

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF  
DRIVING & PARA DRIVING RULES 2025**

In the present document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2025**. In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders with the relevant feedback from the FEI; and
- B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**



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## A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2025

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder
FRA NF
Article No.–Article Name
General comment - Applicable to all FEI Driving Rules
Comment and Rationale
<p><b>In our view it is crucial that coming FEI Driving Rules better integrate the following priorities :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <b>Accessibility for the driving stakeholders</b> (OC, Drivers, Officials) into the FEI Driving discipline levels, especially from cost perspective.</li> <li>B. <b>Horse Welfare</b>, to better take into consideration the change of how the society looks to sport with with the horse welfare concerns. Driving discipline is not (yet) as exposed as other disciplines from media and public perspectives but Driving discipline is not less concerned compared to other disciplines by the need for change to create better pictures and ensure maintenance of social acceptance in the future.</li> <li>C. <b>Attractiveness</b> for public, medias and sponsors, to foster a shift in the economical reality of this discipline relying far too much on the finance from its own stakeholders</li> </ul> <p>Any rule change must be in line with those priorities.</p>
Proposed Wording
FEI Feedback
The FEI Driving Technical Committee largely aligns on these priorities, placing Equine Welfare at the forefront.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
900.4. International Rules
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>ICDA is proposing that changes are made to the scoring system to ensure a better balance between Dressage, Marathon and Cones. ICDA is proposing to reduce the weight of the Dressage by moving to a percentage score as part of the objective to achieve a 30 : 40 : 30 outcome for Dressage/Marathon/Cones respectively. These proposals will need to be tested by way of an updated analysis of the results at the Kronenberg Driving Forum in 2023 to ensure they meet this objective. Should they not do so, ICDA is still recommending the changes for Dressage given that it simplifies the scoring system but then other adjustments to the marathon and cones scoring would be necessary.</p> <p>We have also included proposals to increase the weight of time penalties in the marathon when the number of obstacles falls below 8. This is designed to maintain the relative importance of the marathon even when the Marathon course has been shortened.</p> <p>The proposal to allow for recalibration to the time allowed for cones after a number of competitors have started is designed to lessen the consequences of inaccurate measurement of the course. This does not, however, address the weighting of cones where course design is the single largest influence on its relative importance.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>900.4. Scoring Principles</b></p> <p>The objective is to ensure that there is balance in the scoring principle in each of the three phases (Dressage, Marathon and Cones) except that the Marathon should receive the highest weighting (i.e. 30 : 40 : 30).</p> <p>At the end of each outdoor season the FEI Driving Committee will review the results of all CAI3* and above competitions and will recommend any necessary adjustments to ensure compliance with this principle. This adjustment should not wait until the next four years Rules Revision.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>Feedback from the Driving Community during the Driving Forum on this topic was highly divided.</p> <p>In the view of the Driving Committee, reducing the influence of Dressage within the overall event would raise Welfare concerns, as it would shift the focus of training for Horses and Ponies.</p> <p>The Committee believes the core issue lies not in the scoring system itself, but in the formats of Dressage, Marathon, and Cones.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
<b>NED NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Article 901 Categories and Levels – 7. Championships</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
At Para Driving World Championships provide the Para Drivers with an extra day for inspection of the marathon course so they can endure it better physically. Adjust the format for para driving as follows: day 1 Dressage, day 2 rest day (extra day for inspection of the marathon), day 3 marathon, and day 4 skill.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>Article 901 Categories and Levels</b></p> <p><b>7. Championships</b></p> <p>The various individual and team Championships are as follows (see Appendix D, General Regulations):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FEI World Equestrian Games (Horses Four-in-Hand)</li> <li>- FEI Driving World Championship for Four-in-Hand Horses / CH-M-A4</li> <li>- FEI Driving World Championship for Pair Horses / CH-M-A2</li> <li>- FEI Driving World Championship for Single Horses / CH-M-A1 - FEI Driving World Championships for Ponies / CH-M-A-P1,2,4</li> <li>- FEI Driving Continental Championships for Four-in-Hand Horses /CH-EU-A4</li> <li>- FEI Driving Continental Championships for Youth /CH-EU-A Youth</li> <li>- FEI Para Driving World Championships for Singles / CH-M-PEA1</li> <li>- FEI Driving World Championships for Young Horses / CH-M-A1 YH</li> </ul> <p>At Championships, the following Competitions' format has to be organised:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Day 1:Dressage Day 2:Marathon Day 3: Cones</p> <p>At Para Driving World Championships, the Competition format has to be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Day 1:Dressage Day 2:Rest day Day 2:Marathon Day 3: Cones</p> <p>Prize-money: required (except for Youth and Young Horses Championships where Prize-money is optional)</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Committee is not in favour of restricting obstacle inspection solely to Para Drivers, as this would be neither fair nor realistically enforceable. Given that the Para Driving Championship is held in conjunction with other FEI Driving Championships, the necessary flexibility is already built into the existing schedule, and no additional rule change is deemed necessary at this stage, as any addition would be 'optional'.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
901.6.4.a Categories and Levels
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The deadline to apply for a FEI World Cup Qualifier is regulated in the FEI Driving Rules – it should also include the application deadline for FEI Driving World Cup legs
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>6.4. For FEI World Cup Qualifiers as defined in the FEI World Cup Driving Rules, the following criteria shall apply:</p> <p>a) The deadline to apply for a FEI World Cup Qualifier is 1st March of the year in which the series begins. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.</p> <p>The deadline to apply for a FEI World Cup Leg is 1st March of the year in which the series begins. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI Driving World Cup is governed by the bidding process and allocated by the FEI Board; as such, the deadlines are fixed and cannot be modified.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

**Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)**

ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

**Article No.–Article Name**

901.6.4.b Categories and Levels

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The prize money for Four-in-Hands CAI3\* and CAIO4\* should be different to show more difference between these types of classes

**Proposed Wording**

~~b)-c)~~ The prize-money for the Four-in-Hand class must be minimum of Euros 8'500 for a CAI3\* event and Euros 14'000 for a CAIO4\* event, distributed in all competitions, with the highest amount for the Combined result.

**FEI Feedback**

A review of the current data shows that the average prize money distributed at CAIO events is approximately EUR 10,000.

In this context, the proposed increase to EUR 14,000 for CAIO4\* events may place an unnecessary financial burden on Organising Committees. Instead, the FEI proposes to standardise the minimum prize money for CAIO4\*-H4 events at EUR 10,000, regardless of whether the event is also a World Cup Qualifier.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

6. **CAI3\* and CAIO4\***: Have to be run over 3 days / except FEI World Cup Indoor legs

6.1. The following Competitions formats can be organised:

Format 1	Format 2	WC indoor format
Day 1: Dressage	Day 1: Dressage	Day 1: Competition 1
Day 2: Marathon	Day 2: Cones	Day 2: Competition 2
Day 3: Cones	Day 3: Marathon	

6.2. Prize-money: required

~~6.2.6.3.~~ For CAIO4\*-H4, the minimum Prize-Money is 10'000 Euros.

~~6.3.6.4.~~ Open to 3\* Athletes

~~6.4.6.5.~~ For FEI World Cup Qualifiers as defined in the FEI World Cup Driving Rules, the following criteria shall apply:

