

PROPOSALS FOR 2025 RULES CHANGES OF [2025 FEI GENERAL REGULATIONS]

NOTE 1: In case of proposing a Rule change to other Rules than Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations please indicate on which of the 6 criteria defined in the [Periodical Rules Revision Policy](#) your proposed rule change is based.

NOTE 2: Please use one table below for each proposed Rule Change. For any questions please check first the "[User's Guide](#)" or contact the FEI at francisco.lima@fei.org

NOTE 3: Please use the relevant Template that you can find [here](#).

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)

ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

Article No.–Article Name

Appendix A - Definitions

Explanation for Proposed Change. Specify the Criteria of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy

In line with the proposals for the full rules revision of the FEI Driving Rules & the current rules on Minimum Ages as set in the Appendix A are not completely correct:

Art. 912.2-4 – Minimum age: The proposal of the ICDA – and thus the majority of the Members to have more clear age limits and groups. Also as purposed lowering of the children to age 10 to allow more children into the sport. Children Athletes who have been restricted to drive normal class (age 12 allowed) but at the same time they are allowed in a specific "children national class" from the age of 8. They start at an earlier age and then have to wait many years to be able to move forward the enthusiasm and fun kind of disappears. But also give the possibility to move up in class if the Athletes wants to. The level of Athletes would be more accurate to the level they are competing in.

2. Under 25 (U25) Classes

Class	Athlete Age Class	Proposal ICDA
Horses Four-in-Hand	18 - 25 years	18 - 25 years
Horse Pairs	16 - 25 years	18 - 25 years
Horse Single	16 - 25 years	18 - 25 years
All Pony Classes	16 - 25 years	18 - 25 years

3. Juniors Classes

Class	Athlete Age Class
Horse Pairs	16 - 18 years
Horse Single	14 - 18 years
All Pony Classes	14 - 18 years

4. Children Classes

Class	Athlete Age Class	Proposal ICDA
Single Pony	12 - 14 years	10 - 14 years

Proposed Wording

Children: Category of Athletes who may take part in FEI "Children" Competitions. Inclusion of Athletes in this category takes place from the year they reach the age of twelve (12) until the end of the year they reach the age of fourteen (14). **For Driving the minimum age is ten (10).**

U25: Athletes may compete in the U25 category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of twenty five (25). **For Driving the minimum age is eighteen (18).**

Young Rider: category of Athletes who may take part in FEI Competitions for Young Riders from the beginning of the year they reach the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the year they reach the age of twenty one (21). **For Driving the minimum age is fourteen (14 - Horse Single and Ponies).**