PARIS 2024 – Olympic Games NOC FEI CERTIFICATE OF CAPABILITY To confirm Team Eligibility

Deadline to submit to FEI – 8 January 2024

NF/ NOC confirmation that at least three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations from that NOC have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) between the period of the beginning of the FEI World Championships 2022 (Date of the first competition for the relevant Olympic discipline) and 31 December 2023 (included). Such confirmation must be provided to the **FEI** by **08 January 2024** and sent to Catrin Norinder (catrin.norinder@fei.org) with copy to Nitia Lazzari (nitia.lazzari@fei.org).

Discipline: JUMPING – DRESSAGE – EVENTING (Please submit a separate form per discipline)

ATHLETES	HORSES
1. Athlete FEI ID number / Last and first name	Horse FEI ID number / name



NOC Certificate of Capability
not submitted

Team Quota Allocation
withdrawn/not confirmed

NOC automatically allocated 1 Individual Quota Place instead
(Taken from relevant FEI Olympic Group)

Proposal: LA 2028 Qualification Systems: Teams



PARIS 2024 – Olympic Games
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Team Quota Allocation
withdrawn/not confirmed

No automatic allocation of Individual Quota Place instead

That NOC must earn Individual Quota Place(s) via the Olympic Rankings

Display of Qualified Teams and Rankings

RANKINGS AND STANDINGS PAGE



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Jumping - Olympic Ranking - N° 12 - 31/12/2023
(Include validated results from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023)

Ranking / Standing Date	<input type="text" value="dd/MM/yyyy"/>
Ranking / Standing Year	<input type="text"/>
Ranking / Standing Number	<input type="text"/>
Athlete Name	<input type="text"/>
Horse Name	<input type="text"/>
Athlete FEI ID	<input type="text"/>
Horse FEI ID	<input type="text"/>
NF	<input type="text"/>
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Rank	Previous	FEI ID	Athlete	FEI ID	Horse	NF	Points				
13	18	10001197	CAMILLI, Emanuele	106M22	ODENSE ODEVELD	ITA	1215				
23	68	10005736	GAUDIANO, Emanuele	104MK27	CHALOU	ITA	1090				
45	36	10004022	SEABRA, Duarte	106FR63	DOURADOS 2	POR	942				
74	72	10040081	NERETNIIEKS, Kristaps	106RW22	PALLADIUM KJ/V	LAT	839				
97	91	10000705	SCHOU, Andreas	105C03	DARC DE LUX	DEN	739				
107	160	10017143	NASSAR, Nayel	104HIU88	CORONADO	EGY	724				
110	99	10065074	MYTILINEOU, Ioli	105TB21	LEVIS DE MUZE	GRE	718				
120	134	10015764	BETTENDORF, Victor	105XN53	MR. TAG	LUX	700				
136	192	10005736	GAUDIANO, Emanuele	106IY19	NIKOLAJ DE MUSIC	ITA	670				
143	240	10072382	ZEYADA, Mouda	106AC28	IF LOOKS COULD KILL O.H.	EGY	665				
144	183	10043516	DE LUCA, Lorenzo	104KG50	DON VITO	ITA	664				
184	162	10021132	LARRAZABAL, Luis Fernando	106JP58	CONDARA	VEN	590				

Number of quota places	Qualification events	NOC	Reserve NOCs
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The host country - Please refer to section D.2. Host country places for further information.	1. FRA	
5 (max. 15 athletes)	The five (5) highest ranked teams from the 2022 FEI Jumping World Championships, Herning DEN (10 – 14 August 2022) excluding the host country team.	2. SWE 3. NED 4. GBR 5. IRL 6. GER	1. ITA 2. DEN 3. NOR
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The highest team according to the final classification of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final 2022, Barcelona, ESP (29 September – 2 October 2022) excluding teams qualified as above.*	7. BEL	1. ARG 2. NOR
3 (max. 9 athletes)	The three (3) highest ranked teams from the 2023 FEI Jumping European Championship, Milano, ITA (29 Aug - 03 September 2023) from FEI Olympic Groups A and/or B excluding teams qualified as above.	8. AUT 9. ESP 10. SUI	1. ITA 2. DEN 3. POR
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) highest ranked teams from a Group C 2023 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (Praha, CZE, 26-30 July 2023), excluding teams qualified as above.	11. ISR 12. POL	1. HUN 2. TUR 3. CZE
3 (max. 9 athletes)	The three (3) highest ranked teams from FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E at the 2023 Pan American Games, Santiago, CHI (26-29 October 2023), excluding teams qualified as above.	13. USA 14. CAN 15. MEX	1. ARG 2. COL 3. CHI
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) highest ranked teams from the Olympic Groups F at a 2023 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (Doha, QAT, 27-28.03.2023) excluding teams qualified as above	16. KSA 17. UAE	1. EGY 2. MAR 3. QAT