- The deadline to apply for a FEI World Cup Qualifier is 1<sup>st</sup> March of the year in which the series begins. Applications received after this deadline will not be accepted.
- The prize-money for ~~the Four-in-Hands~~ CAI3\*-H4 World Cup Qualifier class must be minimum of Euros 8'500 distributed in all competitions, with the highest amount for the Combined result.
- There must be a suitable warm-up area next to the competition area which should have the same dimensions.
- The majority of the Judges must be from another country.
- The starting order will be a physical draw, held in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury and open to Athletes.
- The number of accreditations for Grooms should be four.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
901.6.4.e Categories and Levels
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
As already proposed in 2021 (Full Rules Revision) the most fair way of composing the starting order is by physical draw.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
e)-f) The starting order will be a physical draw <del>for a CAI3* event,</del> held in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury and open to Athletes. <del>For CAIO4* see Art. ...</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The current wording of point e) is already stating a Physical Draw.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
908.1. Names of Horses
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Typo
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 908 Names of Horses 1. The names of the <del>Horses</del> <del>Horse</del> -Horses/Horse must appear on all score sheets, including the name of the spare Horse.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Modified accordingly.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<b>Article 908 Names of Horses</b> 1. The names of the Horse(s) <del>Horse</del> -must appear on all score sheets, including the name of the spare Horse.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>NED NF</b> <b>ICDA</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 911 Principles</b> <b>2. (A) Yellow Warning Card</b> <b>2. (B) Driving Recorded Warning</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p><b>FRA:</b></p> <p>In order to improve and harmonise the monitoring of situations with horse welfare and abuse of a horse, we would suggest to be more explicit in listing the potential main causes to be avoided and to be identified/sanctioned when this is occurring. This would facilitate common understanding.</p> <p>Blood and excessive use of whip have to be addressed.</p> <p>In all cases of blood on horse mouth which is not due to a horse who has bitten its tongue or lip, we recommend to give at least a Driving Recorded Warning in addition to article 933.2.</p> <p><b>NED:</b></p> <p>The current rule is too generically described. From Horse welfare and public opinion, we need to adapt to the currently accepted standards. We have to be careful with our social license. We have to accept that blood in the mouth is not okay. Besides, an official's personal judgement is now too decisive. We see different decisions being taken from different perspectives. This does not benefit fair play.</p> <p>If blood is detected in or around the mouth during dressage (Judges at C) and cones by the judge at C, they must Ring the bell / call, and the combination must end the test and have the horse checked by a veterinarian. Elimination is then applicable for this part. The veterinarian advises whether the horse may compete in the subsequent Competition(s) in the Event. The participant receives at least a Driving Recorded Warning.</p> <p>If blood is detected on the horse by an official during the marathon, it must be examined by a member of the Ground Jury (if necessary, in consultation with the veterinarian). If it is a 'minor case,' the judge may decide that they can continue. During the cooling down, the veterinarian must assess the situation. The participant receives at least a Driving Recorded Warning.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b></p> <p>A Yellow Warning Card and Driving Recorded Warning should be delivered with the approval of the President of the Jury. We do not think that the Technical Delegate or Chief Steward should have sole authority to deliver a Yellow Warning Card. There should be some checks and balances in disciplinary process as there is no right of appeal for a Yellow Warning Card or Driving Recorded Warning.</p> <p>Number of cards in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2024: 5</li> <li>- 2023: 2</li> <li>- 2022: 3</li> </ul>
Proposed Wording



**FRA:****2. (B) Driving Recorded Warning**

(e) All cases of blood in the mouth which is not due to a horse who has bitten its tongue or lip to be sanctioned by a Driving Recorded Warning in addition to Article 933.2

**NED:****Article 911 Principles****2. (B) Driving Recorded Warning**

A Driving Recorded Warning must be issued to the Person Responsible for the following offence(s), during the Onsite Preparation Period and/or the Period of Jurisdiction by the President of the Ground Jury, or the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate:

- a) Driving out of control with the Horse(s)/Pony(ies) clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids
- b) Severe lack of responsiveness from the Horse(s)/Pony(ies), or the Athlete.
- c) Endangering the public in any way, e.g. leaving the track
- d) Wilful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and/or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete.
- e) Blood on horses during the dressage and cones competition

**Article 933 Welfare of the Horse (Abuse of Horses and Doping)****1. Abuse of the Horse – Definition**

Abuse of Horse means an action or omission that causes or is likely to cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a Horse including, but not limited to:

- a) Pressing of exhausted Horses
- b) Excessive use of a whip
- c) An unacceptably severe, badly fitting, broken or damaged bit
- d) Badly fitting harness which might cause distress to the Horse
- e) Damage to a Carriage which might cause injury to the Horse

**2. Wounds and Lacerations**

2.1. Blood on Horses may be an indication of abuse of Horse and must be investigated case by case by any member of the Ground Jury.

2.2 If blood is observed in or at the mouth during the Dressage or Cones by the President of the Ground Jury, the competitor must end the test and the Athlete will be eliminated. In extreme cases where abuse is evident, further sanctions will be taken against the Athlete. Such Horses may be eliminated from the Competition.

2.3 If blood is observed in or at the mouth after the Dressage or Cones by the Steward, the Athlete will be eliminated. In extreme cases where abuse is evident, further sanctions will be taken against the Athlete. Such Horses may be eliminated from the Competition.

2.4 If blood is observed in or at the mouth during the Marathon the horse and must be investigated by case by any member of the Ground Jury. In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, or minor bleeding on limbs, after investigation the Athlete may be authorized to continue. The Athlete will receive a Driving Recorded Warning. In extreme cases where abuse is evident, further sanctions will be taken against the Athlete such as a Yellow Warning Card. Such Horses may be eliminated from the Competition.

