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Qualification Procedures

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JUMPING

Qualification Period: Start: 1 January 2017
End: TBC

Minimum qualification criteria

Article 305 QUALIFICATIONS

1. HORSES

The Horses must be nine years old or more.

2. ATHLETES

The Championship is limited to Athletes who have reached or will reach their 18th birthday during the year of the Championship.

3. CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY

Only those Athletes and Horses who are likely to be able to complete the Championship may be entered. NFs must send to the FEI a Certificate of Capability to this effect (see GRs). Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.

This Certificate of Capability must include a record of the results obtained in Competitions satisfying the requirements as laid down in the Jumping Rules.

The procedure for qualification, laid down under JRs Annex VIII, must be strictly followed.

Upon arrival at the Championship, Chefs d'Equipe can exchange Athletes and Horses at will, whether originally qualified as combinations or not. After the first Championship Competition, no further changes are permitted.

Annex VIII Qualification Procedure for Olympic Games, World and Continental Jumping Championships

1. NFs must declare in writing to the FEI by a fixed date their intention to enter a team or individuals. Except for the Olympic Games Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.

2. For the Olympic Games, Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the Olympic Games until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Refer to the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games for the qualification procedure for the Olympic Games.

3. **For the World Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the World Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:

3.1. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental

Championship for Seniors.

3.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the third Competition at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championship for Seniors.

3.3. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of two FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W and CSI3*-W Events. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI4*-W Event with a Score of not more than four penalties. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI5*-W Event with a Score of not more than eight penalties.

3.4. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of two Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI3* outdoor Events.

3.5. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI4* outdoor Event.

3.6. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than eight penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5* outdoor Event.

3.7. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first round or zero Penalties in the second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* or CSIO4* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at this Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI for approval prior to the Event.

3.8. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than eight penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than eight penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at this Event).

4. **For the Continental Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the Continental Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:

4.1. Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight Penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championships or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championships for Seniors.

4.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the third Competition at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championships for Seniors.

4.3. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W or CSI3*-W Event. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World

Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI4*-W or CSI5*-W Event with a total Score of not more than eight penalties.

4.4. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3* outdoor Event with a Score of zero Penalties.

4.5. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI4* or CSI5* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight Penalties.

4.6. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* or CSIO4* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than four Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at this Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the dimensions set forth in paragraph 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI for approval prior to the Event.

4.7. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than eight Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than eight Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at this Event).

5. For CSI and CSIO Events mentioned above, selection will be made from Events which take place from the 1 January the year preceding the Games or Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date to be fixed by the FEI. A list of Events will be published by the FEI in the year preceding the Olympic Games or FEI Championship.

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 1.40 m and 1.60 m. The spread obstacles must have spreads of between 1.50 m to two metres (2.20 m for the triple bar). At least two vertical obstacles must be provided with a minimum height of 1.60 m. At Events where the Schedule indicates that the height of obstacles in a qualifying Competition, e.g. the Grand Prix at a CSI3*, is 1.50 m, a special mention may be added to the Event Schedule that if the Competition is listed as a qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games, the World or Continental Championship, the compulsory two verticals at 1.60 m will be included in the course without it being considered to have exceeded the dimensions listed in the Schedule.

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. In exceptional circumstances, if an NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it may request the FEI to send a foreign assessing delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special qualifying Competition; permission for a special qualifying Competition may be granted by the Jumping Committee. Special qualifying Competitions should be held at a CSI or a CSIO and must be run in accordance with the following FEI protocol.

The OC must inform the FEI of the exact dimensions of the outdoor arena (and any fixed elements) in order for the course plan to be designed. The OC must

appoint an FEI Course Designer to build the course.

The FEI will appoint an international (foreign) judge to act as the assessing delegate.

The FEI will appoint an FEI Veterinarian to perform a horse inspection prior to jumping.

An FEI Steward must be present to carry out the usual duties of an FEI Steward including, but not limited to, the boot and bandage control.

