

Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) Dressage

EVENTS

Team Competition
Individual Competition

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 50 riders and 50 horses (10 reserve horses/1 per team)

Maximum per NOC: For NOCs qualified in the team competition, the maximum number of athletes per NOC shall be 3 riders per nation, with the 3 best results to count.

For nations qualified only as individuals, the maximum per NOC shall be 2 riders.

An NOC may only participate with a maximum of 3 riders in the Final Individual competition.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

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

DRESSAGE TEAM - QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

10 NOCs will be qualified to take part with a team consisting of a maximum of 3 riders and 3 horses as follows:

1. The 3 best placed teams from the 2006 World Equestrian Games, Aachen (GER) (3)
2. The 3 best placed teams from the 2007 European Championship, excluding teams qualified above (3)
3. The 2 best placed teams from the Olympic Group F/G from a FEI approved 2007 Asian Pacific Dressage Championship, excluding the teams qualified above (2)
4. The 2 best teams from the Olympic Group D and E of the 2007 (2)

Pan American Games, excluding teams qualified above

TOTAL **10**

Note:

- All 3 riders of the team must achieve the Minimum Eligibility Standard by the date of 30th June 2008.
- **“Directly”** qualified Teams are achieved by qualification from Team Championships.
- **“Composite”** qualified Teams: teams are made up of 3 individuals qualified from the same nation from the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Dressage, to make up a team.
- The total number of teams participating in the team competition including the “composite teams” may finally exceed 10. The order of priority of the selection of the composite teams will be based on the combined highest 3 placings on the ranking list from one NOC.

DRESSAGE INDIVIDUAL - QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The following qualification places for Individuals may only be allocated to NOCs which have **not** qualified teams “directly”. Each qualification place will be for 1 rider and 1 horse.

1. The host nation (CHN & HKG) will be qualified with 1 individual, if not otherwise qualified (1/1)
2. Each NOC of the competitor placed first in the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Dressage, 1 May 2008, 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
3. The completion of 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 riders in their order of classification in the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Dressage, of 1 May 2008 to reach the total of 50 riders. (+)
4. In accordance with the specifications noted under the heading ‘Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-FEI) Invitation places’, Invitation places may be distributed to NOCs if confirmed by the Tripartite Commission +

TOTAL **20**

FEI OLYMPIC RIDERS RANKING - DRESSAGE

The point system to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Dressage, will be published by 1 January 2007 and distributed to NFs. The list is limited to the **8** best results per rider/horse combination in events within the identified period from **1 May 2007 to 1 May 2008**.

HORSE AND RIDER MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

All horses and riders who take part in the 2008 Olympic Games must achieve the following minimum standard required as a combination:

64%, attributed in a Grand Prix by any of the FEI Official International Dressage Judges of a nationality other than that of the rider, must be reached in a Grand Prix competition at two CDI 3*/CDI-Ws/CDIOs.

Riders and horses may obtain the minimum requirements at events which take place from **1 January 2007 until 30 June 2008**.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION (IOC-ANOC-FEI) INVITATION PLACES

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places is 15 November 2007. The allocation of Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs by July 2008. However, no places will be allocated for such Invitations within the equestrian quota. Invitation requests may be matched with any unused quota positions in agreement between the FEI and the IOC by 15 June 2008.

To be eligible for such an Invitation place, each rider and horse must achieve the FEI minimum eligibility standards.

Further information on Invitation places is contained in the Information Paper for NOCs distributed with the qualification system manual.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

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| 20 Aug – 9 Sept 2006 | World Equestrian Games (WEG), Aachen (GER) |
| Sept 2007 | European Dressage Championship, Torino (ITA) |
| 15 November 2007 | Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs |
| 1 May 2008 | FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Dressage used to determine qualification places |
| 1 May 2008 | FEI to inform NOCs of their qualified quota positions |
| 31 May 2008 | NOCs to confirm use of qualified quota positions to FEI |
| 15 June 2008 | FEI to confirm allocation of final qualification places, including confirmation of the allocation of Tripartite Commission Invitation places |
| 30 June 2008 | Deadline for riders and horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility criteria |
| July 2008 | The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs |
| 23 July 2008 | Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs |

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The FEI will inform NOCs/NFs in writing by 1 May 2008 of their qualification of team or individual places. Eligible NOCs must inform the FEI in writing by 31 May 2008 whether or not they intend to participate in the Olympic Games. By **15 June 2008** FEI will reallocate all available places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Unused Team positions: If the members of a qualified team do not reach the minimum eligibility standard by 30th June 2008:

1. The nation in question may then compete with maximum of 2 Individuals.
2. The unused number of places will go back to the FEI Dressage Ranking List.

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 rider on the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Dressage, of 1st May 2008. The same rider cannot qualify an NF for more than one individual place.

FEI Clarification note June 2006:

1. Horse and Rider Minimum Eligibility standards - A minimum 64 % score must be attributed to the rider/horse combination by two **different** FEI Official International Dressage Judges of a nationality other than that of the riders and the score must be achieved at two **different** CDI3*/CD-Ws/CDIO events. Scores achieved in Preliminary or Consolation Grand Prix classes judged by 3 judges do not count towards the minimum standard.

2. Dressage Individual Qualification System – As per the IOC principle, all Team and Individual places are allocated to the NOC of the team or Individual rider that have achieved the qualification **not to individual riders.**