Proposal:

Separate displays in FEI Olympic Hub showing qualification status after Qualification Events (teams) and Olympic Rankings (individuals).

NOCs with qualified teams will not be removed from Individual ranking list until after team quota place is confirmed by FEI & accepted by NOC/NF.



Reallocation: Overview by Discipline

	Jumping	Eventing	Dressage
Team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) NOC of next best team* at Qualification Event that original quota was earned 2) FEI World Championships 2026 Ranking 3) Composite Teams <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 20px;"> * Not already qualified </div>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) NOC of Composite Team* from Olympic Ranking (2 attempts) 2) If not enough Composite Teams, quota place reallocated as individual quota places via Overall Olympic Rankings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) NOC of Composite Team* from Olympic Ranking 2) If not enough Composite Teams, quota place reallocated as individual quota places via Overall Olympic Rankings
Individual	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For Pan Am Individual Quota only: NOC of next best Individual* at Pan Am Games 2) NOC of next best Individual* in the Rankings of the relevant Olympic Group 3) If no eligible Individual via Pan Am Games/ Olympic Ranking, reallocated to NOC of next best Individual* in the Overall Olympic Rankings. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 20px;"> Jumping: Max 1 individual per NOC </div>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) NOC of next best Individual in the Rankings of the relevant Olympic Group (1 attempt) 1) If no eligible Individual in the Olympic Ranking (after 1 attempt), reallocated to NOC of the next best Individual in the Overall Olympic Rankings. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 20px;"> Eventing: Max 2 individuals per NOC </div>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For Pan Am Individual Quota only: NOC of next best Individual* at Pan Am Games (1 attempt) (Clarification) 2) NOC of next best Individual* in the Rankings of the relevant Olympic Group (1 attempt) 3) If no eligible Individual* in the Pan Am Games/ Olympic Ranking (after 1 attempt) reallocated to NOC of the next best Individual in the Overall Olympic Rankings. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 20px;"> Dressage: Max 1 individual per NOC </div>



Cancellation of a Qualification Event

Qualification Event Cancellation

Proposal:



If a Qualification Event is cancelled (e.g. due to Force Majeure); quota place(s) to be reallocated based on composite team ranking within relevant FEI Olympic Group

Qualification Events will be allocated by FEI Board further to a bid process (as per Paris 2024 process)



Eventing





Eventing: Team Qualification Events & Quotas

Distribution as per Paris 2024 – 16 Teams of 3

Team Qualification – Los Angeles 2028

	OLYMPIC GROUP	NO. OF QUOTA PLACES
The Host Nation	N/A	1
FEI Eventing World Championships 2026	Highest Ranked Teams (excl Host Nation)	7
FEI Eventing European Championships 2027	FEI Olympic Groups A and or B	2
FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event 2027	FEI Olympic Group C	1
Pan American Games 2027	FEI Olympic Groups D and E (combined)	2
FEI Olympic Group F & G Designated Qualification Event 2027	FEI Olympic Groups F and G (combined)	2
FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series 2027	Highest Ranked Team in series classification (not already qualified)	1



Eventing: Individual Quotas – Total: 17

Distribution as per Paris 2024

Los Angeles 2028		
FEI OLYMPIC GROUP	ALLOCATION METHOD	NO. OF QUOTA PLACES
FEI Olympic Group A	FEI Olympic Ranking Group A	2
FEI Olympic Group B	FEI Olympic Ranking Group B	2
FEI Olympic Group C	FEI Olympic Ranking Group C	2
FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E	FEI Olympic Ranking Groups D&E	4
FEI Olympic Group F	FEI Olympic Ranking Group F	2
FEI Olympic Group G	FEI Olympic Ranking Group G	2
NOC of highest ranked Athletes (max 2 per NOC)	Overall FEI Olympic Ranking	3



Eventing: Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- MER principle with “Confirmation Result” maintained. **Proposed clarified wording:**
 - (i) **One (1) FEI MER Result at a CCI5*-L; or**
 - (ii) **One (1) FEI MER Result in a CCI4*-L AND 1 MER Result in a CCI4*-S**

Should the above Result(s) be obtained in 2027, one additional FEI MER Result in a CCI4*-S or CCI4*-L or CCI5*-L must be obtained after 1 January 2028 and before 12 June 2028 (the “Confirmation Result”).