~~2.2. Such Horses may be eliminated from the Competition. In extreme cases where abuse is evident, further sanctions will be taken against the Athlete, such as a Yellow Warning Card.~~

~~2.3. In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, or minor bleeding on limbs, after investigation the Athlete may~~

~~be authorized to continue.~~

- b) 2.5. A horse is considered to have fallen down when it cannot stand up by itself immediately and needs assistance to stand up again. If a Horse falls down during competition, the Athlete will be eliminated.

#### ICDA:

##### 2. (A) Yellow Warning Card

Where there is an Abuse of Horse in any form or Incorrect Behaviour towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event, non-compliance with the Driving Rules during the Onsite Preparation Period and Period of Jurisdiction, the President of the Ground Jury, or the Technical Delegate or the FEI Chief Steward, **always with approval of the President of the Ground Jury**, as an alternative to instituting the procedures foreseen in the legal system, may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow Warning Card.

##### 2. (B) Driving Recorded Warning

A Driving Recorded Warning must be issued to the Person Responsible for the following offence(s), during the Onsite Preparation Period and/or the Period of Jurisdiction by the President of the Ground Jury, ~~or the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate~~ **always with approval of the President of the Ground Jury**:

- a) Driving out of control with the Horse(s)/Pony(ies) clearly not responding to the Athletes restraining or driving aids
- b) Severe lack of responsiveness from the Horse(s)/Pony(ies), or the Athlete.
- c) Endangering the public in any way, e.g. leaving the track

Willful obstruction of an overtaking Athlete and/or not following the instructions of the Officials causing danger to another Athlete.

#### FEI Feedback

The Driving Recorded Warning may serve as an alternative to the Yellow Warning Card for minor incidents. However, if the Blood is not minor or in case of Whip Marks, they should fall under the Yellow Warning Card provisions, as these situations constitute Abuse of Horse—an offence that warrants a Yellow Warning Card.

Given the new proposal in the Jumping Discipline regarding the issuance of a Recorded Warning in case of minor blood, we are seeking additional feedback from NFs and Stakeholders on whether a similar system should be applied in Driving.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

Proposed wording to be confirmed further to review of the feedback after the first round of consultation with the NFs and MOU stakeholders.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
GBR NF
ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
<b>912. Minimum age</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>GBR:</b> Athlete and Groom who were both physically 17, but classed as 18 by the FEI Driving Rules, not allowed to compete. Different Officials have different interpretations of the Age. We would appreciate if there was one consistent, definite answer.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> The majority of the respondents of the ICDA Survey felt that the structure (age range) should be rethought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No 3 year overlap between classes</li> <li>- Minimum age children class lower</li> <li>- Once started in senior championship, not possible to compete at Youth championship</li> </ul> <p>The proposal is to change the minimum age of the Children class to 10 years to attract Athletes from a younger age – in many countries children drive and compete from a younger age - to build a pipeline of Athletes interested in driving – to attract broader interest in the driving sport / broader interest in the driving sport.</p> <p>In conjunction with Art. 912.4 – the minimum age of the Children’s class – lower the minimum age of Childrens Class – it should be (in training only) that persons under 14 years should be allowed on the carriage. When a trainer takes over the reins from a competitor in the Children’s class, this person has to get of the carriage because he/she is too young. For Grooms in competition the minimum ages remain unchanged.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>GBR:</b> Clarification is requested and the wording agreed.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b></p> <p>6.2. All Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a Groom(s) of 18 years or older.</li> </ul> <p>Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a Groom(s) of 14 years or older.</p> <p><b>In training the minimum age of a passenger is 10 years.</b></p>

### 1. 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

### 2. Juniors Classes

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

### 3. Children Classes

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

### FEI Feedback

Please refer to the General Regulations proposal.

### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

## Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)

GBR NF  
NED NF

## Article No.–Article Name

Article 912.4 Children Classes

## Explanation for Proposed Change

**GBR:** Children to change from 12 – 14 years to either 11 – 14 years or 12 – 15 years so that Children would have two chances to compete at the European Championships in this Class.

### NED:

We find it desirable to slightly extend the youngest age categories and give the oldest group a higher starting age. This makes the transition from Children to Juniors less significant and broadens the Children group. The U25 group is a very broad age group, and we find it more appropriate to have 18 years as the starting age.

