

**Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro, 6-18 August 2016
Qualification System
Proposal**

8-9 April 2013, IMD, Lausanne (SUI)**INTRODUCTION**

After the successful 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games it is now the moment to look at the Rio Olympics and Paralympics in 2016. Our different departments have invested a lot of time in the debriefing of these Games with the goal to make further improvements but also to pass on the knowhow to the next Organiser(s).

An important item is of course the quota and qualification system for the next Games. The experiences prior and during the Games have taught us that although the existing system works generally well, there is need for some improvements.

When looking at all the different aspects we need to bear in mind the very clear message of the IOC that no increase of the all over quota for equestrian sport of 200 horses will be accepted. Consequently any improvement needs to be addressed within this quota of 200 horses. With a sport that is (luckily) developing in all parts of the world this is not an easy exercise.

The FEI Sports Forum organised by the FEI for the first time in 2012 has shown that this is the ideal platform to discuss these kinds of sport-related matters with our National Federations and stakeholders. The ultimate goal of these discussions is to find a consensus around a proposal which will be submitted to the IOC.

The Forum discussions about the Olympic and Paralympics quota and qualification system will be organised in 3 sections. The main goal throughout these 3 sections is to harmonise our rules and by doing this to make them also easier to understand for a larger public.

In the first section we will discuss the proposal to harmonise the composition of teams and to review as a result of this the distribution of quota over the 3 Olympic Disciplines. The goal is to maintain the same number of qualification possibilities for our NFs in the 3 disciplines. In a second section we want to submit some general principles with the goal to harmonise the rules between the 3 disciplines but also to address new situations that occurred during the last Games and which need to be solved. And last but not least, we will also look at the specific qualification system of each discipline.

Compared to the past, the success of Equestrian Sport at the London Olympics and Paralympics has put us in a somewhat more secure position with regard to our place in the Olympic Programme. However, we must remain vigilant and alert and we should not spare any effort to keep our sport as successful as possible in the Games. We must also accept that the IOC will not increase our quota which would of course have made the discussions at the Sports Forum much easier. Furthermore, we must understand and accept that it will be impossible to make everybody happy and that after an open discussion we have the responsibility to come to a conclusion. The success and respect for our sport and for the FEI will also depend on the capability of our community to stand together unified behind a proposal for the IOC, knowing that in this case the solution will be the best one possible, but not ideal.

I thank you in advance for your contribution to the discussions and your willingness to find proper solutions in the interest of our sport in general.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES**1. NUMBER OF RIDERS PER TEAM:**

To line up the 3 Olympic Disciplines, the teams for the Olympic Games would include a maximum of 4 riders per team with the 3 best riders' result to count for the 3 Olympic Disciplines (from 5 riders to 4 in Eventing; from 3 riders to 4 in Dressage).

For Eventing, this includes the introduction of reserve horses (1 per team), same as for the other Disciplines.

2. QUOTA SHIFT:

Given the harmonisation of the number of riders per team (4 with 3 to count) in all 3 Olympic disciplines, a quota shift is necessary to ensure the same number of nations can qualify for the Olympic Games. For this reason the following quota shift is proposed:

Jumping: 75 riders (as current)

Dressage: 60 riders (10 additional athletes from 50 in 2012)

Eventing: 65 riders (from 75 in 2012)

It is highlighted that for Eventing the simulation based on the 2012 Olympic Games of the new quota distribution did not influence the number of nations qualified taking into account the reduction from 5 to 4 riders per team .

3. DISCIPLINE QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 **Team:** To ensure fair conditions and that all nations have 2 possibilities to qualify teams (from FEI World Equestrian Games and other FEI Championships and approved events)
- 3.2 **Individual:** Individual places for all 3 Disciplines to be allocated from the respective Olympic Ranking lists.
1 dedicated place will be guaranteed for each group and the other places will be allocated for the 3 disciplines based on the rankings in order of classification regardless of the region. Nations already qualified as teams will not be included for any of the Individual places.

4. QUOTA PLACE

One Athlete can only earn 1 quota place (this is a change from previous Olympics.)

5. QUALIFYING EVENTS

The Qualifying Events must be entered in the FEI Calendar in accordance with the relevant FEI Calendar deadlines (at the latest by 1 October unless an earlier date is specified by the relevant Sport Rules; for example, for 5* Events in Jumping the dates shall be approved two years prior to the year in which the Event is to take place). Once the list of Qualifying Events is published by the FEI, there cannot be any new Events added to such list, unless there is a Force Majeure event and subject to FEI's approval.

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The list of the 2015 Qualifying Events will be published by the end of 2014, and the list of the 2016 Qualifying Events will be published by the end of 2015.

The list of Events for Athletes and Horses to obtain Quota Places (individual qualification) through Olympic Rankings to be strongly respected and exceptions to be avoided. It is important to recognize that even exceptions that have an indirect impact on selection should be avoided.

The invitation criteria for each Qualifying Event set in each Schedule to be reviewed and approved by the FEI and then strictly respected by all participants.

