



## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

### FÉDÉRATION ÉQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

#### Dressage

Updated 07 July 2023 to incorporate the reallocation and MER procedures approved at the FEI General Assembly 2022 (Section C (Athlete Eligibility), Section F (Reallocation of Unused Quota Places) and Section H (Qualification Timeline) updated accordingly).

#### A. EVENTS (2)

##### Open events (2)

Individual Competition	Team Competition
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#### B. QUOTA PLACES

##### B.1. Total quota places for Dressage:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men/Women	57	3	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60</b>

##### B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota places per NOC
Men/Women	Maximum 1 Individual or Team of 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

##### B.3. Maximum number of athletes per event (where applicable):

	Number of athletes per event
Men/Women	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

##### B.4. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places for both Teams and Individuals are allocated to the NOC.

#### C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY



### **C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules**

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of the FEI, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

### **C.2. Age requirements**

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must be born on or before 31 December 2008 (no younger than 16 years of age in the year that the Olympic Games take place).

All horses participating in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 must be born on or before 31 December 2016 (no younger than eight years of age in the year that the Olympic Games take place).

### **C.3. Additional IF eligibility criteria**

Athletes must also comply with the Minimum Eligibility Requirements criteria.

#### **1. Minimum Eligibility Requirements – Dressage**

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 Dressage Competitions, and subject to the provisions of paragraph 2.4 below, all Athletes/Horses must achieve, as a combination, the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (**MER**) at selected Events which take place from 1 January 2023 until (and including) 24 June 2024 (the "**MER Deadline**"). Athlete/Horse combination must fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements as described below.

A minimum 67% must be attributed twice to the Athlete/Horse combination by both a L4 judge and as an average from all judges in the competition, and the score must be achieved in a Grand Prix test at two different CDI3\*/CDI4\*/CDI5\*/CDI-W/CDIO events. The two L4 judges must be of a nationality other than of the Athlete. Scores achieved Grand Prix classes (Consolation) judged by three Judges do not count towards the minimum eligibility requirement.

Athletes and Horses must obtain the MER at events which take place from 1 January 2023 until the MER Deadline of 24 June 2024 included.

#### **2. List of Selected Events**

The list of Olympic Ranking Events and MER Events (as defined in the Appendix) for achieving Olympic ranking points / the minimum eligibility requirements will be published on the FEI website: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org). The list of Olympic Ranking Events and 2023 MER Events will be published on 15 December 2022 and the 2024 MER Events\* will be published on 15 December 2023 at the latest. No additions of Events will be accepted after the publication of the selected Events calendar. Replacement in case of cancellation of Event for force majeure reasons will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

## **D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

### **D.1. QUOTA PLACES**

#### **Men/Women**

#### **Team Qualification**



15 NOCs will obtain team qualification; one (1) as a host country place, fourteen (14) team quota places will be allocated through FEI Olympic Group Qualification Events. A team consists of three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations.

Number of quota places	Qualification events	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The host country - Please refer to section <b>D.2. Host country places</b> for further information.	1. FRA
6 (max. 18 athletes)	The six (6) highest ranked teams from the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, Herning DEN (6-10 August 2022) excluding the host country team.	1. DEN 2. GBR 3. GER 4. SWE 5. NED 6. USA
3 (max. 9 athletes)	The three (3) highest ranked teams from the 2023 FEI European Dressage Championship, Riesenbeck, GER (4-10 September 2023) from FEI Olympic Groups A and/or B excluding teams qualified as above.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) highest ranked team from the Group C 2023 FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (Budapest 7-11 June 2023), excluding teams qualified as above.	1. POL
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) highest ranked teams from FEI Olympic Groups D and/or E at the 2023 Pan American Games, Santiago, CHI (26-29 October 2023), excluding teams qualified as above.	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group F at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, Herning, DEN (6-10 August 2022), excluding a team qualified as above.  If the quota place is not filled at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, the quota place will be allocated to the (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group F at a 2023 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (dates & location TBD if applicable).	
1 (max. 3 athletes)	The (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group G at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, Herning, DEN (6-10 August 2022), excluding a team qualified as above.  If the quota place is not filled at the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, the quota place will be allocated to the (1) highest ranked team from the Olympic Group G at a 2023 Group G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (dates & location TBD if applicable).	1. AUS
<b>TOTAL: 15 teams / 45 Athletes</b>		
<b>Reallocation of Quota Place(s)</b> See paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places for explanation of reallocation process.		