Our arguments for not moving to 2 age categories are:

- It is not motivating for younger children to compete against those who are significantly older and therefore have more experience. Younger children would end up in the lower regions of the ranking, which is not stimulating. This can be demotivating.
- By having a youngest age category with the corresponding level of difficulty, you maintain a logical progression in the development to a higher level and training.

With the end ages per category, we take into account the classification as the FEI currently has in other equestrian disciplines. We find it important that the single horse category is added to the Juniors (hence the entry age of 14 years) and we want to avoid fragmentation by not having more than 7 classes.

Specifically, we propose the following age categories:

- Children: 12-16 years, single pony
- Juniors: 14-21 years, single pony, pair pony, single horse
- U25: 18-25 years, single pony, pair pony, single horse

If in a discipline in an age category at Juniors or U25 there are fewer than 8 participants, this discipline will be run in handicap for the individual ranking (For example: 4 participants in Juniors single horse and 12 participants in U25 single horse means that one individual ranking for single horse Juniors and U25 will be made).

## Proposed Wording

NED NF:

### CHAPTER IV ELIGIBILITY (age of Athletes– starting possibilities) Article 912 Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms

#### 3. Under 25 (U25) Classes

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

#### 4. Juniors Classes

Class	Athlete Age Class
Horse Pairs	14 - 21 years
Horse Single	14 - 21 years
All Pony Classes	14 - 21 years

#### Children Classes.

Class	Athlete Age Class
Single pony	12 - 16 years

## FEI Feedback

Please refer to the General Regulations proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
912.6.2.1. Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>We do not think that this Rule is still relevant and only serves for information for Commentary and Results. The Horses are seldomly checked on their identity, for Participating Support Personnel this never happens.</p> <p>Therefore delete this Rule. If not – change Driver -&gt; Athlete</p> <p>This information is only for the commentary and should be implemented in the manual for OCs and/or TDs.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>6.2.1. Each Driver must inform the show office at the latest half an hour before the start of each competition (Dressage, Marathon, Cones) who is/are "Participating Support Personnel".</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This information is required as the matter relates to provisions under Article 140 of the FEI General Regulations.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
912.6.3. Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms 912.6.4.
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Is this Rule relevant? The consequence is disqualification. If it is the responsibility of the NF to ensure this, what is the sanction for the NF? Proposal to delete second sentence in each Rule.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
6.3. Children: The Groom must be over 18 years old. <del>The NF must ensure that the Groom must be knowledgeable and experienced in Driving.</del>  6.4. Para Driving Athletes: The Groom must be over 18 years old. <del>The NF must ensure that the Groom has knowledge in Driving.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The responsibility must remain with the National Federation.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>GER NF</b> <b>USA NF</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 913 Minimum Eligibility Requirements / Qualification criteria</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p><b>FRA:</b> We do appreciate qualification in the interest of the safe development of the sport, nevertheless the current rules seem too demanding for us especially when there is a lack of international shows opportunities.</p> <p>In parallel we would suggest to make the qualification system more specific, accurate to avoid that qualifications are gained for all classes which is a non sens in term of safety and education-training. We do not support the principle of for example qualifying results achieved in pony single class counting as qualifying result for horse four in hand 3* status.</p> <p><b>GER:</b> Currently, a Single Pony Driver can qualify for major Four-in-Hand Events by several results in CAI 2*; proposal for example: to qualify for a 3* Athlete a Driver must have completed one CAI 2* (D,M,C) in the relevant class.</p> <p><b>USA:</b></p> <p>To further advance the sport of Para Driving, this change will allow athletes to translate their experience in Para Driving to the able-bodied equivalent classes. In the US, we have multiple world championship team members who are unable to compete in able bodied CAI competitions because of the barriers to achieving their qualification status. Furthermore, it is an added expense to Organizers to coordinate a CPEAI competition with the requirement for classifiers to attend. If Para Drivers are given a degree of reciprocity, they will compete more often under the FEI competition umbrella.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>FRA:</b> Athletes who have successfully completed <b>two</b> CAI2*, and/or CAI U25/J at different shows and/or CH EU J/CH EU U25 2 (Format 1, 2 or 3 only) without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-A or <b>two</b> CAI-Bs under the previous FEI Driving Rules</p> <p>And *</p>



A 2\* completed participation in P1 or H1 counts as a qualifying result for

P1 and H1 classes 3\* status

A 2\* completed participation in P2 or H2 counts as a qualifying result for

P1 and H1 classes 3\* status  
P2 and H2 classes 3\* status

A 2\* completed participation in P4 or H4 counts as a qualifying result for

P1 and H1 classes 3\* status  
P2 and H2 classes 3\* status

\*as an alternative if preferred by FEI DTC, the qualification should be made class by class.