- In case of multiple MERs: must be achieved at a minimum of **2 different venues**.
- One frangible device activation (11 penalty points) or one missed flag (15 penalty points) to allow for an Olympic MER.



Eventing: Olympic Ranking & MER Events

- Lists of 2027 and 2028 selected Olympic Ranking and MER Events for Eventing to be published in December 2026 and December 2027.
- All selected Events to be held at established and experienced venues. Requirement for **one (1) higher level event (i.e. CCI(O)4*-S level, CCI(O)4*-L level, CCI5* level)** to be held in the year prior to the Olympic Ranking and MER Event. Special cases, such as cancellations of past Events due to weather conditions, force majeure, or other exceptional circumstances, will be reviewed by the Eventing Committee.
- Requirement for minimum one FEI Eventing L4 Official to be appointed at the Event (Ground Jury, Technical Delegate or Course Designer).



Eventing: Participation Restriction

- Period in which an Athlete/Horse combination may not obtain an Olympic MER and Olympic Ranking Points.
- When?
 - 24 days after having started the Cross-country test of a CCI4*-L and/or CCI5*-L Event.
 - 10 days after having started the Cross-country test of a CCI4*-S Event.
- Applies to **CCI4*** and **CCI5*** Events only.
- Period is calculated from Cross-Country to Cross-Country.



Eventing: Horse Age Requirement

- Minimum age of Horses for participation in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games set to **nine** years old instead of eight.



Jumping





Jumping: Team Qualification Events & Quotas

Proposed changes to the distribution of Quotas for Los Angeles 2028:

Los Angeles 2028		Paris 2024	
Host Nation	1	<i>Host Nation</i>	1
FEI Jumping World Championship 2026	7	<i>FEI Jumping World Championship 2022</i>	5
Longines League of Nations™ Final 2026	0	<i>FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2022</i>	1
FEI Jumping European Championship 2027 (A/B)	3	<i>FEI Jumping European Championship 2023 (A/B)</i>	3
Olympic Qualification Event 2027 (C)	2	<i>Olympic Qualification Event 2023 (C)</i>	2
Pan American Games 2027 (D /E)	3	<i>Pan American Games 2023 (D /E)</i>	3
Olympic Qualification Event 2027 (F)	2	<i>Olympic Qualification Event 2023 (F)</i>	2
Olympic Qualification Event 2027 (G)	2	<i>Olympic Qualification Event 2023 (G)</i>	2
Longines League of Nations™ Final 2027	0	<i>FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final 2023</i>	1



Jumping: Individual Quotas -Total: 15

Distribution as per Paris 2024

Los Angeles 2028

FEI OLYMPIC GROUP	ALLOCATION METHOD	NO. OF QUOTA PLACES
FEI Olympic Group A	FEI Olympic Ranking Group A	2
FEI Olympic Group B	FEI Olympic Ranking Group B	2
FEI Olympic Group C	FEI Olympic Ranking Group C	2
FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E	Pan American Games 2027	3
	FEI Olympic Ranking Groups D & E (combined)	1
FEI Olympic Group F	FEI Olympic Ranking Group F	2
FEI Olympic Group G	FEI Olympic Ranking Group G	2
NOC of highest ranked Athlete (not already qualified)	Overall FEI Olympic Ranking	1



Jumping: Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- No proposed changes to the MERs for Los Angeles 2028.

Jumping: MER Competitions

- Lists of 2027 and 2028 selected MER Competitions for Jumping to be published in December 2026 and December 2027.
- No addition of Competitions will be accepted after publication of the respective lists of selected Competitions counting for MERs. Replacement in case of cancellation of an Event for force majeure reasons will be reviewed on a case by case basis.



