



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE

Jumping

A. EVENTS (2)

Mixed Events (2)

Individual Competition
Team Competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Jumping:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men/Women	71	4	75
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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 2007 (nine years of age).

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes/horses must achieve the Minimum Eligibility Requirement at selected events which take place from 1 January 2015 until 19 June 2016.



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1. Athletes and horses that have had not more than eight penalties in the team competition (1st or 2nd round) at the 2015 European Championships or Pan-American Games or other FEI 2015 Continental Championships for Seniors.
2. Those athletes and horses that have completed the Individual Final competition at the 2015 European Championship or Pan-American Games or other FEI 2015 Continental Championships for Seniors.
3. Athletes and horses that have completed the first round of two FEI World Cup™ competitions at selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W and CSI3*-W events with not more than a total score of zero penalties. Athletes and horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ competition at a selected outdoor CSI4*-W event with not more than a total score of four penalties. Athletes and horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ competition at a selected outdoor CSI5*-W event with not more than a total score of eight penalties.
4. Athletes and horses can become eligible according to any one of the following paragraphs:
 - 4.1. athletes and horses must have completed the first round of two Grand Prix competitions at selected CSI3* outdoor events with a score of zero penalties.
 - 4.2. athletes and horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix competition at a CSI4* outdoor event with a score of not more than four penalties.
 - 4.3. athletes and horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix competition at a CSI5* outdoor event with a score of not more than eight penalties.
 - 4.4. athletes and horses must have completed the first or second round of a Nations Cup competition at a selected CSIO outdoor event with a score of not more than four penalties in the first round or zero penalties in the second round, or must have completed the first round of the Grand Prix competition with a score of not more than four penalties, provided the courses of these competitions are built according to the dimensions laid down in Article 6 below.
 - 4.5. athletes and horses must have completed the first or second round of a Nations Cup competition at a CSIO5* outdoor event with a score of not more than eight penalties, or must have completed the first round of the Grand Prix competition with a score of not more than eight penalties.
5. The list of selected 2015 events will be published in December 2014 and the 2016 selected events will be published in December 2015.
6. Selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix and FEI World Cup™ competitions must meet the following specifications: consist of at least 12 obstacles which may vary in height between 1.40m and 1.60m. The spread obstacles must have spreads of between 1.50m to 2.00m (2.20m for the triple bar). At least two straight obstacles must be provided with a minimum height of 1.60m.
7. NFs unable to send complete teams to any of the CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete hors concours in the Nations Cup competition.
8. Foreign Assessing Delegate: If an NF finds it impossible for its athletes to reach the Minimum Eligibility Requirements as above, the FEI will upon request of the NF, send a Foreign Delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special qualifying competition conducted in accordance with the protocol established in FEI Jumping Rules Annex VIII, paragraph 8. This competition will consist of one round with the dimensions as laid down on a course plan provided by the FEI. Athletes/horses scoring 8 penalties or less in this round will be considered to be eligible. The FEI Foreign Delegate will advise the NF and the FEI on the granting of eligibility (Minimum Eligibility Requirements). If an athlete/horse combination has more than 8 penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the Foreign Delegate can let the combination repeat a similar course. But in no case can an athlete become eligible if he/she has scored more than 8 penalties in the second round. The NFs of the eligible horses and athletes will be informed by the FEI immediately.
9. At Nations Cup and Grand Prix competitions at selected CSIOs, at FEI World Cup™ competitions and at CSI3*/4*/5* Grand Prix competitions, the Foreign Judge is responsible for ensuring that the



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course is built to the required dimensions and will confirm to the FEI that the Minimum Eligibility Requirements have been achieved.

10. Certificates of Capability must be received by the FEI for athletes and horses not later than 20 June 2016. Athletes and horses for whom Certificates of Capability have not been received will not be allowed to participate in the Olympic Games.

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.