(Total number of teams participating in the team competition, including composite teams, may not exceed 15).	
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**Individual Qualification:**

Only NOCs that have not accepted a team quota place are eligible to obtain individual quota places. Each athlete can obtain a maximum of one (1) individual quota place for that athlete's NOC. For Dressage, a nation can qualify for a maximum of one (1) individual place.

**The FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage**

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (as defined in the Appendix) is limited to the best **four (4) results** per Athlete/Horse **combination** in Olympic Ranking events, within the period from **1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023**. The point system, including the list of events, to be used for establishing the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage will be published in December 2022 (exact date TBC) at the latest and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

Number of Individual quota places	Qualification events
<b>14</b>	<p><b>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)</b> The two (2)* highest ranked athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage from each of the five (5) below-mentioned groups will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC: A - North Western Europe; B - South Western Europe C - Central &amp; Eastern Europe; Central Asia F - Africa &amp; Middle East G - South East Asia, Oceania</p> <p><b>Allocation through FEI Olympic Group Qualification Event and FEI Olympic Ranking</b> The two (2)* highest ranked Individual Athletes from Olympic Groups D and/or E, maximum one (1) per NOC, from the overall individual classification at the 2023 Pan American Games will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC. The two (2)* highest ranked Athletes from the FEI Olympic Ranking for Olympic Groups D and E combined, maximum one (1) per NOC, will qualify one (1) individual quota place each for their NOC. D - North America E - Central and South America</p> <p>* Unless one (1) or two (2) individual quota places from that FEI Olympic Group, has already been allocated to an NOC/NOCs from that FEI Olympic Group due to their withdrawal of a qualified team as per the process set out in paragraph <b>F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places</b>.</p>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage (allocation through overall ranking)</b> One (1) individual quota place will be allocated in descending order of the highest ranked Athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage.</p>
<p><b>TOTAL: 15 Athletes</b></p> <p><b>Reallocation of Quota Place(s)</b> See paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places for explanation of reallocation process.</p>	



## D.2. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will be allocated one (1) team quota place with a maximum of three (3) Athletes. Each Athlete and Horse must fulfil the minimum age requirements and the minimum eligibility requirements to compete.

In case the host country is unable to field a team, it may send one (1) eligible individual Athlete instead.

## E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

### E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, the FEI will publish the results on its website (<https://inside.fei.org>). The Team and Individual quota places will be confirmed separately as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

By January 2024 (Date TBC), further to receipt of the NOC Certificate of Capability from the relevant NOCs, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated team quota places. Each NOC must confirm or decline the allocated team quota place by February 2024 (Date TBC).

After the NOCs' confirmation of team participation, the FEI will inform the respective NOCs/NFs in writing of their allocated individual quota places and each NOC with Individuals must confirm the use of quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

### E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to the FEI by January 2024 (Date TBC) the use of its host country places.

## F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

### F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

#### 1. Unused Team quota places (excluding Host Country places)

1.1 If an NOC does not confirm the NOC Certificate of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) by 8 January 2024 or informs the FEI, by 5 February 2024, that it declines its team quota place, the team quota place(s) will be considered to be withdrawn and will be reallocated as follows:

- The team quota place(s) will be redistributed to the Composite Team(s) (as defined in paragraph 1.5 below and the Appendix), provided that the NOC(s) had the minimum three eligible combinations as of 31 December 2023. The NOC(s) of the Composite Team(s) shall



have a period of two (2) weeks to confirm to the FEI that they accept the quota place. If the NOC does not confirm the quota place, paragraph 1.2 below applies.

