

PROPOSALS FOR 2025 RULES CHANGES OF [2025 VETERINARY REGULATIONS RULES]

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
1080.3. - Regulatory Height
Explanation for Proposed Change. Specify the Criteria of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy
<p>The number of Measuring Sessions is limited, especially during the summer season. When an Athlete purchases a Pony with a National Passport or FEI passport without an Interim or Lifetime Measuring Certificate in the summer season and likes to add this Pony to his Pair or Four-in-Hand it is hardly impossible to have this Pony measured before a Championship.</p> <p>In driving Ponies do not need to qualify to compete at a Championship. Especially Athletes overseas have difficulties having their Ponies meet the measurement requirements.</p> <p>Therefore we propose to have the wording out that Ponies need to be measured before a Championship and only when it is suspected to exceed the regulatory height, it has to be measured at a Measuring Session within the same calendar year.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>3. Driving Ponies in Pairs and Four-in-Hands may not be less than 108 cm without shoes, or 109 cm with shoes. Single Ponies must not be less than 120cms without shoes, 121cms with shoes.</p> <p>Ponies competing in CAI1*, CAI2* and CAI3* Events of all classes and Athlete categories may compete without an Interim or Lifetime Measuring Certificate. In such Events the TD may request that a Pony that is suspected to exceed the regulatory height is measured at a Measuring Session within the same calendar year. If the Pony is "measured in" at that Measuring Session, the Pony must then be issued with an FEI Interim or Lifetime Measuring Certificate in order to continue competing as a Pony. Any Ponies suspected to exceed the regulatory height are permitted to compete until they have been measured at a Measuring Session. If the Pony is Measured Out, it can no longer compete as a Pony.</p> <p>Ponies competing in CAIOs and Championships require an Interim or Lifetime Measuring Certificate to compete in these Events.</p>

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)

ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

Article No.–Article Name

1033 - Horse Inspections' Timings

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

In line of the proposals for the full revision of the FEI Driving Rules, the request to change the First Horse Inspection for CAIs (Art. 935.2.1 & 2.).

In the ICDA Survey of January 2025 it was stated that the duration of CAIs is too long. Having the First Horse Inspection one of even two days before the actual start of the first Competition of some classes, the expenses for an OC and Athletes are high. By conducting the First Horse Inspection for CAIs in Harness will save time and money.

In line with the proposals for the full rules revision of the FEI Driving Rules: As the majority of the respondents of the ICDA Survey does not support the Cool Down (Art. 935.4.), the recommendation is to delete all wording on Cool Down. Of course the Examination after the Marathon should remain.

Proposed Wording

Horse Inspections' timings for the various Disciplines are as follows:

DISCIPLINE	FIRST HORSE INSPECTION	ADDITIONAL
Driving	<p>Championships and CAIOs: Within 24 hours of the start of first competition</p> <p>CAIs: In Harness prior to the start of the Dressage.</p>	<p>In Harness Horse inspection: prior to the start of section A/Controlled Warm-Up B of the marathon.</p> <p>In Harness Examination: between 10-15 minutes after the Athlete has entered the Cool-Down area. finish of the marathon.</p>

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)

ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

Article No.–Article Name

1034 - Horse Inspection Panel

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:

Art. 935.2.14: In the ICDA Survey of January 2025 it was stated that the duration of CAIs is too long. Having the First Horse Inspection one of even two days before the actual start of the first Competition of some classes, the expenses for an OC and Athletes are high. By conducting the First Horse Inspection for CAIs in Harness will save time and money.

Art. 935.5.1: (re in harness inspection before cones) - As only members of the Ground Jury have the authority to Disqualify a Horse, a Jury Member should be present in order to give the Athlete the chance / more time to go back to the stable & get his spare horse.

Proposed Wording

Discipline	Number of Panel Members	Inspection Panel
Driving	2	First Horse Inspection
		Championships and CAIOs:
		- President of the GJ
		- VD
	2	CAIs:
		- VD and/or PVC
		- One steward
	1	In Harness Inspection
		- One Treating Veterinarian
	2 3	In Harness Inspection before Cones
		- VD and/or PVC
		- Member of Ground Jury
		- One Steward

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
1039.1. Morning Re-Inspection
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: As the proposal is for CAIs the First Horse Inspection to be carried out in harness, Morning Re-Inspection is not applicable.
Proposed Wording
1. In Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Jumping, Driving (CAIOs and Championships) and Vaulting Events a Morning Re-inspections may be permitted on the morning of the first Competition.