Dressage





Dressage: Team Quotas & Qualification Events

Distribution as per Paris 2024 – 15 Teams of 3

Team Qualification – Los Angeles 2028

	OLYMPIC GROUP	NO. OF QUOTA PLACES
The Host Nation	N/A	1
FEI Dressage World Championships 2026	Highest Ranked Teams (excl Host Nation)	6
FEI Dressage European Championships 2027	FEI Olympic Groups A and or B	3
FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event 2027	FEI Olympic Group C	1
Pan American Games 2027	FEI Olympic Groups D and or E	2
FEI Dressage World Championships 2026 or, if quota place not filled at World Championships, at a FEI Olympic Group F Designated Qualification Event 2027	FEI Olympic Group F	1
FEI Dressage World Championships 2026 or, if quota place not filled at World Championships, at a FEI Olympic Group G Designated Qualification Event 2027	FEI Olympic Group G	1



Dressage: Individual Quotas – Total: 15

Distribution as per Paris 2024

Los Angeles 2028		
FEI OLYMPIC GROUP	ALLOCATION METHOD	NO. OF QUOTA PLACES
FEI Olympic Group A	FEI Olympic Ranking Group A	2
FEI Olympic Group B	FEI Olympic Ranking Group B	2
FEI Olympic Group C	FEI Olympic Ranking Group C	2
FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E	Pan American Games 2027	2
	FEI Olympic Ranking Groups D & E (combined)	2
FEI Olympic Group F	FEI Olympic Ranking Group F	2
FEI Olympic Group G	FEI Olympic Ranking Group G	2
NOC of highest ranked Athlete (not already qualified)	Overall FEI Olympic Ranking	1



Dressage: Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 Dressage Competitions, all Athletes/Horses must achieve, as a combination, the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (**MER**) at selected Events which take place from 1 January 2027 until (and including) the MER Deadline. Athlete/Horse combination must fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements as described below.
- **A minimum 67% must be attributed twice** to the Athlete/Horse combination by both a L4 judge and as an average from all judges in the competition, and the score must be achieved in a Grand Prix test at **two different CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5*/CDI-W/CDIO events**. The two L4 judges must be of a nationality other than of the Athlete. Scores achieved Grand Prix classes (Consolation) judged by three Judges do not count towards the minimum eligibility requirement.



Para Dressage –

Paralympic Qualification System



Qualification Timeline

1 Jan. 2026 – 11 July 2028	Period to earn MERS
FEI Para Dressage World Championships 2026 – 31 Dec. 2027	Qualification Period Team & Individual slots allocation
Early March 2028 (exact date TBC)	Formal Allocation of Quota (followed by quota confirmation/reallocation)
Monday, 11 July 2028 (proposal)	MER Deadline (5 weeks before Opening Ceremony)
MER Deadline +1 day	FEI Nominated Entries (Certificate of Capability)
August 2028 (TBC)	Los Angeles 2028 Sports Entries Deadline (OCOG/IPC Deadline)
15 August 2028	Opening Ceremony

Team Quota Places

No change from Paris 2024 – subject to IPC Confirmation

Qualification Event	Team Quota Places
Host Country	1
FEI World Championship 2026	7
FEI European Championship 2027	1
FEI Para Equestrian Regional Team Ranking Allocation (Africa, Americas, Asia, Oceania)	4 (1 per Region)
FEI Para Equestrian Team Ranking List	2 highest ranked teams not already qualified
TOTAL	15 Teams

Individual Quota Places

- No change from Paris 2024

Method	Regions	No. of Individual Quota Places
Para Equestrian Individual Ranking List Allocation – Regional Distribution	<p>Three (3) highest ranked Athletes from each of the following regions each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, irrespective of Grade, and up to two (2) slots per NPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Africa• Americas• Asia• Europe• Oceania	15
Bipartite Commission Invitation	As per Bipartite Commission criteria	3

Reallocation: Paralympic Games

- **Unused Team Slots:** Reallocated as individual quota places. Next highest ranked NPC on FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List (not otherwise qualified) (max 2 per NPC)
- **Unused Individual Slots:** Reallocated as individual quota places. Next highest ranked NPC on FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List (not otherwise qualified) (max 2 per NPC)

Overall No. of Athletes: 78

Para Dressage: Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Athletes must be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2028.

Change proposed:

- Increase to two (2) scores of 64% from two different CPEDI3* (or above) between 1 January 2026 and MER Deadline



Thank you & Good Luck!