## USA:

2\* Athletes - Athletes who have successfully completed two CAI1\* at different shows-Format 1, 2 (with Dressage) or 3 only without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-B (under the previous Rules) or three CANs with Dressage, Marathon and Cones. **Para Driving Athletes who have completed two different FEI Para Driving competitions (CPEAI 1\*, CPEAI 2\*, or CH-M-PEAI) without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification.**

## GER:

2. Star qualification of Senior Athletes are obtained for life and apply across all classes.

1* Athletes	no minimum qualification criteria required
2* Athletes	Athletes who have successfully completed two CAI1* at different shows-Format 1, 2 (with Dressage) or 3 only - without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-B (under the previous Rules) or three CANs with Dressage, Marathon and Cones
3* Athletes	Athletes who have successfully completed <del>three</del> <b>one</b> CAI2* <b>in the respective class (Single/ Pairs/ Four-in-Hand H or P)</b> , and/or CAI U25/J at different shows and/or CH EU J/CH EU U25 2 (Format 1, 2 or 3 only) without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-A or three CAI-Bs under the previous FEI Driving Rules
Youth	No criteria for Children, Junior and U25.
Para Driving	no criteria

## FEI Feedback

For Able-Bodied competitions: The committee proposes to have two qualifying 2\* to become level 3, based on the feedback of the FEI Driving Forum.

For Para Driving: The Committee is not in favour of having the Para Driving Championship count as a 2\* qualifying event, as the level of competition is not equivalent to that of a 2\* event. The Para Drivers that wish to qualify for 3\* can use the standard CAI 2\* route.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

Category	Qualification criteria
1* Athletes	<del>No minimum qualification criteria</del> <u>no minimum qualification criteria required</u>
2* Athletes	Athletes who have successfully completed two CAI1* at different shows- Format 1, 2 (with Dressage) or 3 only - without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-B (under the previous Rules) or three CANs with Dressage, Marathon and Cones
3* Athletes	Athletes who have successfully completed <del>three</del> <u>two</u> CAI2*, and/or CAI U25/J at different shows and/or CH EU J/CH EU U25 (Format 1, 2 or 3 only) without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-A or three CAI-Bs under the previous FEI Driving Rules
<del>Youth</del> <u>Children, Junior, U25</u>	<del>No criteria for Children, Junior and U25</del> <u>No minimum qualification criteria</u>
<u>Young Horses/Ponies</u>	<u>No minimum qualification criteria</u>
Para Driving	<del>No minimum qualification criteria</del> <u>no criteria</u>