Team Qualification

15 NOCs will qualify for a team quota place with a team consisting of minimum three (3) athletes/horses and maximum of four (4) athletes/horses, as follows:

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Event
1 (max. 4 athletes)	The Host Country (BRA) - <i>Please refer to section Host Country Places for further information.</i>
5 (max. 20 athletes)	The five (5) best ranked teams from the 2014 World Equestrian Games (WEG), excluding the Host Country team.
3 (max. 12 athletes)	The three (3) best ranked teams from Groups A and/or B at the 2015 European Jumping Championship, excluding the teams qualified above.
2 (max. 8 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from the 2015 Pan-American Games, excluding the teams qualified above.
1 (max. 4 athletes)	The best ranked team from Group F at the Group F FEI selected Olympic Qualification event, excluding the teams qualified above.
1 (max. 4 athletes)	The best ranked team from Group C at the 2015 Group C FEI selected Olympic Qualification event, excluding the teams qualified above.
2 (max. 8 athletes)	The two (2) best ranked teams from Group G at the 2015 Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification event, excluding the teams qualified above.
TOTAL: 15 Teams / maximum 60 athletes	



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Individual Qualification:

Only NOCs which have not obtained a team quota place are eligible to qualify for individual quota places.

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 - Jumping will be published by 1 January 2015 and distributed to NOCs/NFs.

The FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping is limited to the best 15 results per athlete/horse combination in these events within the period from 1 January 2015 to 6 March 2016 included.

15 individual quota places of one (1) athlete and one (1) horse will be reserved for NOCs with a maximum of two (2) athletes with one (1) horse each per NOC, as follows:

Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Events
4	The best ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping from each of the four (4) below-mentioned groups will qualify one (1) individual quota place for their NOC: A - North Western Europe B - South Western Europe C - Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia F - Africa & Middle East
6	The NOCs of the six (6) best ranked athletes from Groups D and/or E at the 2015 Pan-American Games, excluding the Host Country.
1	The NOC of the best ranked athlete from the Group G individuals at the Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification event.
4	The NOCs of the four (4) best ranked athletes from the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping.
TOTAL: 15 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.

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 must confirm by 31 March 2016 if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Unused team quota 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 to the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the respective event as follows:

1. a team qualified from the 2014 WEG will be replaced by the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014 WEG final team classification.
2. a team qualified from the 2015 European Jumping Championship will be replaced by the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the reserve list of the next three (3) best ranked teams from this championship excluding those already qualified. Once these three (3) reserve teams have been included, replacements will be made from the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014 WEG final team classification.
3. a team qualified from the 2015 Pan-American Games will be replaced by the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the reserve list of the next two (2) best ranked teams from these Games excluding those already qualified. Once these two (2) reserve teams have been included, replacements will be made from the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014 WEG final team classification.
4. a team qualified from the 2015 FEI selected Olympic Qualification event for Olympic Groups C, F & G, will be replaced by the next best ranked team not yet qualified from the 2014 WEG final team classification.

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 – Jumping.

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:

1. If the quota place was obtained through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping (allocation to FEI Olympic Groups A, B, C and F), it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from the same group.
If the individual quota place cannot be filled by any of the above Groups, it will be reallocated to the NOC of next best ranked athlete on the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping.
2. If the quota place was obtained by an NOC of Groups D or E through the 2015 Pan-American Games, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from Group D or E at the 2015 Pan-American Games.
3. If the quota place was obtained through the Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification event it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete at the Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification event.
4. If the quota place was obtained through the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete on the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping.



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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, on the overall FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping.

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 a qualification is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete and one (1) P alternate horse for a total of 15 P alternate athletes and 15 P alternate horses for Jumping.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
31 August-7 September 2014	FEI World Equestrian Games (Normandy FRA)
21-25 July 2015	Pan-American Games
17-23 August 2015	FEI European Jumping Championship (Aachen GER)
TBD*	Group F FEI selected Olympic Qualification Event
TBD*	Group C FEI selected Olympic Qualification Event
TBD*	Group G FEI selected Olympic Qualification Event
1 January 2015- 6 March 2016	Ranking period: FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking - Jumping
After 6 March 2016	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their 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 Certificate of Capability 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

*To Be Determined