



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

**FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE  
(FEI)**

**Dressage**

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**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	57	3	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60</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.

**Age Requirements** ([\(FEI 2020 Olympic Games regulations\)](#)):

All Athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December ~~2004~~ 2005 (16 years of age).

All Horses participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December ~~2012-2013~~ (eight years of age).



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### Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

#### **1. Minimum Eligibility Requirements - Dressage**

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Dressage Competitions, and subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 below, all Athletes/Horses must achieve, as a combination, the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (**MER**) at selected Events which take place from 1 January 2019 until (and including) ~~4 June 2020–21 June 2021 that being the date five (5) weeks before the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline~~ (the “**MER Deadline**”). Athlete/Horse combination must fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements below.

A minimum 66% 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 MER at events which take place from 1 January 2019 until the MER Deadline of 21 June 2021 included.

#### **2. List of Selected Events**

The list of Olympic Ranking Events and MER Events (as defined in the Appendix) for achieving Olympic ranking points / the minimum eligibility requirements will be published on the FEI website: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org). The list of Olympic Ranking Events and 2019 MER Events will be published on 15 December 2018 and the 2020 MER Events\* will be published on 15 December 2019. No additions of Events will be accepted after the publication of the selected Events calendar. Replacement in case of cancellation of Event for force majeure reasons will be reviewed on a case to case basis.

The 2021 MER Events will be published in December 2020.

\*Taking into account the impact of Covid-19 on the FEI Calendar in 2020, a MER (or partial MER) can be achieved at any FEI Event at the relevant level (as per paragraph 1 above) in 2020 (i.e. between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020 (inclusive)).

#### **3. Additional Provisions related to the Postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 2021**

3.1 An Athlete/Horse combination that has achieved the MER during the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 (inclusive) must achieve an additional confirming result (the “Confirmation Result”) according to the conditions set out in paragraph 4 below during the period 1 January 2020 – 21 June 2021.

3.2 An Athlete/Horse combination that has achieved the MER during the period 1 January 2020 – 21 June 2021 does not need to achieve a Confirmation Result.

3.3 An Athlete/Horse combination that has achieved a partial MER during the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 must complete their MER by the MER Deadline (21 June 2021). Such Athlete/Horse combination does not need to achieve a Confirmation Result.

3.4 An Athlete/Horse combination that has not achieved any MER (either full or partial) during the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 must achieve their MER by the MER Deadline (21 June 2021). Such Athlete/Horse combination does not need to achieve a Confirmation Result.

#### **4. Confirmation Result Criteria**



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4.1 Athlete/Horse combinations must achieve the Confirmation Result at one event according to the following criteria:

A minimum of 66% 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 any CDI3\*/CDI4\*/CDI5\*/CDI-W/CDIO event.

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 Confirmation Result.

### 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

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 “direct” qualification: fourteen (14) team quota places will be allocated through team championships or at an FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event and one (1) as a Host Country place, as per the table below. A team consists of three (3) Athletes/Horses.

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events	NOC
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. GER 3. USA 4. GBR 5. SWE 6. NED 7. ESP



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3 (max. 9 Athletes)	The three (3) best ranked teams from the 2019 European Dressage Championship from FEI Olympic Groups A and/or B excluding teams qualified above.	8. DEN 9. IRL 10. POR
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The (1) best ranked team from an FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, from FEI Olympic Group C excluding teams qualified as above.	11. RUS
2 (max. 6 Athletes)	The (2) two best ranked teams from Group D and/or Group E at the 2019 Pan-American Games, excluding the teams qualified above.	12. CAN 13. FRA
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The (1) best ranked team from Group F from the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games or if this quota is not filled at the FEI World Equestrian Games 2018 the quota will be allocated at a 2019 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding the teams qualified above.	14. AUT
1 (max. 3 Athletes)	The (1) best ranked team from Group G from the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games or if this quota is not filled at the FEI World Equestrian Games 2018 the quota will be allocated at a 2019 Group G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, excluding the teams qualified above.	15. AUS
<b>TOTAL: 15 teams / maximum 45 Athletes</b>		
<b>Reallocation of Team Quota Place(s):</b> - <b>Composite Team(s)</b> (as defined in the Appendix)		<b>Reserve:</b> <b>1. LUX</b> <b>2. BEL</b> <b>3. SUI</b>
The total number of teams participating in the team competition, including the Composite team(s), may not exceed 15.		

