

S A SHOW JUMPING PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES NOMINATION POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The South African Equestrian Federation (SAEF) will through its member Discipline Associations (DA) qualify and select athletes to represent South Africa at the 2024 PARIS Olympics, from the 26th of July to 11 August 2024 and Paralympics from the 28th of August to 8th September 2024 to be held in Paris, France.

This document details the Selection Process that will be followed by each of the Discipline Associations who have confirmed that they wish to qualify and select athletes for 2024 Paris.

1. OBJECTIVE

Whilst the primary objective of participating at Paris 2024 is to achieve the best possible results (both team and individual), the SAEF has also set the following secondary objectives for participating at Paris 2024.

- To continue to streamline and document the administrative, logistics and selection processes for participating at major international events such as the World Equestrian Games, the Olympic Games etc.
- To benchmark the performance level of Olympic and Paralympic equestrian sport in South Africa against the level of other nations and OC Groups, to establish the base level for long term development plans etc.
- To allow the athletes, support teams and officials of Team South Africa (Team SA) to interact with their peers from other nations.

The Selection Process to be followed by each DA's will select the athletes and horses to best achieve the primary and secondary objectives.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION FOR TEAM SOUTH AFRICA

1. Whilst each of the DA's may have their own specific eligibility criteria, for an athlete to be eligible for selection for Team SA they must at the commencement of the selection process (i.e., Expression of Interest cutoff date):
 - i) Be a South African citizen.
 - ii) Be the holder of a valid and current South African passport and must meet the requirements necessary to obtain the valid Visa for the duration of Paris 2024.
 - iii) Be eligible to compete for South Africa as per FEI regulations **Art 119**
 - iv) Be a registered member of the SAEF.
 - v) Be a current member in good standing of the Discipline Association for which they wish to be considered for selection.
 - vi) Compete on a horse that is registered with the SAEF and FEI.
 - vii) Satisfy the FEI discipline specific minimum eligibility criteria (within the timeframe published by the FEI) for the discipline that the athlete wishes to be considered for.
 - viii) Be able to attend and participate in training clinics and camps as notified in writing, unless a written exemption has been granted by the SAEF, in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption.
 - ix) Be willing to make their horse(s) available for examination at a time and location reasonably requested by the Team Vet and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations made by the Team Vet
 - x) Maintain a concise veterinary log which must be available for inspection as and when requested. The log must note all treatments and administration of meds, inoculations etc. for the period of 18 months preceding the commencement of Paris 2024.
 - xi) For a period of 18 months preceding the commencement of Paris 2024 not have used, administered, or allow to be administered any substance that, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's or Horse's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted a positive drug violation as defined by the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport ("SAIDS") and/or the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), and/or the SAEF Anti-Doping Policy, unless such medication was necessary and administered by a veterinarian and was duly recorded and the required authorities notified.
 - xii) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the SAEF that they or their horse(s) are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing at Paris 2024 to the highest possible standard, including the passing of a medical examination to the satisfaction of a suitably qualified medical practitioner appointed by the SAEF.
 - xiii) Be willing to sign the SAEF National Team Athletes agreement by the published cutoff date.
 - xiv) Have acted at all times during the qualifying period (i.e., from 1 January 2023), up to and during the event (Paris 2024) in such a manner so as to not bring the athlete, the DA or the SAEF into public disrepute or censure.
 - xv) Satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by the SAEF prior to or at the time of selection for

Paris 2024 Nominated Entries

2. For Horses to be eligible for selection for Team SA, all horses must:

- i) Be registered with the SAEF.
- ii) At a date to be determined have passed a veterinary examination to the satisfaction of the Team Vet
- iii) Not have breached the requirements of the SAEF or FEI Anti-Doping and Medication Control policies during the Paris 2024 qualifying period (i.e., from 1 January 2023), unless such medication used was necessary and prescribed for treatment, administered by a veterinarian, duly recorded and the required authorities notified.
- iv) Be made available for selection by their owner/s signing a copy of the SAEF Horse Owner Agreement
- v) Horses entered for the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games must have been registered with FEI of Owners of the same nationality as the Athlete, by 15 January 2024.

3. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- a) In the event of any form of dispute the athlete is to follow the dispute resolution process as per the constitution of the Discipline Association that the athlete is a member of.
- b) Only when all the dispute resolution processes of the athlete's Discipline Association have been concluded may the athlete escalate the matter to the SAEF.
- c) A horse owner may not raise any form of dispute with the SAEF or its members.
The Discipline Association Constitutions are at all times subordinate to the SAEF Constitution



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Overview

The following document outlines the selection policy, process and timeline that will be followed in order that SASJ will fairly and transparently select athletes and horse combinations that are able to achieve the best possible results in team and/or individual capacities at the Olympic Games - Paris 2024.

Definitions

Athlete	The rider only
Combination	Combination of a Horse and Athlete
SASJ	S A Show Jumping (SASJ)
SASJ Individual	If Show Jumping do not qualify for a team slot in Group F, then ONE Individual Combination may be selected if a SASJ Athlete is placed first in the Group F Ranking.
FEI	Federation Equestre Internationale
IOC	International Olympic Committee
FEI Certificate of Capability	A certificate that must be provided by SAEF to the FEI for each Athlete & Horse that are nominated to participate in the Olympic Games. This certificate confirms the MER 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.
MER	FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirement
MER Events	Those events at which Athletes and Horses can earn the minimum eligibility requirements.
SAEF	South African Equestrian Federation
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 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023.
Olympic Ranking Events	Those events at which points for the FEI Olympic Rankings – Jumping can be earned.

