

SESSION 1 – QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR THE LA28 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Format: The first session of the FEI Sports Forum 2025 will be dedicated to the Qualification Systems for Jumping, Dressage, Eventing as well as Para Dressage for the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The FEI President will introduce the main principles and deadlines and the relevant FEI Sports Directors and FEI Deputy Legal Director will present the proposed systems in further detail.

Panellists:

- Áine Power** - FEI Deputy Legal Director
- Frédérique Reffet Plantier** - FEI Director, Eventing
- Ronan Murphy** – FEI Director, Dressage, Para Dressage & Vaulting
- Todd Hinde** – FEI Director, Jumping

Topics to be presented

Proposals for Discussion – Olympic Qualification System for LA28

The FEI Deputy Legal Director will outline the key concepts of the Olympic qualification system for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, including qualification timelines, quota places, and the reallocation process. Following this presentation, the discipline Directors will introduce the proposals listed below for discussion. These proposals are not final decisions but serve as a basis for dialogue and stakeholder feedback.

Eventing

1. Individual Quotas

- Individual quota places for Los Angeles 2028 to be allocated in the same way as for Paris 2024.

2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs)

- The "**Confirmation Result**" concept would be retained to ensure that all athlete-horse combinations achieve a qualifying performance in 2028.
- To promote diverse competition exposure, combinations submitting multiple MER results would need to obtain them at different venues.

3. Olympic Ranking & MER Events

- The qualification system would reintroduce the principle of **established events**, requiring venues hosting Olympic Ranking & MER Events in 2027 and/or 2028 to

demonstrate prior experience. This would mean organising at least one higher-level event (i.e., CCI(O)4*-S, CCI(O)4*-L, or CCI5*-L) in the preceding year.

- To ensure consistency and high standards, at least one **L4 Official** (Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, or Course Designer) would need to be appointed at all Olympic Ranking and MER Events.

4. Participation Restrictions & Mandatory Rest Periods

- The participation restriction rule for MER and Ranking Events would be clarified to apply **exclusively** to CCI4* and CCI5* events.
- Mandatory rest periods would apply as follows to line up with the FEI Eventing Rules:
 - **24 days** following participation in a CCI4*-L and/or CCI5*-L event.
 - **10 days** following participation in a CCI4*-S event.
 - The rest period would still be calculated from **Cross-Country to Cross-Country**.

Dressage

1. Team Qualification Events & Quotas

- Distribution of Quota places across the Olympic Groups unchanged from Paris 2024 (15 teams of 3, 15 individuals, total 60 combinations).

2. Individual Quotas

- Individual quota places for Los Angeles 2028 to be allocated in the same way as for Paris 2024.

3. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs)

- MER period 1 January 2027 until 12 June 2028.
- MER unchanged – 67% twice to the Athlete / Horse combination by both a L4 Judge and as an average from all Judges in the panel. Two L4 Judges must be a different nationality to the Athlete.
- MER achieved at two different CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5*/CDI-W/CDIO events.

Jumping

1. Team Qualification & Quotas

- Distribution of Team Quota places which previously were gained at the Nations Cup Final will be re-distributed to the World Championships.

SPORTS FORUM

31 March – 1 April 2025, IMD Lausanne

2. Individual Quotas

- Individual quota places for Los Angeles 2028 to be allocated in the same way as for Paris 2024.

3. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs)

- There are no proposals to change the existing Minimum Eligibility Requirements
- Lists of 2027 and 2028 selected MER Competitions for Jumping to be published in December 2026 and December 2027.

Para Dressage:

1. Team and Individual Qualification Period

- FEI Para Dressage World Championships 2026 – 31 December 2027.

2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Athletes must be internationally classified with a 'confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2028.
- **Increase to two (2) scores of 64% from two different CPEDI3* or above events between 1 January 2026 and final date for achieving MERs (to be confirmed).**
- Period to earn MERs: 1 January 2026 – 11 July 2028 (5 weeks before opening ceremony).