6. HORSES – NATIONALITY

Horses entered for the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games must have been registered with FEI as property of owners of the same nationality as the Athlete, by 15 January 2016. (Note: For the previous Olympic Games, the deadline was 31 December of the year preceding the OG)

7. ATHLETES – NATIONALITY CHANGES

Any Athlete changing his/her sport nationality during the Olympic Qualification period will be removed from the Olympic Individual Rankings.

In addition, only Athletes who can represent country X in the Olympic Games according to the IOC nationality's requirements shall be allowed to earn a quota place for such country X.

8. QUALIFICATION OF NATIONS (dates are based on 2012 deadlines and are subject to change further to discussion with the IOC and Rio2016 OC)

The deadline for NFs/NOCs to gain qualification to take part in the Olympic Games shall be 29 February 2016 (only results until 29 February 2016 midnight in the country where the Competition is taking place will be considered for such purpose).

NFs/NOCs will be informed by the FEI, within 48 hours after the above mentioned deadline of their qualification with either a team and/or individuals for the 2016 Olympic Games. Qualified NFs/NOCs must inform the FEI in writing by 31 March 2016 whether or not they intend to participate in the Olympic Games. An NF/NOC confirming its intent to participate in the Olympic Games will imply that such this NF/NOC is qualified to participate in the Olympic Games

The FEI will reallocate all available places by *15 April 2016*.

9. DISQUALIFICATION FOR DOPING/MEDICATION MATTERS

Disqualification for doping/medication matters (and especially team disqualification): Same Rules as for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

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Jumping Qualification System

A. Events (2)

MIXED EVENTS (2)
Team Competition
Individual Competition

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men/Women	71	4	75
TOTAL	71	4	75

	QUOTA PER NOC
TOTAL	4 Places (1 Team)

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.
All horses and athletes who take part in the 2016 2 Olympic Games must achieve the minimum eligibility standard required. Athletes and horses must obtain the minimum requirements at selected events which take place from 1 January 2015 4 until 17 June 2016 2 .
For the Olympic Games athletes and horses are required to reach the minimum eligibility standards as combinations by achieving the following results between 1 January 2015 4 and 17 June 2016 2 :
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes and horses that have had not more than eight penalties in the team competition (1st or 2nd round) at the 20154 European Championships or Pan American Games or other FEI 20154 Continental Championships for Seniors. 2. Those athletes and horses that have completed the Individual Final competition at the 20154 European Championship or Pan American Games or other FEI 20154 Continental Championships for Seniors. 3. Athletes and horses that have completed the first round of two FEI World Cup™ qualifying competitions at selected outdoor FEI World Cup™ events with not more than a total score of zero penalties. 4. Athletes and horses can become eligible according to any one of the following paragraphs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. athletes and horses must have completed the first round of two Grand Prix competitions at selected CSI3* outdoor events with a score of zero penalties. 4.2. athletes and horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix competition at a CSI4* outdoor event with a score of not more than four penalties. 4.3. athletes and horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix competition at a CSI5* outdoor event with a score of not more than eight penalties. 4.4. athletes and horses must have completed the first or second round of a Nations Cup

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competition at a selected CSIO outdoor event with a score of not more than four penalties in the first round or zero penalties in the second round, or must have completed the first round of the Grand Prix competition with a score of not more than four penalties, provided the courses of these competitions are built according to the dimensions laid down in Article 6 below.

- 4.5. athletes and horses must have completed the first or second round of a Nations Cup competition at a CSIO5* outdoor event with a score of not more than eight penalties, or must have completed the first round of the Grand Prix competition with a score of not more than eight penalties.
5. The list of selected 201~~54~~ events will be published in December 201~~40~~ and the 201~~62~~ selected events will be published in December 201~~54~~.
6. Selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix competitions and FEI World Cup™ qualifying competitions must meet the following specifications: consist of at least 12 obstacles which may vary in height between 1.40m and 1.60m. ~~There must be a water jump of 3.50m including the take-off element.~~ The spread obstacles must have spreads of between 1.50m to 2.00m (2.20m for the triple bar). At least two straight obstacles must be provided with a minimum height of 1.60m.
7. NFs unable to send complete teams to any of the CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete hors concours in the Nations Cup competition.
8. Foreign Assessing Delegate: If a NF finds it impossible for its athletes to reach minimum eligibility standards as above, the FEI will upon request of the NF, send a Foreign Delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special competition. This competition will consist of one round with the dimensions as laid down on a course plan provided by the FEI. Athletes/horses scoring 8 penalties or less in this round will be considered to be eligible. The FEI Foreign Delegate will advise the NF and the FEI on the granting of eligibility (Certificates of Capability). If an athlete/horse combination has more than 8 penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the Foreign Delegate can let him/her repeat a similar course. But in no case can an athlete become eligible if he/she has scored more than 8 penalties in the second round. The NFs of the eligible horses and riders will be informed by the FEI immediately.
9. At Nations Cup and CSI3*/4*/5* Grand Prix competitions, the Foreign Judge, is responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions, and will confirm to the FEI that the minimum eligibility requirements have been achieved.
10. Certificates of Capability must be received by the FEI for athletes and horses not later than ~~17 June~~ 201~~62~~. Athletes and horses for whom Certificates of Capability have not been received will not be allowed to participate in the Olympic Games.