- If an NOC has declined a team quota place by 5 February 2024 or an NOC has not confirmed the NOC Certificate of Capability by 8 January 2024, then the NOC will be allocated one (1) individual quota place from within the respective FEI Olympic Group in the Individual Qualification.
- A maximum of two (2) individual quota places per FEI Olympic Group can be allocated to NOCs who were informed of their team quota place by the FEI on 10 January 2024.
- If more than two (2) NOCs from the same FEI Olympic Group withdraw prior to 5 February 2024, then priority for the individual quota places will be given in chronological order of withdrawal, i.e., the NOC that has withdrawn earliest shall have priority. If the NOCs concerned have each withdrawn at the same time, the NOC with the highest ranking Athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage shall have priority. In the event of a tie, the FEI will invite the NOCs/NFs to a draw. If an NOC does not have any Athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage, then that NOC shall not be entitled to an individual quota place.
- For the purpose of this process, the term “withdrawal” shall mean either:
  - (i) A written notification by an NOC to the FEI that the NOC declines its team quota place. In such circumstances, the date of withdrawal shall be the date the written notification is received by the FEI.
  - or
  - (ii) If an NOC does not confirm their NOC Certificate of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) by the 8 January 2024 deadline. In such circumstances, the date of withdrawal shall be deemed to be 8 January 2024.

1.2 A NOC that withdraws its team quota place after 5 February 2024 or does not submit a valid FEI Certificate of Capability by 25 June 2024 will not be automatically entitled to be allocated an individual quota place in accordance with the process set out in paragraph 1.1 above. Instead, the following will apply:

- (i) Where a NOC withdraws its team quota place after 5 February 2024 but on/before 24 June 2024:
  - (a) The team quota place(s) will be redistributed as a Composite Team(s) quota place to the NOC of the next highest ranked Composite Team not already qualified, provided that the NOC(s) had the minimum three eligible combinations as of 31 December 2023. That NOC shall have a period of two (2) weeks or until 23:59 (Lausanne) on 25 June 2024 (whichever is earlier) to confirm to the FEI that they accept the quota place. The NOC must submit the FEI Certificate of Capability to the FEI by 23:59 (Lausanne) on 25 June 2024.
  - (b) If a NOC that is reallocated a quota place as per paragraph 1.2(i)(a) above declines the quota place or does not confirm it within the applicable deadline (as set out above), the team quota place(s) will be further redistributed as a Composite Team(s) quota place to the NOC of the next highest ranked Composite Team not already qualified, provided that the NOC(s) had the minimum three eligible combinations as of 31 December 2023. That NOC shall have a period of two (2) weeks or until 24 June 2024 (whichever is earlier) to confirm to the FEI that they accept the quota place. The NOC must submit



the FEI Certificate of Capability to the FEI by 23:59 (Lausanne) on 25 June 2024. If that NOC declines the quota place or does not confirm it within the applicable deadline (as set out above), no further reallocation to Composite Teams will take place and paragraph 1.4 below will apply.

- 1.3 Where a NOC that has been (re)allocated a team quota place does not or cannot submit a valid FEI Certificate of Capability by 25 June 2024 paragraph 1.4 below will apply.
- 1.4 If the full quota of 15 teams has not been reached following the reallocation of team quota places as detailed above, the unused Athlete quota places (three (3) per team) will be reallocated to the NOCs as individual quota places. These places will be allocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked Athletes from the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage, excluding NOCs that have already accepted a team quota place, and provided that the NOC has at least one (1) Athlete/Horse combination that fulfils the Minimum Eligibility Requirements by the MER Deadline. The NOCs must each submit a FEI Certificate of Capability no later than 1 (one) week after being informed of the allocation of the quota place or before 7 July 2024 (whichever is earlier) provided that all Athlete/Horse combinations on the FEI Certificate of Capability had achieved the Minimum Eligibility Requirements by the MER Deadline of 24 June 2024.
- 1.5 Composite Team (see also the Appendix): A three (3) member team from an NOC. The Composite Team will be selected according to the following process:
  - (i) the respective rankings of each NOC's top three (3) different Athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage shall be added together to give an aggregate ranking;
  - (ii) the NOC with the best aggregate ranking shall be awarded the redistributed quota place;
  - (iii) in the event of a tie (i.e., where the aggregate rankings are the same), the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the highest ranked Athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage. In the event of a further tie, the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the second highest ranked Athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage, and so on. If the tie cannot be broken following this process, the FEI will invite the NOCs/NFs concerned to a draw.

