

Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) Eventing

EVENTS

Team Competition
Individual Competition

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 75 riders and 75 horses (no reserve horses)

Maximum per NOC: For NOCs qualified in team competition, the maximum per NOC shall be 5 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 for the Final Individual Eventing Jumping Competition: If after the Team competition, a NOC has five or four riders qualified for this competition the three best placed riders following the Team competition will be selected to participate in the Individual Final 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

EVENTING TEAMS - QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

10 NOCs will be qualified to take part with a team consisting of a minimum of 3 riders and 3 horses, and a maximum of 5 riders and 5 horses, as follows:

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| 1. The 5 best placed teams from the 2006 World Equestrian Games, Aachen
(GER) | GER (1)
GBR (2)
AUS (3)
USA (4)
SWE (5) |
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2.	The 2 best placed teams from FEI Olympic Groups D and E of the 2007 Pan American Championship, excluding the teams qualified above	CAN (6) BRA (7)
3.	The best placed team from the Olympic Group F/G Championship at an FEI approved 2007 Asia Pacific Eventing Championship excluding teams qualified above	{8} Event not held
4.	The 2 best placed teams from the 2007 European Championship (Pratoni Del Vivaro ITA), excluding teams qualified as above	FRA (9) ITA (10)
TOTAL		9 Teams (45 riders)

“Composite” qualified Teams (see note below):

“Composite” team from the Olympic Rider rankings	NZL (5 riders)
“Composite” team from the Olympic Rider rankings	IRL (5 riders)

Note:

- “Directly” qualified Teams are achieved by qualification from Team Championships.
- “Composite” qualified Teams: teams are made up of minimum 3 to a maximum of 5 individuals qualified from the same nation from the Olympic Rider rankings to make up a team.
- Should all 10 team places not be allocated through the qualification through Team Championships process, the available places will be filled by ‘composite teams’ comprised of riders from an NOC qualified through the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Eventing.
- 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 5 placings on the ranking list from one NOC.
- To be eligible as Olympic qualification events, competitions outlined in 2, 3 and 4 above must include at least 3 nations i.e. teams presented at the 1st Horse Inspection.
- At least 3 riders of the team must complete the Olympic Qualification event for the team to be considered qualified.

EVENTING INDIVIDUALS - QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

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

			<i>Reserve list (R)</i>
1.	The host nation (CHN & HKG) will be qualified with 1 individual, if not otherwise qualified	CHN	
2.	Each NOC of the competitor placed first in the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Eventing, of 1 May 2008, in each of the following regions or regional groupings will become qualified to enter 1 individual:	(7)	
	A - North Western Europe;	DEN	
	B - South Western Europe	BEL	
	C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia	POL	
	D - North America	JAM	
	E - Central & South America	CHI	
	F - Africa & Middle East	RSA	
	G - South East Asia, Oceania	NZL*	
3.	The completion of the 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 - Eventing of 1 May 2008 to reach a total of 75 riders	(22) NZL* NZL* NZL* NZL* AUT BEL SUI BLR JPN IRL* RUS POL BLR IRL* RUS IRL* ARG NED NED IRL* IRL* CHI CZE	CZE RUS RUS CHI ECU POL BEL RUS UKR RUS DEN MEX ARG POL ARG NED BEL ARG Etc.
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	+	

*Composite team

FEI OLYMPIC RIDERS RANKING - EVENTING

The point system to be used for establishing the FEI 2007-2008 Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing, will be published by 1 January 2007 and distributed to NFs. This list is based on riders achieving FEI Qualifying Results in 3 and 4 star level events (CCI & CICs) and covers the period from **1 May 2007 to**

1 May 2008. The list is limited to the 5 best results per rider in events at the specified level during this period.

HORSE AND RIDER MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY STANDARD

All horses/riders who take part in the 2008 Olympic Games must achieve the following minimum eligibility standard as a combination by obtaining "FEI qualifying results" in the following level of competition:

- 1 qualifying result at a CCI 4*, or
- 1 qualifying result in a CCI 3* AND 1 qualifying result in a CIC 3*.

An FEI qualifying result is achieved by completing the above competitions within the minimum parameters of an all round performance, with:

- Not less than 50% Dressage good marks;
- 20 jumping penalties on Cross Country Obstacles, not more than 90 seconds over the optimum Cross Country phase time. At 4* events, the maximum time by which the optimum time may be exceeded is 120 seconds;
- not more than 16 jumping penalties on Show Jumping.

Riders and horses may obtain the minimum eligibility standard at events at the specified level which take place between **1 January 2007 and 30 June 2008**.

List of approved selected events counting for achieving minimum eligibility standards for 2007 and 2008 will be published on the FEI website: <http://www.horsesport.org/>.

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

20 - 27 August 2006	World Equestrian Games (WEG), Aachen (GER)
14-29 July 2007	Pan-American Games, Rio de Janeiro (BRA)
6 - 9 September 2007	FEI Group F & G Championship, Blenheim (GBR) NOT VALIDATED
13 - 16 September 2007	European Championships, Pratoni del Vivaro (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 – Eventing used to determine individual entries
1 May 2008	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their qualified quota positions (also for ranking list)
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 any 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 on 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 at the Olympic Games. By **15 June 2008** FEI will reallocate all available places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Unused team positions

If qualified teams are not entered by their NOC, and there are less than 10 teams entered in the team competition, the available places will be filled by 'composite teams' comprised of riders from an NOC qualified through the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing.

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 athletes on the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Eventing, of 1st May 2008.