Glossary:

- CSI: Concours de Saut International
- CDI: Concours de Dressage International
- CCI: Concours Complet international

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D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

FEI Olympic Groups as referred to through the qualification procedure are based on the following 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;
- G - South East Asia, Oceania

Note: The FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping referenced herein will be released on ~~1 march 2012~~.

Jumping Team – Qualification System

165 NOCs will be qualified to take part with a team consisting of 4 athletes & 4 horses or 3 athletes & 3 horses as follows:

1.	The Host nation. <u>If the Host nation is not represented by a team it may be represented by one or two individuals. The remaining host Nation team places are added to the total number of individuals.</u>	1	
2.	The 5 best ranked teams from the World Equestrian Games (WEG) 2014, excluding team qualified above	5	
3.	The 3 best ranked teams from Groups A & B at the 2015 European Jumping Championship, excluding the teams qualified above	3	
4.	The 3 best ranked teams from the 2015 Pan-American Games, excluding the teams qualified above	3	
5.	The team with the best combined classification among the Group F Teams at the WEG 2014 and the 2015 FEI selected Olympic Qualification event from Group F*	1	
6.	<u>The best ranked team from FEI Olympic Group C or G at the WEG</u>		
67.	The best ranked team of Olympic Qualification Group C or G at the 2015 FEI selected Olympic Qualification event. If Groups C and G are not represented by a team at the WEG 2014, the best 2 teams of the Olympic Groups C and G at a 2011 FEI approved qualification event are selected. The reverse counts if the 2011 FEI approved event for Groups C and G does not take place.	1	
7	<u>The two best ranked teams of Olympic Qualification Group G at the 2015 FEI selected Olympic Qualification event.</u>	2	
TOTAL		165	Teams

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Note: * In case of a tie for this position the team with the better result at the WEG 20140 is selected. If Group F is not represented by a team at the WEG 20140, the best placed team of Group F at the 20154 FEI selected Olympic Qualification event will obtain a quota place.

Jumping Individual – Qualification System

115 quota places will be reserved for NOCs not represented by teams, each athlete with 1 horse, with a maximum of 2 athletes per NOC.

4.	Should the host nation (GBR) not enter a team, it shall directly qualify up to 2 individual athletes		
12.	<u>Each NOC of the competitor placed first on the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Jumping, 1 March 2016, in each of the following regions or regional groupings is qualified to enter 1 individual providing the NOC is not represented by a team. If the NOC is represented by a team the NOC of the next best placed competitor on the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Jumping is qualified: (7)</u> <u>A - North Western Europe;</u> <u>B - South Western Europe</u> <u>C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia</u> <u>D - North America</u> <u>E - Central & South America</u> <u>F - Africa & Middle East</u> <u>G - South East Asia, Oceania</u> <u>The NOCs of the 3 best ranked individuals from Olympic Qualification Group A or B (all athletes can be from the same group) on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping, as of 1 March 2012</u>	7	
23.	The NOCs of the 42 best ranked individuals from <u>the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Jumping, Olympic Qualification Group C on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping, as of 1 March 2012</u>	4	
4.	<u>The NOCs of the best ranked individual from Olympic Qualification Group D at the 2011 Pan-American Games</u>		
5.	<u>The NOCs of the 4 best ranked individuals from Olympic Qualification Group E at the 2011 Pan-American Games</u>		
6.	<u>The NOCs of the 2 best ranked individuals from the Group F individuals at the WEG 2010*.</u> <u>The NOC of the best Individual classification among the Group F individuals at the Group F FEI selected Olympic Qualification event</u>		
7.	<u>The NOC of the best Individual classification among the Group G individuals at the WEG 2010**.</u> <u>The NOC of the best Individual classification among the Group G individuals at the Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification event**.</u>		
TOTAL		115	

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Notes:

* If Group F is not represented at the WEG 2010 or if it fails to fill its quota at the 2010 WEG, its quota will be filled by using the Group F FEI selected Olympic Qualification event in 2011.

** If Group G is not represented at the WEG 2010 or if it fails to fill its quota at the 2010 WEG, its quota will be filled by using the Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification event in 2011.

FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping

The point system to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping will be published by FEI by 1 January 2015⁴. The FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping, covering the period of 1 January 2015⁴ to 1 March 2016² will be used to determine respective qualification. The list is restricted to the 30 best results per athlete within the specified period.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

The host country is automatically qualified with a team. Each athlete and horse must obtain the minimum eligibility requirements to compete.

E. Confirmation process for quota places**CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

The FEI will inform NOCs/NFs in writing on 1 March 2016² of their qualification of team or individual quota places. Eligible NOCs must inform the FEI in writing by 31 March 2016² whether or not they intend to use their allocated quota places.

By 15 April 2016², FEI will reallocate all available places.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES****Unused team quota places**

Should any NOC not enter a qualified team, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the respective event in the following order of priority:

1. a team qualified from the 2014⁰ WEG will be replaced by the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014⁰ WEG final team classification
2. a team qualified from the 2015⁴ European Jumping Championship will be replaced by the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the list of 3 reserve teams from this championship. Once these 3 reserve teams have been included, replacements will be made from the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014⁰ WEG final team classification
3. a team qualified from the 2015⁴ Pan-American Games will be replaced by the next best highest ranked team not yet qualified from the list of 2 reserve teams from these Games. Once these 2 reserve teams have been included, replacements will be made from the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014⁰ WEG final team classification
4. a team qualified from the 2015⁴ FEI-approved Olympic Groups C, F & G events, will be replaced by the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014⁰ WEG final team classification

Should the host nation not enter a team, the team quota places~~s~~ will be reallocated to the next best

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ranked NOC(s) from the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Group G at the 2010 World Equestrian Games, not yet qualified.