## **2. Unused Individual quota places**

- 2.1 If an allocated individual quota place is not confirmed by the NOC or is declined by the NOC by the confirmation deadline, 18 March 2024, or a NOC that has been allocated an individual quota place declines its individual quota place on/after 18 March 2024 but before 24 June 2024, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:
  - (i) To the NOC of the next highest ranked Athlete in the relevant FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage according to the qualification procedure. If the quota place to be reallocated was originally allocated based on the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked Athlete on the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage. That NOC shall have a period of two (2) weeks or until 24 June 2024 (whichever is earlier) to confirm to the FEI that they accept the quota place. The NOC must submit the FEI Certificate of Capability to the FEI by 23:59 (Lausanne) on 25 June 2024.



- (ii) If the NOC that is reallocated a quota place as per paragraph 2.1 above declines the quota place or does not confirm it within the applicable deadline (as set out above), the quota place will be further redistributed through the overall FEI Olympic Rankings – Dressage.
- 6.2.2 If there are any unused or unallocated individual quota place(s) after 25 June 2024, the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked Athlete(s) from the overall FEI Olympic Ranking Dressage (that has not already been allocated a quota place) subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The relevant NOC(s) must have at least one (1) Athlete/Horse combination that fulfilled the Minimum Eligibility Requirements by the MER Deadline; and
  - (ii) The NOC must submit a FEI Certificate of Capability no later than 1 (one) week after being informed of the allocation of the quota place or before 7 July 2024 (whichever is earlier) provided that all Athlete/Horse combinations on the FEI Certificate of Capability had achieved the Minimum Eligibility Requirements by the MER Deadline of 24 June 2024.
- 2.3 If the maximum quota of 60 Athletes has not been reached following the reallocation of individual quota places as detailed above, any unused individual quota places will be reallocated to the NOC(s) of the next highest ranked Athlete(s) on the overall FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage, from an NOC that has already earned an individual quota place (maximum of two (2) individual quota places per NOC) and subject to the NOC meeting the conditions set out in paragraph 2.2 (i) and (ii) above. Under no circumstances may the total number of Athletes exceed 60.

## F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In case the Host Country is unable to field a team or decides to send one (1) eligible Athlete instead of a team, the unused Athletes quota places will be reallocated to the NOCs of the highest ranked Athletes, not already qualified, on the overall FEI Olympic Ranking–Dressage.

## G. AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

### Definition:

Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the “Ap” accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These alternate athletes are not part of the athlete quota as described in Paragraph **B. Quota Places**. “Ap” alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

Only NOCs that have qualified a team are entitled to Ap athlete (one athlete and one reserve horse per team) as described in the qualification system.

### Eligibility:

“Ap” athletes and Reserve Horses must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.