Athlete Eligibility

- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ 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 the 31 December 2015 (no younger than nine years of age in the year that the Olympic Games take place).

- ❖ Additional FEI eligibility criteria, Athletes must also comply with Minimum Eligibility Requirements criteria. The applicable Minimum Eligibility Requirements will be published following approval at the FEI General Assembly on 13th November 2022, (and subsequent confirmation by the IOC). D1 Quota places – Men/Women Team qualification 20 NOC's will obtain team qualification. One (1) as a host nation place. 17 team quota places will be allocated.
- ❖ Athletes who wish to be considered for selection for the SAEF team for Nation's cup, Qualification events and other competitions required in the build up to PARIS OLYMPICS 2024 are required to submit an EOI (Expression of Interest to SAEF: Form to SAEF by RSA 24.00 on the 15th of November 2022. This is an eligibility for selection requirement.
- ❖ Athletes (Including Rider/Horse Combinations where applicable) will be selected in terms of the SAEF Team Selection Document of Olympics, which are published by **the SAEF**.
- ❖ Athletes (including Rider/Horse combination where applicable) must be fully registered members and in good standing with the SAE 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.
- ❖ The completion and submission of the EOI merely indicates your interest and availability for selection and will ensure you are added to the required mailing list.
Please monitor the SAEF and SASJ Web and social media pages for additional information.

Ownership

- ❖ Horses entered for the Equestrian events at the Olympic Games must have been registered with the 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 26th 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 26th January 2024.
- ❖ National Olympic Committees (NOC's) in close consultation with National Federations (NF's) are responsible to ensure that horses which do not meet the 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 than can be permitted to take part in the Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games. For registration of Athletes and horses with the FEI see FEI GR.

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 the 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 Horses 'name accordingly.

JUMPING _ INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The last 15 tickets to Paris 2024 after the 20 Teams composed of Three Athletes – will be allocated via the individual qualification process. An NOC can qualify a maximum of One Individual place and only NOC's that haven't accepted a team quota are eligible to obtain an individual one.

Individual Quotas allocated by FEI as follows:

14 Quotas (14 Athlete – horse pairs) through the FEI Olympic Ranking (Allocation through FEI Olympic Groups) and through FEI Olympic Group Qualification event and FEI Olympic Ranking.

And ONE Quota through FEI Olympic Ranking (Allocation through Overall ranking)

Ten Quotas – Allocation through FEI Olympic Groups (FEI Olympic Ranking)

The TWO highest ranked pairs (ONE ATHLETE and ONE HORSE) in the FEI Olympic Ranking from each of the FIVE groups mentioned below will qualify ONE Individual quota place each for their NOC.

- A = North Western Europe
- B – South Western Europe
- C – Central & Eastern Europe
- **F – Africa & Middle East** (South Africa falls in this Group)
- G – South East Asia, Oceania

Four quota – allocation through FEI Olympic Group qualification event and FEI Olympic Ranking.
The Three highest ranked individual athletes from Olympic Groups D and/or E, with a maximum of One per NOC, from overall individual classification at the 2023 Pan American Games will qualify one individual quota place each for their NOC.

The highest ranked athlete from the FEI Olympic Ranking for Groups E and E combined, will qualify one individual quota place for their NOC.

Groups D and E refer to:

- D – North America
- E – Central and South America

One Quota – Allocation through overall ranking (FEI Olympic Rankings)

The NOC of the highest ranked Athlete from the overall FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping excluding NOC's qualified above.

The FEI Ranking – JUMPING

The FEI Olympic Ranking – Jumping 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.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
10 – 14 August 2022	FEI Jumping World Championships 2022 (Herning, DEN)
FEI Jumping World Championships 2022 – 31 December 2023	Period for NOCs to obtain a team quota place (NOC Certificate of Capability)
29 September – 2 October 2022	FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final 2022
15 December 2022	FEI to publish List of Olympic Ranking Events (and ranking rules) and List of 2023 MER Events
1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023	Period for Athletes and Horses to obtain the FEI minimum eligibility requirements.
1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023	Ranking Period: FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping
27 February – 1 March 2023	Designated Olympic Qualification Event (DOHA) - FEI Olympic Group F FEI

15 December 2023	FEI to publish list of 2024 MER Events
*	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places to the NOCs (where applicable).
10 January 2024	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of their team quota place allocation.
5 February 2024	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").
19 February 2024	FEI to inform NOCs/NFs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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" • allocation of Composite Team(s) quota places • allocation of Individual quota places. Determination of Individual quota places and Composite Teams based on FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping
18 March 2024	NOCs to confirm use of allocated Individual quota places and Composite Team(s) quota places to FEI
TBC 2024	FEI to reallocate all unused quota places
24 June 2024 (MER DEADLINE)	Deadline to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements FEI NOMINATED ENTRIES
One (1) day after the MER deadline	FEI to receive FEI Certificates of capability (as defined in the Appendix) (Athlete and Horse Combination)
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries Deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024

Based on the Above FEI Olympic Individual Qualification Criteria, Should RSA Receive an NOC Individual Quota for Group F – Jumping – the TWO highest ranked pairs (Athlete and Horse combination) SASJ will nominate this athlete to SAEF as their qualified Athlete/Horse Combination.

In order to be eligible for nomination for the Individual quota if RSA receives this quota the athlete must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be eligible for the SAEF Team SA in terms of the published SAEF criteria.
- By 31st January 2024 have signed and submitted to SAEF and SASJ the SAEF Athlete and Horse owners' agreement.