Should any nation not enter a complete team, the team quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC(s) from the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking.

Unused individual quota places

Any unused individual quota places will be reallocated as per the procedure below:

1. The NOC of an Individual of Olympic Qualification Group A, B, C, D, E F and G or B qualified from the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping are will be replaced by the NOC/NF of the next best ranked individual on from this FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking from the same Group;
2. An Individual quota place that cannot be filled by the Group in question is filled by the NOC/NF of next best ranked Individual on the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking;
3. The remaining four Individual quota places will be allocated to the NOCs with athletes highest placed on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking;
4. The NOC of an individual of Olympic Qualification Group C qualified from the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping will be replaced by the NOC/NF of the next best ranked individual from a reserve list of four from Group C on this Ranking. Once this reserve list is exhausted, replacements will be taken from the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping;
5. The NOC of an Individual of Olympic Qualification Group D and Group E will be replaced by the NOC / NF of the next best ranked individual from the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping.
6. If Group F FEI selected Olympic Qualification event in 2011 does not fill its quota, the remaining quota places will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete(s) not yet qualified, according to the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping, as of 1 March 2012.
7. If Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification event in 2011 does not fill its quota, the remaining quota places will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete(s) not yet qualified, according to the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping, as of 1 March 2012.

By 15 April 2016, FEI will reallocate all available places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

5. The reallocation of unused host country places will be be allocated to the NOCs with athletes highest placed on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping, 1 March 2016. follow the same procedure as the reallocation of unused IF quota places.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
4–9 October 2010	World Equestrian Games (Lexington, USA)
13–18 September 2011	European Jumping Championship (Madrid, ESP)
14–29 October 2011	Pan-American Games (Guadalajara, MEX)
27–30 December 2011	FEI Group F Championship (Doha, QAT)
10 July 2011	FEI Group C & G Championship (Aachen, GER)

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	<u>FEI Group G Championship</u>
1 March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping established• FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their quota places
31 March 2012	NOCs to confirm use of quota places obtained to FEI
15 April 2012	FEI will reallocate all available places
17 June 2012	Deadline for athletes and horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility criteria
9 July 2012	Deadline for Rio London 2016 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

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Eventing Qualification System

A. Events (2)

MIXED EVENTS (2)
Team Competition
Individual Competition

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men / Women	61	Team 4	65
TOTAL	61	4	65 Athletes
Reserve Horses	11 (one per team)		76 Horses

	QUOTA PER NOC
TOTAL	4 Athletes

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All Athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those Athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.
All Horses/Athletes who take part in the 2016 Olympic Games Eventing Competitions must achieve the following minimum eligibility standard as a combination by obtaining "FEI qualifying results" in the following level of Competition:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 qualifying result at a CCI 4*, or - 1 qualifying result in a CCI 3* AND 1 qualifying result in a CIC 3*
An FEI qualifying result is achieved by completing the above Competitions within the minimum parameters of an all round performance, with:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not less than 50% Dressage good marks (not more than 75 penalty points); • clear (0) round on Cross Country Obstacles, not more than 90 seconds over the optimum Cross Country phase time. At 4* Events, the maximum time by which the optimum time may be exceeded is 120 seconds; • not more than 16 jumping penalties on Show Jumping.
Athletes and Horses may obtain the minimum eligibility standard at Eventing Events at the specified level which take place between 1 January 2015 and xx 2016 .
List of approved selected Events counting for achieving minimum eligibility standards for 2015 and 2016 will be published on the FEI website: (www.fei.org/) This list of 2015 Events will be published in December 2014 and the 2016 Events will be published in December 2015 . No additions of Events will be accepted after the publication of the selected Events calendar.
All 3 star events counting for eligibility and qualification of nations will be on established

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and experienced events with a proven organisational record at the 3 star level.

To be eligible as Olympic qualification Events, team Competitions outlined in 2, 3, 4 and 5 under section D must include at least 3 NOCs i.e. with teams presented at the 1st Horse Inspection. At least 3 Athletes of the team must complete the Olympic Qualification event for the team to be considered qualified.

