



International
Paralympic
Committee

EQUESTRIAN

Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
0	0	11	11
		<u>Championship Test</u> Individual – Grade Ia Individual – Grade Ib Individual – Grade II Individual – Grade III Individual – Grade IV Team – Open <u>Freestyle Test</u> Individual – Grade Ia Individual – Grade Ib Individual – Grade II Individual – Grade III Individual – Grade IV	

Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
0	0	78	78

Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to the individual athlete or team. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of five (5) qualification slots.



Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2016.

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athlete/horse combinations must:

- Have achieved at least one (1) sixty (60) percent score at a FEI Para Equestrian 3* or above event in an Individual or Team competition between 1 January 2014 and 19 June 2016;

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) eligible team in the team event, comprising a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) eligible athletes entered in individual events. At least one (1) team member shall be an eligible athlete in either sport class Grade Ia or sport class Grade Ib or sport class Grade II. In order to form a team an NPC can enter a maximum of two (2) eligible athletes per sport class.

If an NPC obtains three (3) or four (4) Individual qualification slots (by means of Regional Distribution of Individuals, Bipartite Commission Invitations, Completion of Quota), then all three (3) or four (4) slots may be used for athletes competing only in Individual medal events if the selected athletes do not fulfil the criteria to form a team. If an NPC enters three (3) or more athletes who meet the criteria required to form a team, that NPC must compete in the Team medal event.

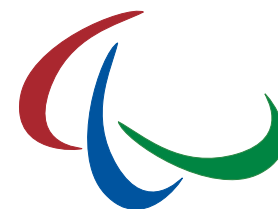
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2014 FEI World Equestrian Games Allocation	The top three (3) ranked teams at the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games will each obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC.	12 athletes
FEI Para Equestrian Team Ranking List Allocation	The seven (7) highest ranked teams on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List* (not otherwise qualified) will each obtain four qualification slots for their NPC. <i>*The FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List, covering the period of 1 November 2014 to 31 January 2016, is a Team Ranking based on each team's best team results from two (2) qualifying events added together.</i>	28 athletes



Para Equestrian Regional Team Ranking Allocation	<p>The highest ranked team on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List (not yet qualified) from each of the following regions will obtain four (4) qualification slots for their NPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa - Americas - Asia - Oceania. <p>Should a region not have an eligible team, the unused slots will be allocated (regardless of region) via the Completion of Quota method (see below).</p>	16 athletes
Para Equestrian Individual Ranking List Allocation – Regional Distribution	<p><u>Only</u> NPCs that have not received qualification slots through any of the above allocation methods are eligible to receive qualification slots through the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List* Allocation method.</p> <p><i>*The FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List, covering the period of 1 November 2014 to 31 January 2016, 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></p> <p>Two (2) qualification slots will be allocated to the NPC(s) with the two (2) highest ranked athletes from each of the following regions, irrespective of Grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa - Americas - Asia - Europe - Oceania. 	10 athletes
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	<p>Three (3) eligible athletes will be considered by the FEI and IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation the FEI must receive an official application in writing from the relevant NPC by 15 March 2016. In case not all Bipartite slots are allocated, the remaining slots will be allocated by using the Completion of Quota method (see below).</p>	3 athletes



Host Country Allocation	<p>The host country directly qualifies four (4) athletes.</p> <p>In case the host country has qualified a team at the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the four (4) host country slots will be allocated to the next highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) on the FEI Paralympic Team Ranking List closing 31 January 2016.</p>	4 athletes
Para Equestrian Individual Ranking List Allocation - Completion of Quota	<p>The five (5) highest ranked athletes (regardless of region) on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List closing 31 January 2016 will each earn one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.</p> <p>The Ranking List used for the Completion of Quota method will not include the highest ranked athletes from NPCs that have already been allocated qualification slots. The number of athletes removed from the Ranking List per NPC will equate to the number of qualification slots achieved through the Team and Individual allocation methods listed above (except Bipartite Commission Invitation slots).</p>	5 athletes
Total		78 athletes

TIMELINE

December 2013	FEI to publish the list of qualifying competitions in 2014
1 January 2014	Start of the period for athlete/horse combinations to attain a minimum eligibility score
24-29 August 2014	World Equestrian Games, Caen, France
1 November 2014	Start of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists
December 2014	FEI to publish the list of qualifying competitions in 2015
December 2015	FEI to publish the list of qualifying competitions in 2016
31 January 2016	End of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the FEI Paralympic Team and Individual Ranking Lists
15 February 2016	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process



1 March 2016	FEI notifies the NPCs in writing about the number of allocated qualification slots
15 March 2016	NPCs confirm in writing the use of allocated qualification slots
15 March 2016	Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to FEI
22 March 2016	FEI confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots and the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitations
27 May 2016	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
19 June 2016	End of the period for athlete/horse combinations to attain a minimum eligibility score
15 August 2016	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 15 March 2016 each qualified NPC must confirm to FEI in writing (fax and email are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and FEI may reallocate these slots.

By 22 March 2016 FEI will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 22 March 2016 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and FEI.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots that are not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated as follows:

Unused Team slots

If an NPC does not use all of its allocated Team quota slots, the NPC may then participate with a maximum of two (2) athletes exclusively in Individual competition. The unused slot(s) will go to the next highest ranked NPC on the FEI Paralympic Individual Ranking List (not otherwise qualified).



Unused Individual slots

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

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