In addition to the above an MCP test may be carried out on participating horses.

An exact time must be established for the special qualifying Competition.

All costs for the special qualifying Competition will be at the requesting NF's expense.

The Competition must be open to Athletes from other NFs and shall consist of one round.

The FEI will select an FEI Course Designer to design the course plan according to the following dimensions and technical requirements; the course plan must be sent to the FEI Director Jumping for approval.

- Two Verticals of 1.60 m;
- Bend or straight line of up to six strides between two single obstacles;
- A distance of up to six strides leading to or following the triple combination;
- One triple and one double combination;
- The triple combination must have at least one oxer and at least one one-stride distance either from A to B or from B to C.
- Minimum length of course 400 meters with a minimum speed of 375m/min;
- 50% of the efforts must be spread obstacles (e.g. oxer, triple bar, Swedish oxer, narrow oxer etc.);
- Depth of cups maximum 20mm if poles are 350-400 cm long;
- A liverpool obstacle, as either a vertical or a spread.

The FEI will provide the course plan to the Course Designer appointed by the OC on the morning of the special qualifying Competition.

Immediately following the Competition, the course plan and the results duly signed and confirmed by the FEI assessing delegate, must be sent to the FEI.

Special qualifying Competitions that do not meet the above requirements will not be validated.

Athletes/Horses scoring eight Penalties or less in this round will be considered to be qualified. The foreign assessing delegate, appointed by the Jumping Committee, will advise the NF and the FEI on the granting of Certificates of Capability. If by misfortune an Athlete/Horse combination has more than eight Penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the foreign assessing delegate may let this combination repeat a similar course. But in no case can an Athlete qualify if he has scored more than eight Penalties in the second round.

9. At Nations Cup, FEI World Cup™ and Grand Prix Competitions at selected

CSI/CSIO 3*/4*/5* Events the Foreign Judge is responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions and will confirm in his report to the FEI that the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability have been achieved.

10. Certificates of Capability must be received by the FEI for Athletes and Horses not later than the date fixed for nominated entries or date fixed by the FEI. Athletes and Horses for whom Certificates of Capability have not been received will not be allowed to start.

11. Any and all "*hors concours*" participation provided for directly or indirectly in the present Annex and/or in any special Rules of the Jumping Discipline are in compliance with the permissible exceptions as per Article 117.5 of the GRs.

12. The report of the assessing foreign delegate must be sent to the FEI Secretary General who in turn will send a copy to the Chair of the Jumping Committee. The NFs of the qualified Horses and Athletes will be informed by the FEI immediately after the qualification is given.

DRESSAGE

Qualification Period: Start: 1 January 2017
End: TBC

Minimum qualification criteria (art 450 Dressage Rules)

Teams and Individuals

In order to qualify for participation at the 2018 FEI World Dressage Championships, Athletes and Horses must have attained (as a combination) a result of at least 66% attributed by the Ground Jury and by any two different FEI 5* Dressage Judges, of a nationality other than that of the Athlete, in a Grand Prix at two different CDI3*/4*/5*/CDI-W or CDIO events during the qualification period.

PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

Qualification Period: Start: 1 January 2017
End: **TBC**
in addition to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

Minimum qualification criteria (art 8451 Para-Equestrian Dressage Rules)

Qualifying events

Any CPEDI 3* or 4* event during the qualification period in addition to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

Qualification score

All Athlete/Horse combinations must have attained (as a combination) a minimum 62 % score attributed by the Ground Jury in a Team test or Individual Championship test one time.

EVENTING

Qualification Period: Start: 1 January 2017
End: **TBC**

Minimum Eligibility Requirements (art 521 FEI Eventing Rules 2017)

For Championships all Minimum Eligibility Requirements* must be achieved as a combination as follows, NF requirements + (1 CCI 4*) or (1 CCI 3* + 1 CI 3*), for World Championship format.

