



**AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS
CONFEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (SASCOC)**

AND

SOUTH AFRICAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION (SAEF)

ON THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE

OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020

24 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2020

1. ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

For an athlete to be eligible for selection for Team South Africa to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games delivered by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), the athletes shall satisfy the under-mentioned General Eligibility Criteria:

The Athlete shall:

- 1.1 Be a South African Citizen with a valid Republic of South Africa (RSA) ID and Passport (with a six months' minimum expiry (**expiring on or after 10 February 2021**), as at the conclusion of the Games); and
- 1.2 Be a member in good standing with the National Federation and SASCOC; and
- 1.3 Not be under any investigation or suspension for any offence (including but not limited to doping) during qualification period, as well as subsequent selection period; and
- 1.4 Not have competed for any country other than RSA within a three-year period prior to being considered for selection for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games; and
- 1.5 Adhere to and comply with all of SASCOC's Constitution, Rules and Regulations of their National Federation and International Federation, and any other Rules or Regulations as stipulated by Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee of the Olympic Games; and
- 1.6 Have competed at the NF's National Championships in 2019 and/or 2020, unless exempted from participation in writing by the NF due to medical reasons; and
- 1.7 Adhere to 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 have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (**the Olympic Games**).

DRESSAGE

Age Requirements:

- 1.8 All Athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December 2004 (16 years of age).
- 1.9 All Horses participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December 2012 (eight years of age).

Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

- 1.10 To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Dressage Competitions, all Athletes/Horses must achieve, as a combination, the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (**MER**) at selected Events which take place from 1 January 2019 until (and including) 1 June 2020 that being the date five (5) weeks before the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline (the "**MER Deadline**"). Athlete/Horse combination must fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements below.
 - 1.10.1 A minimum 66% must be attributed twice to the Athlete/Horse combination by both a 5* star judge and as an average from all judges in the competition, and the score must be achieved in a Grand Prix test at two different CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5*/CDI-W/CDIO events. The two 5* judges must be of a nationality other than of the Athlete. Scores achieved in Preliminary or Consolation Grand Prix classes judged by three Judges do not count towards the minimum eligibility requirement.
 - 1.10.2 Athletes and Horses must obtain the MER at events which take place from 1 January 2019 until the MER Deadline included.

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Age requirements

- 1.10.3 All athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December 2002 (18 years of age).
- 1.10.4 All horses participating in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 2012 (eight years of age).

Additional IF Eligibility

- 1.10.5 All Horses/Athletes who take part in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Eventing Competitions must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements (**MER**) as a combination by obtaining "FEI qualifying results" in the following level of Competition which take place from 1 January 2019 until (and including) 1 June 2020 that being the date five (5) weeks before the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline (**the "MER Deadline"**).
- 1 qualifying result at a CCI 5*, Long 5* (2019), or 5* Major (2019) or
 - 1 qualifying result in a CCI 4* AND 1 qualifying result in a CIC 4*.

An FEI qualifying result is achieved by completing the above Competitions within the minimum parameters of an all-round performance, with:

- **Dressage test:** minimum 55%percent;
- **Cross Country test:** clear (0) round or 11 penalty points on Cross Country Obstacles, not more than 75 seconds over the optimum Cross Country phase time. At "Classics (name TBC)" Events & CCI 5*, the maximum time by which the optimum time may be exceeded is 100 seconds;
- **Jumping test:** not more than 16 jumping penalties.

JUMPING

Age requirements

- 1.10.6 All Athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December 2002 (18 years of age).
- 1.10.7 All Horses participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on or before 31 December 2011 (nine years of age).

Additional IF Eligibility

- 1.10.8 To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Jumping Competitions, all Athletes/Horses must achieve, as a combination, the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (**MER**) at selected Events which take place from 1 January 2019 until (and including) 1 June 2020 that being the date five (5) weeks before the Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries deadline (**the "MER Deadline"**). Athlete/Horse combinations may fulfil the Minimum Eligibility Requirements according to any one of the provisions listed under paragraphs 1 – 5 below.
- 1.10.8.1 **Team and Individual Competitions at Continental Jumping Championships and Games**
- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first or second round of the team Jumping Competition at the 2019 FEI European Jumping Championships or Pan-American Games or other FEI 2019 Continental Jumping Championships for Seniors with a Score of not more than eight (8) penalties.

- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the Individual Jumping Final Competition at the 2019 FEI European Jumping Championship or Pan-American Games or other 2019 FEI Continental Jumping Championships for Seniors.

1.10.8.2 **FEI World Cup™ Jumping Competitions**

- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first round of two FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W, CSI3*-W and/or selected CSIO3*-W outdoor Events with a Score of not more than of zero (0) penalties.
- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI4*-W Event or at a selected CSIO4*-W outdoor Event with a Score of not more than a total Score of four (4) penalties.
- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor CSI5*-W Event or at an outdoor CSIO5*-W with a Score of not more than eight (8) penalties.

1.10.8.3 **Grand Prix Competitions at CSIs and CSIOs**

- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first round of two Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI3* outdoor Events and/or at selected CSIO3* outdoor Events with a Score of zero (0) penalties.
- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI4* outdoor Event or at a selected CSIO4* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than four (4) penalties.
- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5* outdoor Event or at a CSIO5* Event with a Score of not more than eight (8) penalties.

1.10.8.4 **Nations Cup Competitions at CSIOs**

- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* or CSIO4* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than four (4) penalties in the first round or zero penalties in the second round.
- Athlete/Horse combinations that have completed the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight (8) penalties.
- NFs unable to send complete teams to any of the above mentioned CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete hors-concourse in the Nations Cup Competition.

1.10.8.5 **FEI Approved Competitions for fulfilling the Minimum Eligibility Requirements**

- If an NF finds it impossible for its Athlete/Horse combinations to reach the Minimum Eligibility Requirements as above, the FEI will upon request of the NF, send a Foreign Assessing Delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a FEI approved Competition conducted in accordance with the protocol established in FEI Jumping Rules, effective as of 1 January 2019, Annex VIII, paragraph 8. This Competition will consist of one round with the dimensions as laid down on a course plan provided by the FEI. Athletes/Horse combinations scoring eight (8) penalties or less in this round will be considered to be eligible. The FEI Foreign Delegate will advise the NF and

the FEI on the granting of eligibility (Minimum Eligibility Requirements). If an Athlete/Horse combination has more than eight (8) penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the Foreign Assessing Delegate may let the combination repeat a similar course. But in no case may an Athlete/Horse combination become eligible if they scored more than eight (8) penalties in the second round. The NFs of the eligible Athlete/Horse combinations will be informed by the FEI immediately.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICIALS

For officials to be eligible as Coaches or Team Leaders/ Code Managers, for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, they shall satisfy the following criteria:

The officials shall:

- 2.1 Be a member in good standing with the relevant NF; and
- 2.2 Not be under suspension for any offence during the selection period; and
- 2.3 Have a proven track record in the position they are recommended for, and shall have demonstrated a level of competence acceptable to SASCOC. Where there is no track record, the NF shall motivate to SASCOC for such official to be considered; and
- 2.4 SASCOC shall consider officials recommended by NFs taking into consideration the country's transformation agenda in terms of previously disadvantaged individuals (racial and gender representivity); and
- 2.5 Comply and uphold the SASCOC Constitution, IOC Charter currently in force, Rules and Code of Conduct of the NF and IF; and
- 2.6 In case of coaches, SASCOC may consider foreign coaches based on the value add to the NF and the proven track record the coach has in delivering results at international events. The NF however, shall have to show a skills transfer and succession plan for the development of South African Coaches; and
- 2.7 Foreign and local personal coaches shall be registered with and affiliated to the respective NF; and
- 2.8 Senior NF officials (Executive Committee/ Board members, CEO, COO, GM) are not eligible for consideration for selection as coaches or team leaders.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Over and above the General Eligibility Criteria, SASCOC, and SAEF agree on the following sport-specific selection criteria for selection of athletes:

DRESSAGE

Team

- 3.1 SASCOC will consider qualification of the team if attained directly through the 2018 World Equestrian Games; OR
- 3.2 Directly through the 2019 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event; OR
- 3.3 The slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete, therefore, qualifying a slot does not mean automatic selection; AND
- 3.4 Deadline for achieving a Team quota place (Certificate of Capability) – **31 December 2019**; AND
- 3.5 Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements – **1 January 2019 – 1 June 2020**.

