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To
The National Equestrian Federations of
AUSTRALIA, JAPAN and NEW ZEELAND

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Dear Sirs,

RE: REGIONAL OLYMPIC QUALIFYING ASSESSMENT- DRESSAGE

Please find below the updated outline of the Regional Qualifying Assessment for AUS, JPN and NZL:

1. Timeperiod

The Ground Jury of five Judges will assess the JPN team and any NZL and AUS selected Team members in Europe at the end of January 2008 in the south of France. The same Ground Jury will then travel to AUS and NZL to judge the remaining selected AUS and NZL team members at the beginning of February 2008.

Dates:

		Venue
29-30 January	Travel day for Officials	
31 January	Assessment JPN	Cannes (FRA)
01-03 February	Travel days for Officials	
04-05 February	Assessment AUS	TBD
06-07 February	Assessment New Zealand	TBD
08-09 February	Travel day for Officials	
12 February	Announcement date for 2 best placed teams from the Olympic Group F/G FEI 2008 Asian Pacific Dressage Assessment	FEI HQ

2. Minimum Eligibility Standard (MES)

All assessments will be an opportunity for team members to obtain MES. The Assessments in AUS and NZL will also be open to other AUS and NZL combinations not members of the team for this purpose, in replacement for the cancelled CDI-W in October in AUS. Team members must compete first and in a separate section.



3. WDRL Points

An exception to the Rules for the FEI World Dressage Ranking List will be made for the AUS/NZL assessments and participating riders will be able to earn points for the WDRL / FEI Olympic Dressage Ranking List.

Note: Team Combinations stationed in Europe will not obtain WDRL points from the Assessment as they are not prevented from competing at CDI's in Europe.

4. Entries

Nominated Entries - To be submitted to the FEI Dressage Department by 7 January 2008 - 8 riders per NF for Team Assessment.

Nominated entries are required for Team members by date of NE. Non-Team members may be entered by date of Definite entries only, but if rider and horse name is not submitted as Nominated entries, these cannot be used as substitutions after Definite entries. Nominated Team members which will not finally ride in the Team assessment may automatically start in the non-Team section in order to gain MES and WDRL points.

Definite Entries - To be submitted to the FEI Dressage Department no later than 8 Days before the specific Assessment date per Venue - TBD

Last Day for Substitutions - To be submitted to the FEI Dressage Department no later than 3 Days before the specific Assessment date per Venue - TBD

5. Formula

The Assessment will be held according to CDIO Formula Art 444.5 however, restricted to the FEI Grand Prix Team test.

Each NF may start 4 rider/horse combinations per Team. No reserve combinations are allowed and Art. 424.2 do not apply. The three best results per Team will count towards the final Result of the total Assessment.

There is no maximum number of riders in the non-Team section; however judging must be completed in one day for each assessment venue.

6. Veterinary matters

A FEI Veterinary Delegate shall be appointed by each NF for each venue (AUS & NZL) For the European assessment; the FEI will appoint the Veterinary delegate in cooperation with the participating NFs. All horses shall be subject to MCP testing and a Steward should be appointed for each venue.

7. Draw

In accordance with Art. 425. However, TBC depending on final entries and team combinations. In principle each NF may decide in which order each team member shall start if a full team is entered at one venue. For riders not participating in the Assessment a regular draw shall be made.



8. Results

Following the last Assessment, and upon receipt of total results the FEI will announce the Final Team results for the Assessment qualifiers for Olympic Team qualification on 12 February 2008.

9. Costs

Venues and accommodation costs etc for officials shall be covered by each NF for each separate venue in relation to number of riders from each NF. In principle, the Judges travel costs will also be shared by the three NFs unless the FEI is able to secure funding. Estimated travelling cost per judge is CHF 13.000/USD 11.000. The FEI Dressage Department will handle and assist the Judges with their air travel.

Yours sincerely,
With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eva Salomon', written in a cursive style.

Eva Salomon
Director
FEI Dressage Department

cc: Alex McLin, Deputy Secretary General
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