

2012 London Olympic Qualifier for Jumping in Qatar **27 – 30 December 2011**

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South Africa had two riders at the qualifier in Qatar namely Oliver Lazarus and Neriske Prinsloo. It was unfortunate that the third rider, Lexi Carter pulled out at the last minute. The Team Manager was Bob Neill.

There would have been six teams including South Africa, but because we only had two riders there were only five teams namely:

- Saudi Arabia
- UAE
- Qatar
- Jordan
- Egypt

South Africa was allowed to compete for the Individual classification.

We are very grateful for Oliver competing in Qatar despite the horse that he was going to compete on being taken away a week before the trip. As Oliver had made a commitment he competed on a young horse that was new to the level.

Neriske Prinsloo on her horse Bill Clinton had a wonderful show being placed 10th in the Warm up Class to the World Cup Qualifier and 7th in the World Cup Qualifier and then ended up 10th in the Olympic Qualifier.

Unfortunately we did not qualify a rider for the London Olympics, however good contacts were made within Group F for future International events within the Group.

Finally, it was an honour to be included in such a prestigious event among the best horses in the World such as Presley Boy.



Neriske Prinsloo, Bob Neill and Oliver Lazarus



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SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN QUALIFY FOR LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC JUMPING

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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has secured the final qualifying slot for the Jumping competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Saudi Arabia earned its qualification on the basis of the team's combined classification among the FEI Olympic Group F teams – Africa and the Middle East – at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2010 and the 2011 FEI Group F Special Olympic qualifying competition, which took place on 30 December in Doha (QAT).

Jordan qualified one individual for London 2012 when Ibrahim Hani Bisharat, obtained the best classification among the Group F individual riders.

Doha hosted the final qualifying event for the team Jumping at the London 2012 Olympic Games. The 15 teams that will compete in London are Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Great Britain, Germany, The Netherlands, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, the USA and Ukraine.

A total of 15 individual riders will qualify for London. Argentina, Colombia, and Japan have each qualified the maximum two riders; Bermuda, Egypt, Jordan, and Syria have qualified one rider each. The remaining five individual slots will be attributed to riders from FEI Olympic Groups A and B (North and South Western Europe), and C (Central & Eastern Europe; Central Asia) selected through the FEI Olympic Athletes Ranking – Jumping on 1 March 2012.