The FEI reserves the right to appoint the TD for 3 star Events counting for qualification.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

FEI Olympic Groups as referred to through the qualification procedure are based on the following 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;
- G - South East Asia, Oceania

Eventing Teams – Qualification System

11 NOCs will be directly qualified to take part with a team consisting of a minimum of 3 Athletes and 3 Horses, and a maximum of **4 Athletes and 4 Horses**, as follows:

1.	The Host Nation (if BRA does not enter as a team, the team place will be allocated to the best placed team, not already qualified, from Group D or E from the Pan Am Games)	1	
2.	The 5-6 best placed teams from the 2014 World Equestrian Games, Caen (FRA)	6	
3.	The 2 best placed teams from the 2014 European Championship (Blair Castle, GBR), from FEI Olympic Groups A, B & C excluding teams qualified as above	2	
4.	The two-(2) best placed team from FEI Olympic Groups D & E of the 2015 Pan American Championship, or at an FEI approved event excluding the teams qualified above	1	
5.	The best placed team from the Olympic Group F/G Championship at an FEI approved 2015 Asia Pacific Eventing Championship excluding teams qualified above	1	
TOTAL: 44 ATHLETES		11	
	Composite” qualified Teams (see note below):		

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Note:

- “**Directly**” qualified Teams are achieved by qualification from Team Championships.
- “**Composite**” qualified Teams: teams are made up of minimum 3 to a maximum of **4** individuals qualified from the same nation from the Olympic Rider rankings to make up a team.
- Should all **11** team places not be allocated through the qualification through Team Championships process, the available places will be filled by ‘composite teams’ comprised of Athletes from an NOC qualified through the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing, of **x March 2016**.
- The total number of teams participating in the team Competition including the “composite teams” may finally exceed 11.
- The order of priority of the selection of the composite teams will be based on the combined highest **4 placings** on the ranking list of **x March 2016**, from one NOC.

Eventing Individuals – Qualification System

The following qualification places for individuals may only be allocated to NOCs which have not qualified teams. Each qualification place will be for 1 Athlete and 1 Horse. (**no Athlete may earn 2 places for the same nation from the Olympic Rider rankings**).

1.	Each NOC of the competitor placed first in the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Eventing, x March 2016 , in each of the following regions or regional groupings will become qualified to enter 1 individual: (7) 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 G - South East Asia, Oceania Should a nation qualified from one of the 7 dedicated Individual group places is unable to use the allocated quota place, it will be re-allocated to the NOC of the next placed athlete within the group. If none of the NOCs with athletes ranked in the respective group is able to use the quota place, it will go back to the overall Olympic Ranking.	(7)	
2.	The completion of the quota, either to fill up the spaces available or following the cancellation of team or individual entries by a nation, will be achieved by taking the next best ranked Athletes not yet qualified, according to the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Eventing of x March 2016 to reach a total of 65 Athletes	(14)	
*	“ Composite ” teams from Olympic Rankings		

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FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Events

The point system to be used for establishing the FEI **2015-2016** Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing, will be published by 1 January **2015** and distributed to NOCs/NFs. This list is based on Athletes achieving FEI Qualifying Results in 3 and 4 star level Events (CCI & CICs) and covers the period from **1 March 2015 to 1 March 2016**. The list is limited to the 5 best results per Athlete in Events at the specified level during this period.

Tie breaker procedure for Athletes with equal points will on the rankings will be published in the Rules for the Olympic Riders Ranking

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

Host country is automatically qualified with a team. Each Athlete and Horse must obtain minimum eligibility standards to be confirmed to compete.

E. Confirmation process for quota places**CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

The FEI will inform NOCs/NFs in writing on **x March 2016** of their qualification of team and/or individual places. NOCs must inform the FEI in writing by **31 March 2016** whether or not they intend to participate at the Olympic Games. By **15 April 2016** FEI will reallocate all available places.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES****Unused team positions**

If qualified teams are not entered by their NOC, and there are less than 10 teams entered in the team Competition, the available places will be filled by 'composite teams' comprised of Athletes from an NOC qualified through the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing of **1 March 2016**.

Unused individual positions

Should an NOC not use qualified places for individuals, the available places will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible Athletes on the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Eventing, of **1st March 2016**.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The unused host country places will be reallocated as per the procedure in place to reallocate unused IF quota places.

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G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
2014	World Equestrian Games (Normandy, FRA)
2015	European Championships – FEI Groups A,B,C
2015	Pan-American Games (Toronto, CAN) – FEI Groups D & E
2015	FEI Group F & G Championship
2016	FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing used to determine individual entries
2016	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their qualified quota positions (also for ranking list)
2016	NOCs to confirm use of qualified quota positions to FEI
2016	FEI will reallocate all available places
2016	Deadline for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility criteria
2016	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

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Dressage Qualification System

A Events (2)

MIXED EVENTS (2)	
Team Competition	
Individual Competition	

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men / Women	56	4	60
TOTAL	56	4	60
Reserve horses	11 (one per team)		71

	QUOTA PER NOC
TOTAL	4 Athletes (1 Team and 1 individual)

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.	
All athletes/horses who take part in the 2016 Olympic Games must achieve the following minimum eligibility standard as a combination:	
	A minimum 64% must be attributed twice to the athlete/horse combination by both a 5* Star judge and as an average from all judges in the competition, and the score must be achieved in Grand Prix test at two different CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5*/CDI-W/CDIO events. The two 5* judges must be of a nationality other than of the athlete. Scores achieved in Preliminary or Consolation Grand Prix classes judged by three Judges do not count towards the minimum standard.
Athletes and horses must obtain the minimum requirements at events which take place from xx January 2015 until xx June 2016.	
The list of approved selected events for achieving qualification / the minimum eligibility standards will be published on the FEI website: www.fei.org . The list of 2015 events will be published in December 2014 and the 2016 events will be published in December 2015.	

