



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

FÉDÉRATION ÉQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE

Eventing

A. EVENTS (2)

Mixed Events (2)

Individual Competition
Team Competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Eventing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men/Women	61	4	65
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2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men/Women	4	Maximum 1 Team with minimum 3 / maximum 4 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). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 1998 (18 years of age).

All horses participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 2008 (eight years of age).



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Additional IF Requirements:

All Horses/Athletes who take part in the 2016 Olympic Games Eventing Competitions must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements as a combination by obtaining “FEI qualifying results” in the following level of Competition which take place from 1 January 2015 until 19 June 2016 included:

- 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 (not more than 75 penalty points);
- clear (0) round 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.

List of approved selected Events counting for achieving minimum eligibility requirements for 2015 and 2016 will be published on the FEI website: (www.fei.org). This list of 2015 Events will be published in December 2014 and the 2016 Events will be published in December 2015. No additions of Events will be accepted after the publication of the selected Events calendar.

To be eligible as Olympic qualification Events, team Competitions outlined in 2, 3, 4 and 5 under section D must include at least three (3) NOCs i.e. with teams presented at the 1st Horse Inspection. At least three (3) Athletes of the team must complete the Olympic Qualification event for the team to be considered qualified.

All 3 star events counting for eligibility and qualification of nations will be on established and experienced events with a proven organisational record at the 3 star level

The FEI reserves the right to appoint the TD for 3 star Events counting for qualification and eligibility.

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

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.



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Team Qualification

11 NOCs will obtain “direct” qualification; 10 team quota places will be allocated through team championships and one (1) as a host country place, as per the table below. A team consists of minimum three (3) athletes/horses and maximum of (4) athletes/horses.

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events
1 (max. 4 athletes)	The Host Country (BRA) - <i>Please refer to section Host Country Places for further information.</i>
6 (max.24 athletes)	The six (6) best ranked teams from the 2014 World Equestrian Games (WEG) excluding the Host Country team.
2 (max. 8 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from the 2015 European Championship, from FEI Olympic Groups A, B and/or C (excluding Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) excluding teams qualified as above.
1 (max. 4 athletes)	The best ranked team from FEI Olympic Groups D or E at the 2015 Pan American Games, or at an FEI approved event excluding the teams qualified above.
1 (max. 4 athletes)	The best ranked team from the Olympic Groups F or G Championship at an FEI approved 2015 Asia Pacific Eventing Championship (including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) excluding teams qualified above.
TOTAL: 11 teams / maximum 44 athletes	
+	<p>“Composite” qualified Teams</p> <p>NOCs will also have the possibility to participate in the team competition with “composite” qualified teams.</p> <p>“Composite” qualified teams are made up of minimum three (3) to maximum of (4) athletes from the same NOC who qualified as individuals as per the individual qualification process detailed below. The total number of teams participating in the team competition including the “composite teams” may exceed 11.</p> <p>The order of priority for the selection of the composite teams will be based on the combined highest four (4) placings from one NOC on the FEI Olympic Rider Ranking - Eventing.</p>

Individual Qualification: FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing

Only NOCs which have not obtained “direct” team qualification are eligible to qualify for individual quota places as per the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing.

Each athlete can qualify a maximum of one (1) individual quota place for his/her NOC.

The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Eventing will be published by 1 January 2015 and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

The FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Eventing is limited to the best four (4) results per athlete/horse combination in these events, within the period from 9 March 2015 – 6 March 2016 included, and only athletes having obtained the Minimum eligibility requirement results for participation in the Olympic Games as per **C. Athlete eligibility** will be listed.



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Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Event
7	<p>FEI Olympic Athletes first allocation Ranking– Eventing (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</p> <p>The best ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing from each of the seven (7) below-mentioned groups will qualify one (1) individual quota place for their NOC:</p> <p>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</p>
6	<p>FEI Olympic Athletes second allocation Ranking – Eventing (allocation through combined FEI Olympic Groups)</p> <p>This ranking, based on the combined groups as outlined below, excludes the athletes who have qualified through the above first allocation ranking and the athletes from NOCs who have already qualified a team.</p> <p>Six (6) quota places will be allocated through this second ranking allocation with two (2) places for each combined group. The NOCs of the best ranked athletes in the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking - Eventing in each of the respective combined groups will qualify one (1) quota place for their NOC. For the avoidance of doubt, a NOC shall be eligible to qualify for two (2) quota places under this second allocation Ranking, provided that the places are obtained by two (2) different athletes.</p> <p>Combined Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A, B & C- North Western Europe/South Western Europe/Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia • D & E- North America/Central & South America • F & G- Africa & Middle East / South East Asia, Oceania
8	<p>FEI Olympic Athletes third allocation Ranking – Eventing (allocation through overall ranking)</p> <p>Eight (8) quota places will be allocated to the NOCs of the best ranked athletes in the FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing, whilst respecting the maximum quota per NOC.</p>
TOTAL: 21 athletes	

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team with a maximum of four (4) 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) or two (2) eligible individual athletes instead.



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E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, the FEI will publish the results on its website (www.fei.org). After 6 March 2016, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will have to confirm by 31 March 2016 if they wish to use these 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 the members of a qualified team do not reach the minimum eligibility requirements or if a team quota place is declined by an NOC, the team quota place will be reallocated as individual quota places to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing.

Should an NOC send three (3) athletes as part of their team instead of the maximum four (4) entitled, the unused athlete quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing.

Unused individual quota places

If an allocated individual quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the quota place was obtained through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups) it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from that group. Only if none of the NOCs with athletes ranked in the respective group are able to use the quota place, it will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing (allocation through overall ranking).
- If the quota place was obtained through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing (allocation through overall ranking or allocation through combined FEI Olympic Groups), it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing (allocation through overall ranking).

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team or decides to send one (1) or two (2) eligible athletes instead of a team, the unused athletes quota places will be reallocated to the NOCs of the best ranked athletes, not already qualified in the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Eventing.



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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/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each team which has obtained direct qualification is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete and one (1) P alternate horse for a total of 11 P alternate athletes and 11 P alternate horses for Eventing.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
27-31 August 2014	FEI World Equestrian Games (Normandy, FRA)
16-19 July 2015	Pan American Games - FEI Olympic Groups D & E (Toronto, CAN)
10-13 September 2015	FEI European Championships - FEI Olympic Groups A,B,C (Blair Castle, GBR)
8-10 October 2015	FEI Group Asia Pacific Eventing Championship - FEI Olympic Groups F, G, & C (4 Countries), CCI0 3* (Boekelo, NED)
9 March 2015 - 6 March 2016	Ranking period: FEI Olympic Riders Ranking – Eventing
After 6 March 2016	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
31 March 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FEI
15 April 2016	FEI to reallocate available quota places
19 June 2016	Deadline for athletes and horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements
20 June 2016	Deadline for FEI to receive Certification of Capabilities for all Athletes and Horses having achieved the minimum eligibility requirements
by 18 July 2016	FEI to reallocate all unused quota places (date may be modified subject to quarantine restrictions for Brazil)
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline