



**S.A. SHOWJUMPING ATHLETE  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024**

<b>Athletes First Name</b>		<b>Athletes Surname</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>RSA ID. No.</b>	
<b>Passport</b>		<b>Passport No.</b>	
<b>Mobile No.</b>		<b>Cell No.</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>			
<b>Your Yard Location</b>			
<b>Your Coach</b>			
<b>Coach Contact Details</b>			
<b>Current Horse/s to be Considered and Level Competing at.</b>			
<b>Additional Information</b>			

EOI 'S to be send to the SAEF office: [development@saef.org.za](mailto:development@saef.org.za) by 24:00 on 15 November 2022.



**QUALIFYING EVENT For Group F** - This event is to be run in a Nations Cup format and the top two Group F teams will earn qualification for Paris 2024.

**Qatar Equestrian Federation – Doha**

**Date: end February to March 2023**

**Open to NF's outside of Group F but only Group F to earn quota place**

Bedding	Food	Stabling	Entry	Visa
FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

**All other costs to be paid by the athlete**

## **A. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

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.
2. Age requirements to be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must be born on or before 31 December 2006 (no younger than 18 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 2015 (no younger than nine years of age in the year that the Olympic Games take place).
3. Additional IF eligibility criteria Athletes must also comply with the Minimum Eligibility Requirements criteria. The applicable Minimum Eligibility Requirements will be published following approval at the FEI General Assembly on 13 November 2022 (and subsequent confirmation by the IOC). D.1. QUOTA PLACES Men/Women Team Qualification 20 NOCs will obtain team qualification; one (1) as a host country place, 17 team quota places will be allocated
4. **Athletes who wish to be considered for selection for the SAEF team for Nations Cup, Qualification events and other competitions required in the build up to PARIS OLYMPICS 2024 are required to submit this Expression of Interest (EOI) form to the SAEF by RSA 24:00 SA Time on the 15 November 2022. This is an Eligibility for Selection Requirement.**
5. Athletes (including Rider/Horse Combinations where applicable) will be selected in terms of the SAEF Team Selection document for Olympics, which will be published by the (TBA)



6. Athletes (including Rider/Horse Combination where applicable) must be fully Registered members and in good standing with the SAEF and their respective Discipline Associations, and will be required to sign an Athletes Agreement, and the owner/s will be required to sign a SAEF Horse Owner Agreement.
7. The completion and submission of this form merely indicates your interest and availability for selection and will ensure that you are added to the required mailing list. Please monitor the SAEF and your Discipline Web and Social Media pages for additional information.

## **A.1. OWNERSHIP**

Horses entered for the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games must have been registered with FEI as property of owners of the same nationality as the Athlete, by 15 January 2024. As 15 January 2024 is a Sunday, the registration deadline will be extended to 23:59 on Monday, 26 January 2024.

Horses, with multinational ownership, must be registered with FEI by 15 January 2024 (as per above paragraph), under the name of the nation for which the Horse will compete during the Olympic Games. As 15 January 2024 is a Sunday, the registration deadline will be extended to 23:59 on Monday, 26 January 2024.

National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in close consultation with National Federations (NFs) are responsible to ensure that Horses which do not meet ownership requirements as laid down by FEI, are not entered for the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games.

## **Registration of Athletes and Horses**

All Athletes and Horses must be registered with the FEI in 2024 before they can be permitted to take part in the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games. For registration of Athletes and Horses with the FEI see GRs.

## **Passports**

Any Horse entered for the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games must have a valid FEI Passport or an FEI approved national passport with a valid FEI Recognition card as a means of identification and to establish ownership. These documents must be duly completed at the time of the Competitions.



## Name of Horse

No commercial prefix or suffix will be included with the name of Horse on any Olympic participation/entry list, start list or results. The FEI reserves the right to amend any Horse's name accordingly.

## B. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

### B.1. QUOTA PLACES

Men/Women Team Qualification 20 NOCs will obtain team qualification; one (1) as a host country place, 17 team quota places will be allocated through FEI Olympic Group Qualification Events and two (2) through the FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Finals 2022 and 2023, as per the table below. A team consists of three (3) Athlete/Horse combinations.

Number of quota Places	Qualification event
2 (max. 6 athletes)	The two (2) highest ranked teams from the Olympic Groups F at a 2023 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event (Location & date TBD) excluding teams qualified as above

The reallocation process for team quota places is part of the consultation process the FEI has begun with its stakeholders and will be finalized/approved at the FEI General Assembly in November 2022 and then submitted to the IOC for final approval. Total number of teams participating in the team competition, may not exceed 20 (60 Athletes). \*The host NF(s) of the FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final 2022 and 2023 is only entitled to earn a quota place via the FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final 2022 and/or 2023 provided it has qualified for the Final(s) in accordance with the qualification procedure set out in Article 12 of the applicable FEI Jumping Nations Cup Rules

### 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 Jumping, a nation can qualify for a maximum of one (1) individual place.

### The FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping (as defined in the Appendix) is limited to the best 15 results per Athlete/Horse combination in the Olympic Ranking Events within the period from 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023.