Individual

- 3.6 SASCOC will consider selection of athletes if qualification is attained directly through being the best ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Ranking – (allocation through Group ranking); OR
- 3.7 Directly through FEI Olympic Ranking - (allocation through overall ranking); AND
- 3.8 The slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete, therefore, qualifying a slot does not mean automatic selection; AND
- 3.9 Deadline for quota place – **31 December 2019**; AND
- 3.10 Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements – **1 January 2019 – 1 June 2020**.

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Team

- 3.11 SASCOC will consider qualification of the team if attained directly through the 2018 World Equestrian Games; OR
- 3.12 Directly through the 2019 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event; OR
- 3.13 Directly by being the highest ranked team according to the final classification of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup Series 2019; AND
- 3.14 The slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete, therefore, qualifying a slot does not mean automatic selection; AND
- 3.15 Deadline for achieving a Team quota place (Certificate of Capability) – **31 December 2019**; AND
- 3.16 Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements – **1 January 2019 – 1 June 2020**.

Individual

- 3.17 SASCOC will consider selection of athletes if qualification is attained directly through being the best ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Ranking – (allocation through Group ranking); OR
- 3.18 Directly through FEI Olympic Ranking - (allocation through overall ranking); AND
- 3.19 The slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete, therefore, qualifying a slot does not mean automatic selection; AND
- 3.20 Deadline for achieving individual quota place – **31 December 2019**; AND
- 3.21 Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements (MER Deadline) – **1 January 2019 – 1 June 2020**.

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Team Qualification

- 3.22 SASCOC will consider qualification of the team if attained directly through the 2018 World Equestrian Games; OR
- 3.23 Directly through the 2019 Group F FEI Designated Olympic Qualification Event; OR
- 3.24 Directly by being the best ranked team from the 2019 FEI Nations Cup Final™; AND

- 3.25 The slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete, therefore, qualifying a slot does not mean automatic selection; AND
- 3.26 Deadline for achieving a Team quota place (Certificate of Capability) – **31 December 2019**; AND
- 3.27 Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements – **1 January 2019 – 1 June 2020**.

Individual

- 3.28 SASCOC will consider selection of athletes if qualification is attained directly through being the best ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Ranking – (allocation through Group ranking); OR
- 3.29 Directly through being the best ranked athlete in the FEI Olympic Ranking - Jumping - (allocation through overall ranking); AND
- 3.30 The slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete, therefore, qualifying a slot does not mean automatic selection; AND
- 3.31 Deadline for achieving individual quota place – **31 December 2019**; AND
- 3.32 Period for Athletes and Horses to achieve the FEI minimum eligibility requirements (MER Deadline) – **1 January 2019 – 1 June 2020**.

4. TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

- 4.1 It is specifically recorded that as SASCOC does not qualify for any tripartite invitation places, therefore, none will be available.

5. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

- 5.1 It is specifically recorded that in the event of any reallocation or wild card places, being allocated or offered to South Africa, such reallocation or wild card will not be taken up by SASCOC.

6. SELECTION APPEALS/ DISPUTES

- 6.1 No party (SASCOC, NF, Athlete/Team) shall approach the High Court to resolve selection appeals/ disputes; AND
- 6.2 Should an Athlete/ Team have a query with the selection process, they will lodge their appeal with the NF; AND
- 6.3 The NF will exhaust all its internal selection appeals processes in line with the NF Constitution/ Rules and Regulations; AND
- 6.4 The NF will communicate the outcome of the appeal process to SASCOC for mediation; AND
- 6.5 Should there be no favourable conclusion reached, the process will go to Arbitration; AND
- 6.6 Should the arbitration process not be favourable to either party, the IOC will be consulted; AND
- 6.7 The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) shall be the last step in the resolution of selection appeals/ disputes.

- 7. This agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument; and

8. It is specifically recorded that irrespective of the provisions referred to in Clauses, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and sub clauses above, final confirmation of selection and participation for Team South Africa shall solely vest with SASCOC.

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President: SAEF

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