**Individual Qualification**

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

**The FEI Olympic Rankings - Dressage:**

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (as defined in the Appendix) is limited to the highest four (4) results per Athlete/Horse combination in these events with a maximum of one result per event, within the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 included. The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage, will be published by 15 December 2018 and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Events	NOC	Reserve NOCs
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14	<p><b>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</b></p> <p>The two (2)* best ranked Athletes, maximum one (1) per NOC, in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage from each of the five (5) 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 F – Africa &amp; Middle East G – South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p>The four (4)* best ranked athletes, maximum one (1) per NOC, in the FEI Olympic Ranking from the Olympic Groups below - mentioned will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC:</p> <p>D &amp; E - North America, Central and South America</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>	<p>A: 1. FIN 2. NOR</p> <p>B: 1. LUX 2. SUI</p> <p>C: 1. UKR 2. BLR</p> <p>F: 1. RSA 2. MAR</p> <p>G: 1. NZL 2. KOR</p> <p>D &amp; E: 1. BRA 2. DOM 3. BER 4. MEX</p>	<p>A: 1. * 2. *</p> <p>B: 1. ITA 2. *</p> <p>C: 1. SVK 2. EST</p> <p>F: 1. PLE 2. IRI</p> <p>G: 1. MAS 2. SGP</p> <p>D &amp; E: 1. VEN 2. CHI 3. ECU 4. URU</p>
1	<p><b>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking)</b></p> <p>One (1) quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the best ranked Athlete in the FEI Olympic Rankings – Dressage excluding NOCs qualified above</p>	<p>1. BEL</p>	<p>1. ITA 2. SVK</p>
<b>TOTAL: 15 Athletes</b>			

\* Should an Individual Quota Place be reallocated within this group, the next Individual will be the next highest ranked on the FEI Overall Olympic Rankings – Dressage, as described below.

**HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team with a maximum of three (3) 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) eligible individual Athlete instead.

**E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**



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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

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##### 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) (as defined in the Appendix), 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 – Dressage shall have priority. In the event of a tie, the FEI will invite the NOCs/NFs to a draw. If an NOC does not have any Athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage, 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:
    - (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 (as defined in the Appendix) by 31 December 2019 deadline. In such circumstances, the date of withdrawal shall be deemed to be 31 December 2019.
- A 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



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Athletes from the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage, 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:

1. To the NOC of the next highest ranked Athlete in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage to the relevant Group according to the qualification procedure.
2. Any unused or unallocated individual quota place to be reallocated through the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage.
3. If the maximum quota of 60 Athletes has not been reached following the reallocation of individual quota places as detailed above, any unused individual quota places will be reallocated to the NOC(s) of the next highest ranked Athlete(s) on the overall FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage, from an NOC that has already earned an individual quota place (maximum of two (2) individual quota places per NOC). Under no circumstances may the total number of Athletes exceed 60.

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team or decides to send one (1) eligible Athlete 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 – Dressage.

## 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/Tokyo 2020 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

#### Eligibility:

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

#### Quota:

Each team which has obtained qualification 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 Dressage.



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**H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE**

Date	Milestone
11 – 23 September 2018	FEI World Equestrian Games (Tryon, USA)
19 – 25 August 2019	European Championships (Rotterdam, NED) – FEI Groups A,B
18-23 June 2019	FEI Designated Qualification Event (Moscow, RUS) - FEI Group C
26 July – 11 August 2019	Pan-American Games (Lima, PER) - FEI Groups D & E
24-27 October 2019	FEI Designated Qualification Event (Exloo, NED) - FEI Group F
Not Applicable	FEI Designated Qualification Event - FEI Group G
End of 2019 FEI Nations Cup™ Dressage Season	FEI Nations Cup™ Dressage 2019 Ranking

15 December 2018	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events and ranking rules and 2019 MER Events
WEG 2018 - 31 Dec. 2019	Period for NOCs to achieve 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 – Dressage
1 January 2019 – <del>1 June 2020</del> <u>1 June 2021</u> (“MER Deadline”)	Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements <u>and, where applicable, the Confirmation Result</u>

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 - Dressage
16 March 2020	NOCs to confirm use of allocated individual quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
<u>December 2020</u>	<u>FEI to publish List of 2021 MER Events</u>
<del>1 June 2020</del> <u>1 June 2021</u> “MER Deadline” (i.e. five (5) weeks before the	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements <u>and, where applicable, the Confirmation Result</u> .





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Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline)	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
<del>6 July 2020</del> * <u>5 July 2021</u>	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries Deadline
<del>24 July 2020</del> <u>23 July 2021</u>	Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

\* ~~Date to be confirmed by Tokyo 2020 and the IOC~~



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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 – Dressage 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 - Dressage. 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 - Dressage, 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 and, where applicable, the Confirmation Result, 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 – Dressage:** 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~~ 21 June 2021.

**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 starting with the 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 – Dressage can be earned.