## H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
10 – 14 August 2022	FEI Dressage World Championships (Herning, DEN)
FEI Dressage World Championships 2022 – 31 December 2023	Period for NOCs to obtain a <b>team</b> quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
15 December 2022	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events (and ranking rules) and List of 2023 MER Events
1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023	Ranking Period: FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage
1 January 2023 – TBC 2024 (“MER Deadline”)	Period for Athletes and Horses to obtain the FEI minimum eligibility requirements
04-10 September 2023	FEI Dressage European Championships, Riesenbeck, GER – FEI Olympic Groups A, B
07-11 June 2023	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (Budapest, HUN) – FEI Olympic Group C
20 October – 5 November 2023	Pan American Games (Santiago, CHI) - FEI Olympic Groups D & E
TBC 2023	FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, FEI Olympic Group F (Date Venue TBD) (only if team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group F NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022)
TBC 2023	FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event, FEI Olympic Group G (Date Venue TBD) (only if team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group G NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022)
December 2023 (exact date TBC)	FEI to publish list of 2024 MER Events
<i>Date</i>	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places to the NOCs (where applicable).
10 January 2024	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their <b>team</b> quota place allocation
5 February 2024	The NOCs to confirm to the FEI the use of the allocated <b>team</b> quota places to the FEI. If an NOC withdraws their team quota place by this date or had not confirmed their NOC Certificate of Capability as of 31 December 2023, the NOC in question will be eligible for an <b>Individual</b> quota place (subject to the process set out in “Team Qualification”).
19 February 2024	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• allocation of Composite Team(s) quota place(s) (TBC)</li> <li>• reallocation of one (1) Individual place to each NOC that has withdrawn their Team quota place (subject to the process set out in “Team Qualification”)</li> <li>• allocation of <b>Individual</b> quota places.</li> </ul> Determination of Individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage
18 March 2024	NOCs to confirm use of allocated <b>Individual</b> quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
TBC 2024	FEI to reallocate all unused quota places.
24 June 2024 (“MER Deadline”)	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements. FEI Nominated Entries
One (1) day after the MER Deadline	FEI to receive FEI Certificates of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse combination)



<b>8 July 2024</b>	<b>Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline</b>
<b>26 July – 11 August 2024</b>	<b>Olympic Games Paris 2024</b>



## APPENDIX – Definitions

**Composite Team:** A three (3) member team from an NOC. The Composite Team will be selected according to the following process:

- the respective rankings of each NOC's top three (3) different athletes in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage shall be added together to give an aggregate ranking;
- the NOC with the highest aggregate ranking shall be awarded the redistributed quota place;
- in the event of a tie (i.e., where the aggregate rankings are the same), the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the highest ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage. In the event of a further tie, the redistributed quota place shall be awarded to the NOC with the second highest ranked athlete on the FEI Olympic Ranking - Dressage, and so on. If the tie cannot be broken following this process, the FEI will invite the NOCs/NFs concerned to a draw.

**FEI Certificate of Capability:** A certificate that must be provided by the National Federation to the FEI for each Athlete and Horse that are nominated to participate in the Olympic Games. This certificate confirms the minimum eligibility requirements as laid down in the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games. It confirms that the Athletes and the Horses have the necessary experience and ability to participate at the required standard.

**FEI Olympic Ranking – Dressage:** The official rankings based on results achieved by an Athlete and Horse as a combination at the Olympic Ranking Events during the period 01 January 2023 – 31 December 2023. The List of the Olympic Ranking Events and the relevant ranking rules will be published by 15 December 2022.

**FEI Olympic Group Qualification Events:** Those events at which teams from specific FEI Olympic Groups can participate in order to earn a team quota place, namely:

- For FEI Olympic Groups A and B: the 2023 FEI Dressage European Championships;
- For FEI Olympic Group C: the 2023 Group C FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event;
- For FEI Olympic Groups D and E: the 2023 Pan-American Games;
- For FEI Olympic Group F: the 2023 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (only if a team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group F NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022) as per the process set out in Section D (Qualification Pathway));
- For FEI Olympic Group G: the 2023 Group G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (only if a team quota place cannot be allocated to an FEI Olympic Group G NOC at the FEI Dressage World Championships 2022 as per the process set out in Section D (Qualification Pathway)).

**MER Deadline:** 24 June 2024

**MER Events:** Those events at which Athletes and Horses can earn the minimum eligibility requirements.

**NOC Certificate of Capability:** NOC confirmation that at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations from that NOC have achieved the minimum eligibility requirements during the period FEI Dressage World Championships 2022– 31 December 2023. Such confirmation must be provided to the FEI by 5 January 2024.

**Olympic Ranking Events:** Those events at which points for the FEI Olympic Rankings – Dressage can be earned.