



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

FÉDÉRATION ÉQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE

Dressage

A. EVENTS (2)

Mixed Events (2)

Individual Competition
Team Competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Dressage:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men/Women	56	4	60
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2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men/Women	4	Maximum 1 Team with minimum 3 / maximum 4 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). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 2000 (16 years of age).

All horses participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 2008 (eight years of age).



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Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes/horses must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirement 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 a 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 eligibility requirement.

Athletes and horses must obtain the minimum eligibility requirement at events which take place from 1 January 2015 until 19 June 2016 included.

The list of approved selected events for achieving qualification / the minimum eligibility requirements 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.

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;
- G - South East Asia, Oceania

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Team Qualification

10 NOCs will obtain “direct” qualification; nine (9) team quota places will be allocated through team championships or a special qualification event and one (1) as a Host Country place, as per the table below. A team consists of minimum three (3) athletes/horses and maximum of four (4) athletes/horses.

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events
1 (max. 4 athletes)	The Host Country (BRA) - <i>Please refer to section Host Country Places for further information.</i>
3 (max. 12 athletes)	The three (3) best ranked teams from the 2014 World Equestrian Games (WEG) excluding the Host Country team.
3 (max. 12 athletes)	The three (3) best ranked teams from the 2015 European Championship from FEI Olympic Groups A, B and/or C (except Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), excluding teams qualified above.



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1 (max.4 athletes)	The best ranked team from FEI Olympic Groups D or E of the 2015 Pan-American Games, excluding the teams qualified above.
1 (max 4 athletes)	<p>Only if FEI Olympic Groups F and/or G have not qualified a team at the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the best ranked team from Olympic Group F or G at the 2014 World Equestrian Games (WEG) is directly qualified.</p> <p>If FEI Olympic Groups F and/or G have already qualified a team at the 2014 World Equestrian Games, this team quota place will be added to the 2014 World Equestrian Games so that the four (4) best ranked teams from the 2014 World Equestrian Games are directly qualified.</p>
1 (max 4 athletes)	<p>The best ranked team from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FEI Olympic Group F or - FEI Olympic Group G or - FEI Olympic Group C countries Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan <p>at the FEI approved special qualification event, excluding the teams qualified above.</p>
TOTAL: 10 Teams / maximum 40 athletes	
+	<p>“Composite” qualified Teams</p> <p>NOCs will also have the possibility to participate in the team competition with “composite” qualified teams.</p> <p>“Composite” qualified teams are made up of minimum three (3) to maximum of four (4) athletes from the same NOC who qualified as individuals as per the individual qualification process detailed below. The total number of teams participating in the team competition, including the “composite teams”, may exceed 10.</p>

Individual Qualification

Only NOCs which have not obtained “direct” team qualification are eligible to qualify for individual quota places. Each athlete can qualify a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC.

Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Events
14	<p>FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</p> <p>The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage, will be published by 1 January 2015 and distributed to NOCs/NFs.</p> <p>The FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage is limited to the best four (4) results per athlete/horse combination in these events, within the period from 9 March 2015 to 6 March 2016 included.</p>



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	<p>For FEI Olympic Groups A, B, C (6 quota places):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NOCs of the athletes placed first and second in each of the Groups A, B and C on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (by group) will each obtain one (1) individual quota place. <p>For FEI Olympic Groups D, E (4 quota places):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NOCs of the athletes placed first in each Group D and E on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (by group) will each obtain one (1) individual quota place. - The NOCs of the highest ranked athletes in each of the Groups D and E in the Grand Prix at the 2015 Pan-American Games will each obtain one (1) individual quota place.. <p>For FEI Olympic Groups F, G (4 quota places):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NOCs of the athletes placed first in each Group F and G on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (by group) will each obtain one (1) individual quota place.. - The NOCs of the highest ranked athletes in each of the Groups F and G at the Grand Prix at the FEI approved special qualification event will obtain each one (1) individual quota place..
6	<p>FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking)</p> <p>Six (6) quota places will be allocated to the NOCs of the best ranked athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking Athletes - Dressage. The ranking will not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the athletes from NOCs which have qualified a team - the athletes that qualified an individual quota place for their FEI Olympic Group at the 2015 Pan-American Games Individual Championships or the special qualification event - the athletes that qualified an individual quota place for their FEI Olympic Group through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups) <p>An NOC may qualify a maximum of four (4) athletes/horses.</p>
TOTAL: 20 athletes	

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team with a maximum of four (4) athletes. Each athlete and horse must obtain 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://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>). After 6 March 2016, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs



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in writing of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will have to confirm by 31 March 2016 if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Unused team quota places (excluding Host Country places)

If the members of a qualified team do not reach the minimum eligibility requirements or if a team quota place is declined by an NOC, the team quota place will be reallocated as individual quota places as follows:

1. The NOC in question may then compete with a maximum of two (2) athletes in the individual competition.
2. Any remaining unused quota place(s) will go to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking).

Should an NOC send three (3) athletes as part of their team instead of the maximum four (4) entitled, the unused athlete quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking).

Unused individual quota places

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

- If a quota place was obtained through the Individual Championships or the FEI special qualification event, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete in the respective event. If none of the NOCs with athletes ranked in the respective qualification events are able to use the quota place, it will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking).
- If the quota place was obtained through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups) it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from that group. Only if none of the NOCs with athletes ranked in the respective group are able to use the quota place, it will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking).
- If the quota place was obtained through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking) it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete on the said ranking.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team, the team quota place will be reallocated to the highest ranked team on the Team Ranking of the 2015 Pan-American Games not already qualified.

If the Host Country then decides to send one (1) or two (2) eligible athletes instead of a team, the total number of athletes that can qualify through the FEI Olympic Ranking List - Dressage (allocation through overall ranking) will be reduced by the number of individual athletes sent by the Host Country, one (1) or two (2).



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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 must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each team which has obtained direct qualification is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete and one (1) P alternate horse for a total of 10 P alternate athletes and 10 P alternate horses for Dressage.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
24-29 August 2014	World Equestrian Games (Normandy, FRA)
10-14 July 2015	Pan-American Games (Toronto, CAN) - FEI Groups D&E
11-16 August 2015 TBD*	European Championships (Aachen, GER) – FEI Groups A,B,C
TBD*	FEI Special Qualification event *
9 March 2015 - 6 March 2016	Ranking period: FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Dressage
After 6 March 2016	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
31 March 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FEI
15 April 2016	FEI to reallocate available quota places
19 June 2016	Deadline for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements
20 June 2016	Deadline for FEI to receive Certificates of Capabilities for all athletes and Horses having achieved the minimum eligibility requirements.
by 18 July 2016	FEI to reallocate all unused quota places (date may be modified subject to quarantine restrictions for Brazil)
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined