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2012 London Olympic Games – Eventing Team Qualifying event Group F & G

Following the initial communication from FEI regarding the qualification for the CCI3* Team event at Blenheim which was that the horse and rider combination had to have achieved an MER at CCI3* level, the Australian Federation approached SA, Japan and NZ with a proposal to request the FEI to amend the MER to a normal CCI3* qualification. Each Federation agreed and Catrin Norinder, Director Eventing and Olympics at the FEI has responded positively to SANEF as follows:

“Dear All,

Sorry for delay in answering you, the Eventing Committee met in Aachen this week and reviewed your request as follows:

Further to the agreement dated 25 May 2011 on the conditions for the Eventing Group F&G Olympic Qualifier participation in Blenheim September 2011 and on request of the 4 nations involved (AUS, JPN, NZL, RSA) that have announced their participation, the Committee have reviewed the qualification procedure of the riders and horses from the Championship requirements (MER on a CCI3 as a horse/rider combination) to a regular CCI3* requirement. This request is to ensure that enough riders and horses can participate to make up the teams for the Qualifier.*

The Committee agreed as this was a joint request of the 4 nations.

However to answer the request from the JPN NF that the points count as for a 3star Championships, was not accepted by the committee as the qualification requirements are changed.

We thank you for confirming reception of this confirmation.

Kindest regards

Catrin”

Currently Paul Hart and Alex Peternell are qualified to enter the CCI3* at Blenheim and both Stuart Fitzgerald and Quinton George are working towards their qualification – we wish them safe rounds and MERs!

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