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D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

FEI Olympic Groups as referred to through the qualification procedure are based on the following 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;
- G - South East Asia, Oceania

Note: The FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage referenced herein will be released on xx March 2016.

Dressage Teams – Qualification System

11 NOCs will be “directly” (see note below) qualified to take part with a team consisting of **a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4** athletes and **3** horses:

1.	The host nation (BRA) In case the host nation is unable to field any athletes, the team slot will be reallocated to the highest ranked team on the Team Ranking of the 2015 Pan-American Games not already qualified In case the host nation is unable to field a team it may send 1 or 2 individuals. The team slot will be reallocated according to the above and the total number of individuals that can qualify by means of the FEI Olympic Ranking List Dressage will be reduced by the number of individual athletes of the host nation (1 or 2).	1
2.	The 3 best ranked teams from the 2014 World Equestrian Games (WEG) excluding the team qualified above	3
3.	The 3 best ranked teams from the 2015 European Championship from FEI Olympic Groups A, B & C excluding teams qualified above	3
4.	Only if FEI Olympic Group C cannot qualify a team by means of the above, then the 1 best ranked team from the 2015 European Championship from FEI Olympic Group C will be directly qualified. In case this available team slot is not allocated it will be added to point 3 (so that the 4 best ranked teams from the 2015 European Championship from FEI Olympic Groups A, B & C are qualified, excluding teams qualified above).	(1)
5.	The 2 1 best ranked teams from FEI Olympic Groups D & E of the 2015 Pan-American Games, excluding the teams qualified above	1
6.	The 1 best ranked team from Olympic Group F or G at the 2014 World Equestrian Games (WEG), excluding the teams qualified above; The 1 2 best ranked teams from the Olympic Group F or &G at the 2-combined FEI approved special qualification events, excluding the teams qualified above	2

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	TOTAL: (44 athletes)	11 Teams
	"Composite" qualified Teams (see note below):	

Notes:

- “Direct” qualification is achieved during the Team Championships.
- “Composite” qualified Teams: teams are made up of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 individuals qualified from the same NOC from the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Dressage to make up a team.
- The total number of teams participating in the team competition including the “composite teams” may finally exceed 11.
- ~~The order of priority of the selection of the “composite” teams will be based on the combined highest 3 placings on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Dressage per NOC.~~

Dressage Individuals – Qualification System

		Reserve List (R)
Each quota place will be for 1 athlete and 1 horse	<p>The NOC of the competitor placed first in the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage which has not yet obtained a “direct” quota place for teams will obtain an individual quota place for each of the following groups:</p> <p>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 G - South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p>In case the NOC of the first placed athlete in the respective group is unable to use the allocated quota slot, it will be re-allocated to the NOC of the second placed athlete within the group. If still unused the slot will be re-allocated to the NOC of the third placed athlete, and so on. Only if none of the NOCs with athletes ranked in the respective group is able to use the quota slot, it will be added to the completion of quota.</p>	(7)

		Reserve List (R)
2.	Individuals: The completion of the quota, either to fill up the quota places available or following the cancellation of team or individual entries by an NOC, will be achieved by taking	(9)

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	<p>the athletes in their order of classification in the FEI Olympic Ranking Athletes - Dressage to reach a total of 60 athletes. The ranking will not include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the three best ranked athletes from NOCs which have qualified a team - the 7 individuals that qualified an individual slot for their FEI Olympic Group as per the above box. <p>An NOC may qualify max 4 athletes/horses. NOCs with qualified teams (including composite) may qualify one additional, individual athlete/horse through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage.</p>		
“Composite” teams from Olympic rankings			
TOTAL		16	

FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Dressage

The point system to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage, will be published by xx January **2015** and distributed to NOCs/NFs. This list is limited to the best 8 results per athlete/horse combination in events within the period from xx March **2015** to xx March **2016** (with competitions taking place on xx **2016** being the last ones to count for qualification).

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION
<p>The host country is automatically qualified with a team. The host country may in addition to the team qualify one additional athlete and horse through the Dressage Individuals – Qualification System. Each athlete and horse must obtain minimum eligibility standards to be confirmed to compete.</p>

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES
<p>The FEI will inform NOCs/NFs in writing on xx March 2016 of their qualification of team and/or individual quota places. Eligible NOCs must inform the FEI in writing by xx March 2016 whether or not they intend to use their allocated quota place.</p>

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F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

Unused team positions

If the members of a qualified team do not reach the minimum eligibility standard or an NOC decides not to use the team quota place obtained by xx June **2016**:

1. The NOC in question may then compete with maximum of 2 Individuals.
2. The unused quota place(s) will go to the next best ranked NOC on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage, **unless stated otherwise above**.

Unused individual positions

Should an NOC not use quota place(s) for individuals, the available quota places will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage of xx March **2016, unless stated otherwise above**. The same athlete cannot qualify an NOC for more than one individual place.

