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200 DAYS TO GO TO LONDON 2012

PARALYMPIC GAMES

Photo caption: Denmark's Stinna Kaastrup, pictured here preparing for the Freestyle Grade 1b competition at the FEI European Para-Equestrian Dressage Championships 2011 in Moorsele (BEL), which she went on to win aged just 17.

The double bronze and silver Freestyle medallist at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2010 in Kentucky is currently training hard - Denmark has secured a team of four and one individual slot for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Photo: Liz Gregg.

FEI PRESS RELEASE:

Lausanne (SUI), 10 February 2012- The London 2012 Paralympic Games look set to take Paralympic Equestrian into the history books for many reasons, as we get one step closer on the eve of the 200-day countdown (11 February).

Sales of Paralympic Equestrian tickets for London 2012 have already broken records.

More than 40,000 tickets were sold before Christmas last year, dramatically overtaking the previous record of 33,000 for the 2008 Paralympic Equestrian events held in Hong Kong.

Mexico will also be making its Paralympic Equestrian début on 30 August - 4 September in Greenwich Park represented by a team of four riders, and Ireland will be competing for the very first time as a Paralympic Equestrian Team.

"This will be a landmark Paralympic Games and we are looking forward to securing several more "firsts" for Paralympic Equestrian in Greenwich Park," said Trond Asmyr, FEI Director of Dressage and Para-Equestrian Dressage.

"Brazil's Marcos Alves and Singapore's Laurentia Tan both picked up bronze medals in 2008, and these were not just the first Para-Equestrian medals for Brazil and Singapore but for South America and Asia.

"Lauren Barwick also secured Canada's first Paralympic Equestrian gold medal in 2008, as did Philippa Johnson for South Africa.

"The London 2012 Paralympics now feel closer than ever, with 23 nations qualified and just 3 individual qualification slots remaining.

"All eyes are now on the 9 April, when the names of these 3 athletes will be announced."

The FEI is marking 200 days to go to the London 2012 Paralympic Games on [FEI Facebook](#).



Denmark's Stinna Kaastrup, pictured here preparing for the Freestyle Grade Ib competition at the FEI European Para-Equestrian Dressage Championships 2011 in Moorsele (BEL), which she went on to win aged just 17. Image by Liz Gregg.

Editors notes:

In 2006, the FEI became one of the first International Federations to govern and regulate a sport for disabled athletes when Para-Equestrian Dressage joined the ranks of the seven disciplines the FEI regulates. Para-Equestrian Dressage is the only equestrian discipline that is included in the Paralympic Games, where it has been a regular fixture since Atlanta 1996.

The twenty-three nations that have already qualified for the London 2012 Paralympic Games can

be viewed [here](#).

For additional information on the London 2012 Paralympic Equestrian procedures, including qualification, rankings and appointed officials, please click [here](#).

All written and photographic press wishing to apply for accreditation to the London 2012 Paralympic Games should contact the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) in the country in which their media organisation is based (click here for the contact details of your NPC).

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About United States Para-Equestrian Association:

The USPEA is a network of riders, judges, national federation board members, and equestrian enthusiasts. The association gives athletes the ability to get involved and expand their knowledge and experience in the Para-Equestrian sport. The USPEA encourages para-athletes to participate in all disciplines under the para-equestrian umbrella.

The USPEA is a recognized affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) which serves as the National Governing Body for the equestrian sport. This relationship between the USPEA and USEF is to encourage para-equestrian competitors, leisure riders, coaches, fans and enthusiasts to network and get involved with the entire equestrian sport.

Ultimately the goal of the USPEA is to foster growth in the para-equestrian discipline. From growth in the number of participants to growth as a team, and growth in the experience and knowledge of all involved. From local horse shows to international Olympic Games, the USPEA will provide para-equestrians the knowledge of what they need to succeed. The USPEA connects with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and USEF which provides Para-Equestrians the top equestrian resources.

In June 2010, the USPEA earned its 501 (c)(3) status which has encouraged supporters to help supply funding to the Para-Equestrian Team as a recognized affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation(USEF).

For more information about the USPEA please visit www.USPEA.org or contact USPEA President: Hope Hand by e-mail: Wheeler966@aol.com or by phone: (610)356-6481.

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