## **Number of Individual Qualification events quota places 14**

### **FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping (allocation through FEI Olympic Groups)**

The two (2)\* best ranked Athletes, maximum one (1) per NOC, in the FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping from Olympic Groups A, B, C, F and G 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
- G - South East Asia, Oceania

\* Unless one (1) or two (2) individual quota places from that FEI Olympic Group has already been allocated to a NOC/NOCs from that FEI Olympic Group due to their withdrawal of a qualified team as per the process set out in paragraph F.

### **Allocation through FEI Olympic Group Qualification Event and FEI Olympic Ranking**

The three (3) highest ranked 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 for their NOC; one (1) individual quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the highest ranked Athlete from the FEI Olympic Ranking for Olympic Groups D and E combined, excluding NOCs qualified through the 2023 Pan-American Games:

- D - North America
  - E - Central & South America
- 1 The NOC of the highest ranked Athlete from the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping, excluding NOCs qualified above.

**TOTAL: 15 Athletes**

Reallocation of unused qualification places is part of the consultation process the FEI has begun with its stakeholders and will be finalized/approved at the FEI General Assembly in November 2022 and then submitted to the IOC for final approval.



## 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 eligible (1) 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 QOUTA PLACES

TBC

### 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–Jumping.



## F.3 AP 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 E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES Version 1.0 01 April 2022 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.

## G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
<b>10 – 14 August 2022</b>	FEI Jumping World Championships 2022 (Herning, DEN)
<b>FEI Jumping World Championships 2022 – 31 December 2023</b>	Period for NOCs to obtain a team quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
<b>29 September – 2 October 2022</b>	FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final 2022
<b>December 2022 (Exact Date TBC)</b>	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events (and ranking rules) and List of 2023 MER Events
<b>1 January 2023 – TBC 2024 (“MER Deadline”)</b>	Period for Athletes and Horses to obtain the FEI minimum eligibility requirements
<b>1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 (TBC)</b>	Ranking Period: FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping
<b>September 2023</b>	FEI Jumping European Championships (Milano, ITA) – FEI Olympic Groups A, B
<b>TBC</b>	Designated FEI Olympic Qualification Event (TBC) – FEI Olympic Group C
<b>20 October – 5 November 2023</b>	





<b>TBC 2023</b>	Pan American Games (Santiago, CHI) - FEI Olympic Groups D & E FEI
<b>TBC 2023</b>	Designated Olympic Qualification Event (TBC) - FEI Olympic Group F FEI
<b>TBC</b>	Designated Olympic Qualification Event (TBC) - FEI Olympic Group G
<b>December 2023 (exact date TBC)</b>	FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final 2023
<b>Date</b>	FEI to publish list of 2024 MER Events
<b>TBC</b>	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places to the NOCs (where applicable).
<b>TBC</b>	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their team quota place allocation
<b>TBC 2024</b>	The NOCs to confirm to the FEI the use of the allocated team quota places. 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 Individual quota place (subject to the process set out in "Team Qualification"). "To be reviewed for approval at FEI General Assembly 2022 and by IOC"
<b>TBC</b>	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reallocation of one (1) Individual place to each NOC that has withdrawn their Team quota place (subject to the process set G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE Version 1.0 01 April 2022 out in "Team Qualification") To be reviewed for approval at FEI General Assembly 2022 and by IOC"</li> <li>• allocation of Composite Team(s) quota places</li> <li>• allocation of Individual quota places.</li> </ul> Determination of Individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping
<b>TBC 2024</b>	NOCs to confirm use of allocated <b>Individual</b> quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI.
<b>TBC 2024</b>	FEI to reallocate all unused quota places.
<b>TBC 2024 ("MER Deadline")</b>	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements. FEI Nominated Entries
<b>One (1) day after the MER Deadline</b>	FEI to receive FEI Certificates of Capability (as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse combination).





<b>8 July 2024</b> <b>26 July – 11 August 2024</b>	<b>Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline</b> <b>Olympic Games Paris 2024 Version 1.0 01 April 2024</b>
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## H RESPONSIBILITIES

1 It is each athlete's responsibility to be fully cognizant of the current FEI Rules for Jumping and the FEI Clean Sport policy.

2 Athletes and their entourage must strictly abide by the following:

- FEI General Regulations and FEI Discipline Sport Rules
- FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- FEI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules and the Human Anti-Doping Rules as set out by the FEI the SAEF and SASJ.
- The SAEF and SASJ General Rules.
- The SAEF and SASJ Athlete Code of Conduct.
- Athletes must show a commitment to personal fitness and professional behavior.

## 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 – Jumping shall be added together to give an aggregate ranking.
- the NOC with the best 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 - Jumping. 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 - Jumping, 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 – Jumping:** 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 December 2022 (exact date TBC).

**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 Jumping 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.
- For FEI Olympic Group G: the 2023 Group G FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event.

**MER Deadline: TBC**

**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 Jumping 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 – Jumping can be earned