By xx April **2016** FEI will reallocate all available places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The unused host country places will be reallocated as per the procedure in place to reallocate unused IF quota places.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
	World Equestrian Games (Normandy, FRA)
	European Championships (xxx) – FEI Groups A,B&C
	Pan-American Games (Toronto, CAN) - FEI Groups D&E
	FEI Group F & G Regional Qualifying event(s) (xxx)
	FEI Group F & G Regional Qualifying event(s) (xxx)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage established • FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their quota places
	NOCs to confirm use of quota places obtained to FEI
	FEI will reallocate all available places
	Deadline for athletes and horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility criteria
	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES**1. NPC Quota:**

To line up with the Olympic disciplines, all NPCs would be able to obtain a maximum of 4 quota slots for the Paralympic Games (=reduction from max 5 to max 4 NPC slots).

2. Number of Athletes in Composite Teams:

To line up with the proposal for Dressage in the 2016 Olympic Games, a minimum of three and a maximum of 4 Athletes would constitute a Composite Team (= increase from max 3 to max 4).

3. Composition of teams & number of riders per grade:

A maximum of 2 Athletes per grade would be allowed in a Team (=reduction from 3 to 2). With regards to the Team composition, at least one (1) Team member shall be an eligible Athlete in either Grade Ia or Ib or II. In addition to the latter, at least one (1) Team member shall be an eligible Athlete in either Grade III or IV.

4. Certificates of Capability:

To line up with the Olympic disciplines and also based on the development of Para Equestrian Dressage, Athletes and Horses for the Paralympics would need to be eligible as a combination. In the past, only the Athlete had to prove eligibility.

5. Participation in the Team tests:

To ensure the fair application of substitution rules to all participants it would be compulsory for all Athletes (Individual and Team Athletes) to participate in the Team test. This has already been applied in London 2012 following a clarification to the rules.

6. Participation in the Freestyle tests:

To make the competition format more compact the Paralympics Freestyle Tests would only be open to the highest ranked one third (1/3) of the participants in the Individual Championship Test (=maximum) but at least 7 Athletes per grade (=minimum).

7. Events to count for Paralympic qualification

The list of events for Athletes and Horses to obtain Quota Places (individual qualification) through the Paralympics Rankings is to be strongly respected for the 2016 PG. The list of qualification events is to be published in the beginning of each qualification year and no exceptions made in order to guarantee fair competition for qualification.

8. FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List

To avoid that one single Team result can be decisive for Paralympic qualification, the Team Ranking would be based on each Team's best team results from three (3) qualifying events added together.

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9. FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List

Similar to "Certificates of Capability" above, the Individual Ranking would regulate that Athletes and Horses are ranked as a combination. The Individual Ranking would be based on each Athlete/Horse combination's accumulated ranking points of a maximum of six (6) best results obtained in FEI Para- Equestrian Qualifying Competitions.

10. Quota Place

One Athlete can only earn 1 quota place (regardless if it is for the same nation or for 2 different nations).

11. Nationality of Athletes and Horses

- 11.1 Athletes: Any Athlete changing his/her sport nationality during the Paralympic Qualification period will be removed from the Paralympic Individual Rankings.
- 11.2 In addition, only Athletes who can represent country X in the Paralympic Games according to the IPC nationality's requirements shall be allowed to earn a quota place for such country X.

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Para-Dressage Qualification System

MEDAL EVENTS (11)	MIXED (11)
	Championships Test Individual – Grade Ia Individual – Grade Ib Individual – Grade II Individual – Grade III Individual – Grade IV Team – Open

ATHLETE QUOTA	Total	78
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ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the Individual Athlete or Team. In the case of the FEI Para Equestrian Individual Ranking Allocation method (Grade Ia and Ib distribution), the qualification is allocated to the NPC not the Individual Athlete but is to be used specifically for an Athlete in the Grade Ia or Grade Ib. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation, the qualification slot is allocated to the Individual Athlete, not the NPC.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION Per NPC	An NPC can be allocated a maximum quota allocation of four ^{five} (54) qualification slots. In case of Composite Teams, an NPC can be allocated a maximum quota of four (4) qualification slots.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	To be eligible for selection by an NPC, Athlete/Horse combinations must: - Have achieved at least a 60% score at a FEI Para Equestrian 3* or above Event in an Individual or Team Competition between xx January 2014 and xx June 2016; - Be internationally classified with either a "Review" or "Confirmed" sport Grade status.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	An NPC can enter a maximum of three two (23) eligible Athletes per sport Grade. An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) qualified Team in the Team Competition. A Team is comprised of a minimum of three (3) or a maximum of four (4) eligible Athletes. With regards to the Team composition, at least one (1) Team member shall be an eligible

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Athlete in either Grade Ia or Ib or II. In addition to the latter, at least one (1) Team member shall be an eligible Athlete in either Grade III or IV. ~~NPCs who have five (5) qualification slots will have four (4) Athletes in the Team and one (1) Individual Athlete, of which at least one (1) Athlete in the Team should be an eligible Athlete in either Grade Ia, Grade Ib or Grade II.~~
~~An NPC can have a maximum of five (5) slots.~~

