



# European Equestrian Federation

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>EEF Dressage Working Group</b>
<b>Date</b>	28 October 2015
<b>Time</b>	17:00
<b>Location</b>	Conference Call
<b>Chair</b>	Ulf Helgstrand
<b>Minutes by</b>	Ali Küçük

<b>Participants</b>	<b>NF/Org</b>
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Eva-Maria Vint-Warmington	EST
Olivier Smeets	IDOC
Linda Keenan	IDTC
Ulf Helgstrand	Chair / DEN
Ali Küçük	S.G. EEF
<b>Excused</b>	<b>NF/Org</b>
Wim Ernes	NED
Carl Hester	GBR

## MINUTES:

### 1- Opening and Introduction:

Chair of the Working Group(WG) Ulf Helgstrand(UH) opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. He informs the members about the latest FEI Stakeholders meeting in Lausanne on future of dressage.

### 2- Main Discussion Points - Format of Olympic Games:

a) A change in running of the competitions is necessary in order to attract more media visibility while keeping the sportive values of the dressage sport.

b) Participants agree that, the future format of Olympic Games will eventually be used in WEG and Continental Championships as well.

c) Following intensive discussions, members agree that 3 riders in teams is acceptable and the format proposal should be based on this assumption. Parallel to this, welfare status must also be conserved with reserve horse and substitution timing (under discussion).



### 3- Format Proposal- Olympic Games:

#### - Grand Prix:

a) Heat System can be used where 60 athletes start in 4 Heats/Groups/Qualifying Rounds. 15 Athletes in each heat.

b) Athletes must be allocated to those 4 groups according to final “FEI Olympic Athlete Ranking List” which is announced in March of the Olympic year. This should provide an even level of ranking riders in 4 groups. Nations ranking can also be considered in line with ECS or other ranking possibilities.

Additionally, a second distribution method for team riders is possible. Best rider of team A starts in Heat 1. Second best rider of the same team starts in Heat 2 and so on. Under discussion).

c) In order to test the format, a simulation with London 2012 data is necessary.

d) Day 1: Competition of Heats 1 & 2. Total of 30 athletes.

Day 2: Competition of Heats 3 & 4. Total of 30 athletes.

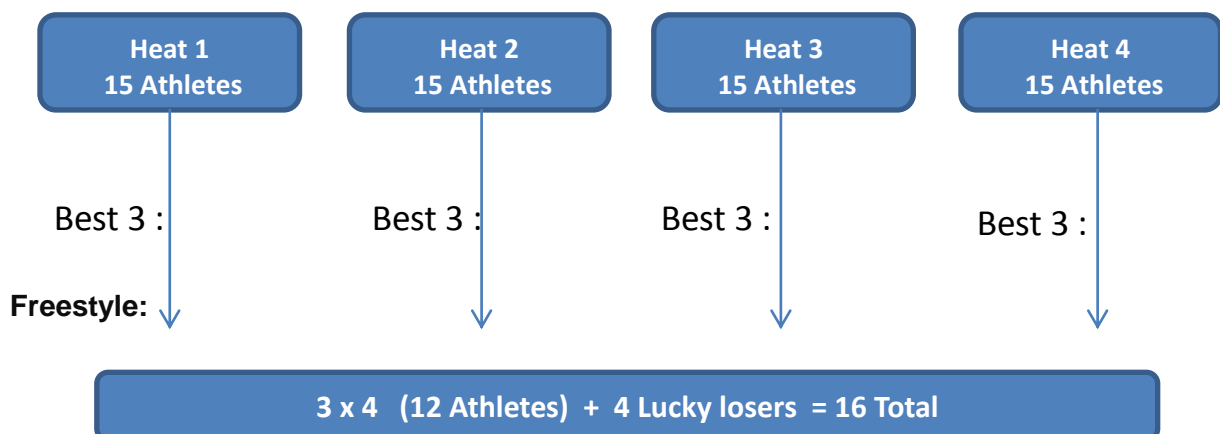
#### - Grand Prix Special:

a) Top 8 teams of 3 riders

#### - Freestyle :

a) Eligible to compete. 3 best riders from each heat at the GP. (3 X 4) and 4 lucky losers from all groups.

#### Grand Prix:



**4- Other discussions:** Ali Küçük reminds the members about other discussions in preparation for the FEI General Assembly. The rule revisions are very briefly covered due to time constraint. He states that the FEI will come up with the “final paper” on Olympic Format in the Sports Forum.

**5- Conclusion:** Participants agree to propose this format to EEF Board. Ulf Helgstrand thanks the WG members and closes the meeting.