



Notice from the Bermuda Equestrian Federation

The Bermuda Equestrian Federation (BEF) would like to note that the views expressed to the press earlier this month instigated by Bermudian equestrian, Jillian Terceira, were inaccurate and not endorsed by the BEF or fellow Bermudian rider, Patrick Nisbett.

We feel that it is important to clarify some of the misleading statements she made to the press and to mention that it is intended that a letter be sent by the BEF to Jillian requesting an unconditional written apology and a retraction of the irreverent comments made.

Funding:

Since the Pan-Ams, and including the Olympics and World Equestrian Games, the BEF and the Bermuda Olympic Association (BOA) have jointly contributed substantial sums towards the costs incurred by our International equestrian competitors.

Fundraising in these current economic times is a challenge for all charitable organizations and the BOA and BEF are not immune. This is why all equestrians intending to compete at the Pan American Games were informed at the outset that there would be limited support and that there would be a need for them to make significant contributions towards paying their own way. In response, Jillian offered and was appointed to head the fundraising efforts for the Pan Am Games on behalf of the BEF.

Capability Standards:

Each national equestrian governing body is responsible for setting the Capability standards and Bermuda's requirements for the 2011 Pan American Games will ensure that our athletes are well prepared for the challenges that they will face in Mexico. The 2011 Pan Am Games also serve as a qualifier for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

We are pleased to confirm that Jillian Terceira and Patrick Nisbett have each reached the standard set on two horses to compete in show jumping and that dressage rider Annabelle Collins has reached one of the three necessary standards.

Team Event:

The BEF has decided not to send an equestrian show jumping team to the 2011 Pan American Games. A full team would normally have four riders, which allows for the worst score in each round to be dropped. Given we only have a possibility of three riders, we would not have the drop score available and thus would substantially reduce our competitiveness. All of the show jumpers have been notified of our decision and are still able to qualify for one of the two individual positions should they meet the Capability Standards.

The BEF would like to wish all of our Pan American athletes the best of luck as they continue their preparation for the upcoming games.

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