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2014 FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES	The top three (3) ranked Teams will receive four five (54) qualification slots each.	1245 Athletes
PARA EQUESTRIAN TEAM RANKING ALLOCATION	The top ranked Team on the Para Equestrian Team ranking list*, not otherwise qualified, will receive five (5) qualification slots. The second (2nd) through the seventh (7th) The seven (7) highest ranked Teams on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List*, not otherwise qualified, on the Para Equestrian Team ranking list* will receive four (4) qualification slots each. <i>*the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List, covering the period of xx November 2014 to xx January 2016, is a Team Ranking based on each Team's best team results from three (3) qualifying events added together. percentage score at one (1) of the FEI Para Equestrian Qualifying Competitions.</i>	5 Athletes 2824 Athletes

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
PARA EQUESTRIAN TEAM RANKING ALLOCATION	Regional Distribution of Teams One NPC from each of the following regions will receive four (4) qualification slots, based on the Para Equestrian Team Ranking List: - Africa - Americas - Asia - Europe - Oceania Should a region not have an eligible Team, this (these) the unused slot(s) will be added to the Para Equestrian Individual Ranking Allocation Completion	16 Athletes

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of Quota (FEI Paralympic Athletes Individual Ranking List).

PARA EQUESTRIAN INDIVIDUAL RANKING ALLOCATION	ONLY NPCs that have not received qualification slots through either the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games or Para Equestrian Team Ranking Allocation Methods are eligible to receive qualification slots through the Para Equestrian Individual Ranking Allocation Method*. <i>*the FEI Paralympic Athletes Individual Ranking List, covering the period of xx November 2014 to xx January 2016, is an Individual Ranking based on each Athlete's/Horse combination's accumulated ranking points of a maximum of six (6) best results obtained at FEI Para-Equestrian Qualifying Competitions.</i>	10 Athletes
Regional Distribution		

Regional Distribution

Two (2) qualification slots will be allocated to the NPC(s) with the two (2) highest ranked Athletes from each of the following regions, irrespective of sports Grade.

- Africa
- Americas
- Asia
- Europe
- Oceania

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION	Three (3) eligible Athletes will be considered by the IPC and the FEI for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, the FEI must receive an official application in writing from the relevant NPC.	Maximum 3 Athletes
HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION	<p>The host country will directly qualify four (4) qualification slots.</p> <p>In the case that the host country has qualified a Team through the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the FEI will allocate the qualification slots according to the FEI Paralympic Equestrian Team Ranking List.</p>	4 Athletes
COMPLETION QUOTA	OF The completion of the quota, either to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fill up the quota places available or - following the in the case of cancellation of Team or Individual entries by an NPC or 	Minimum 54 Athletes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not using of the qualification slots allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation, <p style="color: red; margin-top: 10px;">the Athletes Quota will be achieved by taking the Athletes in their order of ranking in the FEI Paralympic Athletes Individual Ranking List to reach a total of 78 Athletes.—allocating the qualification slots to the Athletes in their order of classification on the Individual Para Equestrian Ranking as of 1 May 2012 not otherwise qualified.</p>	TOTAL 78 Athletes
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QUALIFYING TIMELINE

December 2014	FEI to provide Qualifying Competitions List for 2015.
December 2015	FEI to provide Qualifying Competitions List for 2016.
xx January 2016	FEI Paralympic Athletes/Team Ranking Lists to be established.
xx February 2016	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process.
xx March 2016	FEI notifies the NPCs in writing about the number of allocated qualification slots.
xx March 2016	NPCs confirm to FEI in writing the use of allocated qualification slots.
xx March 2016	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to FEI.
xx April 2016	FEI confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots and the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitations.
xx April 2016	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs.
xx August 2016	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organizing Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs.

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By xx March 2016, each NPC must confirm in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) to the FEI the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and the FEI may reallocate these slots.

By xx April 2016, FEI will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By xx April 2016, it is officially declared that the respective NPC's will use the allocated quota granted for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and/or the FEI.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Unused Team Slots

If members of a qualified Team do not reach the Minimum Eligibility Standard or an NPC decides not to use its Team quota places obtained by xx June 2016

(i)The NPC in question may then compete with a maximum of two (2) Individuals.

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- (ii)The unused quota place(s) will go to the next best ranked NPC in the FEI Paralympic Athletes Individual Ranking List. However, in the case that the host country has qualified a Team through the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the FEI will reallocate the Team qualification slot according to the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List.

Unused Individual Slots

Should an NPC not use quota slot(s) for Individuals, the available quota slots will be reallocated to the NPC(s) of the next highest ranked eligible Athlete(s) on the FEI Paralympic Individual Athlete Ranking List of xx January 2016. The same Athlete cannot qualify an NPC for more than one individual place.

~~Slots allocated at the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games~~

~~Any qualification slots earned at the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the NPC with the next highest ranked unqualified Team from this Competition.~~

~~Slots allocated from FEI Para Equestrian Team Ranking~~

~~Any qualification slots earned from the FEI Para Equestrian Team Ranking Allocation Method that are not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the NPC with the next highest ranked unqualified Team.~~

~~Slots allocated from FEI Para Equestrian Individual Ranking~~

~~Any qualification slots earned from the FEI Para Equestrian Individual Ranking Allocation Method that are not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the NPC with the next highest ranked unqualified Athlete in the respective sport class.~~

~~Slots allocated to Host Country~~

~~Any qualification slots allocated to the Host Country that are not used will be reallocated through the Para Equestrian Team Ranking Allocation.~~

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