



## 15. PARA EQUESTRIAN

### MEDAL EVENTS

| Male | Female | Mixed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total |
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| 0    | 0      | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 11    |
|      |        | <u><b>Individual Medal Event</b></u><br>Individual - Grade I<br>Individual - Grade II<br>Individual - Grade III<br>Individual - Grade IV<br>Individual - Grade V<br><br><u><b>Team Medal Event</b></u><br>Team - Open<br><br><u><b>Individual Freestyle Medal Event</b></u><br>Individual - Grade I<br>Individual - Grade II<br>Individual - Grade III<br>Individual - Grade IV<br>Individual - Grade V |       |

### ATHLETE QUOTA

| Male | Female | Gender Free | Total |
|------|--------|-------------|-------|
| 0    | 0      | 78          | 78    |

### ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Qualification slots are allocated to the NPC, not to the individual athlete or team, with the exception of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots which are allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC. An athlete may only obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.

## **MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC**

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of four (4) qualification slots.

## **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the entry into the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games, athletes must:

- be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of either (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date after 31 December 2028; and
- have been entered in the FEI Nominated Entries via the FEI Certificate of Capability.

To be eligible for entry into the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games, athlete/horse combinations must:

- have achieved at least two (2) sixty-four percent (64%) scores at two different FEI Para Equestrian 3\* or above events in a Grand Prix Test A or Grand Prix Test B from 1 January 2026 to 9 July 2028.

## **MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC**

An NPC may enter a maximum of four (4) athletes in Individual medal events. An NPC may enter one team in the Team medal event.

For the Team medal event, three athletes, who also must be entered in their respective Individual medal events, may compete for each NPC. At least one (1) team member shall be an athlete in either sport class Grade I, sport class Grade II or sport class Grade III. In order to form a team an NPC may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes per sport class.

If an NPC obtains three (3) or more Individual Qualification slots (including via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method), then all slots may be used for athletes competing only in Individual medal events if the selected athletes do not fulfil the FEI's criteria for forming a team. If an NPC enters three (3) or more athletes who meet the criteria required to form a team, then that NPC must compete in the Team medal event.

## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

| <b>Team Qualification</b>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
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| <b>METHOD</b>                                           | <b>QUALIFICATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>Host Country Allocation</b>                          | <p>The host country directly qualifies four (4) athletes.</p> <p>If the host country is unable to field a team by the allocation deadline of 28 February 2028, it may be allocated a maximum of two (2) slots for Individual athletes. In this case, the remaining slots through this method will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4 athletes   |
| <b>2026 FEI World Championships</b>                     | The highest seven (7) ranked teams (not including the host country) at the 2026 FEI World Championships will each obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 28 athletes  |
| <b>2027 FEI European Championships</b>                  | The highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the 2027 FEI European Championships will obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 4 athletes   |
| <b>FEI Paralympic Regional Team Ranking* Allocation</b> | <p>The highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List (as of 31 December 2027) from each of the following regions will obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Oceania</li> </ul> <p>Should a region not be represented on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List, the relevant slots may be allocated, regardless of region, to the next highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List (as of 31 December 2027).</p> | 16 athletes  |

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| <b>FEI Paralympic Team Ranking* List Allocation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The two (2) highest ranked teams on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List (not otherwise qualified) will each obtain four qualification slots for their NPC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8 athletes   |
| <i>*The FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List, covering the period of 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027, is a Team Ranking based on each team's best team results from two (2) qualifying events added together.</i>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| <b>Individual Qualification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| <b>METHOD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>QUALIFICATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List** Allocation - Regional Distribution</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Only NPCs that have not earned qualification slots through any of the above team allocation methods may receive qualification slots through the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List Allocation method.</p> <p>The three (3) highest ranked athletes on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List (as of 31 December 2027) from each of the following regions each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, irrespective of Grade, and up to a maximum of two (2) slots per NPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Europe</li> <li>• Oceania</li> </ul> <p>Should a region not be represented on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, the relevant slots may be allocated regardless of region to the next highest ranked NPC(s) on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List (as of 31 December 2027).</p> | 15 athletes  |
| <i>**The FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, covering the period of 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027, is an Individual Ranking based on each athlete's accumulated ranking points of a maximum of six (6) best results obtained in FEI Para Equestrian qualifying competitions.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| <b>Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Three (3) athletes will be considered by the FEI and IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation the FEI must receive an official application in writing from                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3 athletes   |

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|              | the relevant NPC by 13 March 2028. In case not all Bipartite slots are allocated, the remaining slots may be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List (as of 31 December 2027). |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>78 athletes</b> |

## **TIMELINE**

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| 1 January 2026    | Start of the period for athlete/horse combinations to attain minimum eligibility requirements                                  |
| 10-23 August 2026 | FEI Para Dressage World Championships, Aachen, Germany                                                                         |
| 15 December 2026  | FEI to publish the list of Qualifying Events counting for FEI Paralympic Ranking Lists in 2027                                 |
| 1 January 2027    | Start of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists |
| 17-22 August 2027 | FEI Para Dressage European Championships, Randboel, Denmark                                                                    |
| 31 December 2027  | End of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists   |
| 14 February 2028  | Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process                                                                   |
| 28 February 2028  | FEI notifies the NPCs in writing about the number of allocated qualification slots                                             |
| 13 March 2028     | NPCs confirm in writing the use of allocated qualification slots                                                               |
| 13 March 2028     | Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to FEI                                                |
| 20 March 2028     | FEI confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots and the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitations    |

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| TBD 2028     | Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List") |
| 9 July 2028  | End of the period for athlete/horse combinations to attain minimum eligibility requirements                                                 |
| 10 July 2028 | Deadline for National Federations to send the Certificate of Capability to FEI                                                              |
| 24 July 2028 | Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs                                           |

### **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

By 13 March 2028 each qualified NPC must confirm to FEI in writing (email is accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will lose their qualification slots, and FEI may reallocate these slots.

By 20 March 2028 FEI will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 20 March 2028, NPCs must officially declare their use of their allocated slots. Any NPC that fails to use any of its allocated slots having declared that it will do so may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and FEI.

### **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

After the deadline of 13 March 2028, any qualification slots that are not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated as follows:

#### **Unused Team slots**

An NPC can accept three or four Team quota slots. If an NPC does not use all of its allocated Team quota slots (either three or four athletes), the NPC may then participate with a maximum of two (2) athletes exclusively in Individual events. The unused slot(s) will go to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, not otherwise qualified via any Team Qualification method, with a maximum of two (2) slots per NPC to be allocated via this method.

#### **Unused Individual slots**

Should an NPC not use all of its allocated quota slots for Individual athletes, the slot(s) may be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic

Individual Ranking List not otherwise qualified, with a maximum of two (2) slots per NPC to be allocated via this method.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 20 March 2028 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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