* A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

a) Dressage Test: not more than 67 penalty points.

b) Cross Country Test:

- A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)

- Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for one, two and three star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of four star level Competitions.

c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

Note: If two Minimum Eligibility Requirements are used to qualify for a Championship, both of them must be achieved with a clear round on Cross Country obstacles.

DRIVING FOUR-IN-HAND

Qualification Period: Start: 1 January 2017
End: TBC

Minimum qualification criteria (in conjunction with art 913 and 914.1-6 of FEI Driving Rules 2017)

Drivers

At two (2) combined driving events, 3* Drivers must achieve a score of 65 points or less in the Dressage test (Test 3*B HP4) and have successfully completed (without Elimination, Disqualification or Retirement) all three competitions (Dressage, Cones, Marathon) in their own class.

One of the qualifying results as defined above must be achieved no earlier than on the 1st January of the year in which the Championships take place and no later than the end date of the qualification period.

Art 914.2 – Qualification results can be obtained at CAIO4*, CAI3* and CAI2* (see Article 913) – Four-in-hand Horses.

Maximum Driven penalty points allowed at the Championships in Dressage as per Art 914.4: 75 points. Note: Above 75 points and Drivers will not be allowed to start the Marathon.

Dressage test 3*B HP4 will be run at the FEI World Equestrian Games 2018.

ENDURANCE

Qualification Period: Start: 12 September 2016 (provisional)
End: TBC

Minimum qualification criteria (art 816 Endurance Rules)

Horses:

816.3.9 Horses must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.

816.3.10 Horses must have successfully completed at least 3 CEI 2* events or higher.

816.3.11 Of these 3 CEI events, at least one must be at the, minimum speed of 14kph, and the same distance and time frame as the 4-Star Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases, the horse can be ridden by any other applicable Athlete.

Athletes:

816.3.12 To achieve Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 3* 160km events or higher. To maintain Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI3* 160 km within every successive 24 months.

816.3.13 Riders who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations (Penalties) or have committed an offense under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication regulations, will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing ten CEI3* events commencing either after the period of suspension or after the 'fast track' decision is finalised.

816.3.14 Athletes must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.

816.3.15 Athletes must have successfully completed at least 5 CEI 2* events or higher.

816.3.16 Of those 5 CEI events, one must be at the minimum speed of 14kph and the same distance, weight and time frame as the 4* Championship, achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated horse unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete.

Recording and Proof of Qualification: Approved records must be provided for Rider/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

REINING

Qualification Period: Start: 1 January 2017
End: TBC

Minimum qualification criteria (art 303 Reining Rules)

To be eligible to compete either as a member of a team or as an individual at the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games, an Athlete must be qualified as FEI 3* Athlete (Art. 304) and achieve a minimum average score of 70 at two out of three different CRI3* (Championships excluded) during the qualification period.

One of the qualifying results as defined above must be achieved no earlier than on the 1st January of the year in which the Championships take place and no later than the end date of the qualification period.

For Nations who enter a Team, one qualifying result must be obtained at a CRI3* in their home country.

An NF that is not able to send a team may send up to two individual Athletes and two Horses who have achieved the minimum qualification criteria as stated above.

VAULTING

Qualification Period: Start: 1 January 2017
End: **TBC**

Minimum qualification criteria (art 703 Vaulting Rules)

To be eligible to compete at the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games, Individual and Pas de Deux Senior Vaulters must have attained the following:

	Individual	Pas de Deux
Senior	<p>2 x 7,0 at CVI 3* final score and/or at a Senior Championship final score</p> <p>Outside Europe: 1 x 7,0 at CVI 3* final score or at a Senior Championship final score</p>	<p>1 x 7,0 in any one round at CVI 3* or at a Senior Championship final score</p>

Pas-de-Deux

The two Vaulters must meet the qualification criteria together as Pas de Deux.

Squads

There are no qualification requirements for Squads

Wild Cards

None