



International Carriage Drivers Association

MEMORANDUM

To: Manuel Bandeira de Mello, Director of Driving FEI

From: Hugh Scott Barrett
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Date: June 7, 2025

Re: Your request d.d. June 4, 2025 re Revised Proposals on Annexes 11 and 12 (FEI Driving Rules Revisions 2025)

Dear Manu,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 June. As a stakeholder we very much appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Revised Proposals on Annexes 11 and 12 (FEI Driving Rules Revisions 2025).

We look forward to considering the new way for measuring carriages, as developed alongside the new Cones solution which we understand now forms part of the Full Rules Revision for 2026, in line with the FEI Board Decision of 20 December 2024.

We know that considerable thought, technical analysis and consultation has gone into looking for a fair solution to some of the issues that have adversely impacted the performance of the cones. ICDA representatives have had the opportunity both to observe and participate in the trials and believe the Technical Committee and its advisers are well on the way to finding a solution.

We understand that the Committee is looking for a single solution for both Cones and Carriage Measurement. ICDA recommends that solid blocks are used for Carriage Measurement instead of cones, however adapted. Blocks have been used successfully in FEI competitions and so do not need to be tested alongside the Cones solution.

We note the results of the on site surveys. We note the relatively high incidence of incorrect widths amongst the Horse classes at Kronenberg. We are also aware that there has not always been consistency in the measurement across the mentioned competitions (use of different surfaces for measurement compared to the field of play). We are concerned therefore that the proposal to "simplify the content of Appendix 11" will not solve the issues highlighted by ICDA.

ICDA disagrees with the recommendation to retain Appendix 12. In its current form we assess that a large number of carriage wheels will need to be replaced as the grooving used on many carriages will no longer be permissible based on the diagrams shown. As set out in our letters of 27 November and 9 December 2024 we wish to avoid significant additional expense for athletes. Further we do not see the need to add this appendix if a Cones solution is successfully introduced.

Taking the above into consideration, we believe that both Annex 11 and Annex 12 are not of added value and therefore should not be applicable this year and should be removed for the full rules revision as per January 1, 2026.

We would be happy to discuss any of the above at your convenience.

Thank you - best regards.

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