

## Dressage Team for 2012 London Olympic Qualification Event

Very exciting news! For the first time in our Dressage history, South Africa is in a position to qualify a team for the Olympic Games.

South Africa forms part of the Olympic Group F for qualification to Olympic Games. The process required to qualify is to participate in an International competition with nations from Group F (Africa & Middle East) and Group G (South East Asia & Oceania) and that the best 2(two) teams from this competition will each be able to qualify a team to compete at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The original Qualification from Group F & G was to participate at the Pan African Games. It was realised that this was impossible for the nations in Group F & G due to travel constraints of horses and quarantine protocols.

So the International Olympic Committee with FEI changed the Qualification Event. This event will also be a qualifying event for eligibility as set out in the Olympic Games eligibility protocol.

The event will take place at Ermelo, Netherlands on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011. The Nations who will participate are: South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Each Nation has to send a team of 4 members.

### **Our Team:**

Denise Hallion

Adriaan van Wyk

Zilla Pearse

Nicole Smith

Team Manager / Chef d'Equipe – Jennifer Neill



Let us South Africans support our ground breaking team to qualify for London 2012 and then with the guidance and support of SASCOC we can work towards our first ever dressage team flying the South African flag at an Olympic games!