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>GER NF</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>916 Entries</b> <b>917 Schedule of the Event</b> <b>918 Entries CAIs</b> <b>919 Entries Championships and CAIOs</b> <b>920 Entries - World and Continental Four-in-Hand Championship for Horses</b> <b>921 Entries World Pair Championship for Horses</b> <b>922 Entries World Singles Championship for Horses</b> <b>923 Entries World Pony Driving Championships</b> <b>924 Entries Youth Driving Championships</b> <b>925 Entries World Driving Singles Championship for Para Driving</b> <b>926 Expenses and privileges</b> <b>927 Additional Individual Entries for Championships and CAIOs</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<b>FRA, GER:</b> Complete revision necessary, especially for CAIO and Championships. The actual number of Drivers worldwide in the different classes must be taken into account. The OC of a Championship or CAIO should be allowed to invite the number of Athletes per NF (i.e. one Team and one or two Individuals plus two/three more from the host country), depending on the actual number of Athletes in the relevant Class World Ranking List. The invitation of individuals in addition to the team may be determined under the aspect of fulfilling certain qualification criteria (i.e. Results from previous CAIs or actual WRL). The number of Horses that may be entered at the Nominated Entry Date should be extended, especially for Pairs and Four-in-Hands.
Proposed Wording
<b>FRA, GER:</b> According to GRs Article 116.2.2. these Rules and Articles should be brought in line with the other equestrian disciplines. A final proposal should be worded during the FEI Driving Forum at Exloo, 25/26 March 2025
FEI Feedback
The FEI agrees to permit a greater number of individual athletes to participate in CAIOs.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<b>Art 916</b> 3.4 Invitations to Individuals: at CAIOs, The OC has the right to invite up to <b>84</b> Individuals from <b>at least</b> 4 different Nations and not more than <b>2±</b> per Nation.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
916.1.7. Entries
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The majority of the respondents of the ICDA survey wish to have an simplified entry procedure, especially regarding last minute changing of horses before the first horse inspection and for Championships. Last minute change of Horse(s) should be possible always be possible.</p> <p>The entry system for championships has caused great confusion. Therefore we strongly advise to make the the entry procedure more easy (also with regards to Art. 927).</p>
Proposed Wording
1.7. At an Event, an Athlete may withdraw any or all their Horses from a Competition but may <del>not</del> add a Horse not previously entered for that Competition <del>without the Approval of the OC and the Ground Jury.</del>
FEI Feedback
<p>This is not feasible within the current entry system. Removing additional individual entries will also help streamline the entry process for the Championship. Please refer to further comments regarding Championship Entries.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
916.1.8. Entries
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>This Rule should be about failing to take part without notification – it is difficult to define what a 'valid excuse' is ... According to the Rules it should be compulsory to pay Entry costs / stabling – see <a href="#">Art. 916.1.10</a></p> <p>The second part of this Art. (Competing at another Event) is covered in Art. 916.1.9.</p>
Proposed Wording
1.8. Teams or individual Athletes who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without <del>valid excuse notification</del> must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. <del>Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event.</del>
FEI Feedback
Agreed and add mention of a written notification.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
1.8 Teams or individual Athletes who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without <del>written notification</del> <del>valid excuse</del> must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. <del>Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event.</del>

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
916.1.10. Entries
Explanation for Proposed Change
It is not possible to calculate the financial loss incurred by the OC – the wording in the FEI Schedule should be the same. Our proposal therefore is to have all fees should be paid (except EADCMP & accommodation fee).
Proposed Wording
1.10. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC <del>for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel Expenses)</del> the entry and stabling fees as a result of late withdrawal or no-show.
FEI Feedback
Agreed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
1.10 Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the <u>entry and stabling fees</u> <del>financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel Expenses)</del> as a result of late withdrawal or no-show.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
916.2.4. Entries
Explanation for Proposed Change
As the proposal of ICDA is to have only Athletes on the Nominated Entry List, therefore Horses should not be mentioned.
Proposed Wording
2.4. Should an NF send more Athletes <del>and/or Horses</del> than shown in the Nominated Entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event.
FEI Feedback
The Driving Committee considers it essential to retain Horses on the Nominated List, given the requirements related to Passports, Biosecurity, and Pony Height regulations. Substitutions are also only permitted within the same National Federation's list.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
920.1. Entries – World and Continental Four-in-Hand Championships for Horses 921.1. Entries World Pair Championship for Horses 922.1-6. Entries World Singles Championship for Horses 925.1-6.
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>As there is not qualification for horses for a Championship anymore, the need to <b>nominate horses</b> disappeared as well. Therefore the proposal is to only include nominated entry for athletes. This gives more flexibility in choosing horses (not like riding a combination – eventing has the possibility of 3x the number of actual starts) – for every position in a four-in-hand f.e. needs to be at least one replacement or more. To have more flexibility in choosing of Horses by the Athlete, the proposal is to request a nominated entry list with a maximum of three times the number of Athletes from which the team und when applicable the individuals are selected from. The proposal is not to include the Horses on the Nominated Entry list, but only include the on the definite entry list with the possibility of last minute change of Horse/Horses – see also Art. 916.1.7.</p> <p>For the Pony Championships another format have to be created for NFs who are not able to send a team. See Proposal Art. 923.</p> <p>When the number of <b>nominated</b> entries for Championships is expanded to three time the number of determed number of Entries given by the OC, this Art. only has to refer to the extra number of entries of which the team can be selected.</p> <p>It simplifies the entry system. It avoids the confusion of prior years and gives greater flexibility to NFs to nominate Athletes for each Championship.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Article 920 Entries - World and Continental Four-in-Hand Championship for Horses</p> <p>1. Each NF may enter a maximum of <del>six-nine</del> Four-in-Hand Athletes with a <del>maximum of ten Horses per Four-in-Hand</del> on the nominated entry list and a maximum of three Four-in-hand Athletes with a maximum of five Horses per Four-in-hand on the definite entry list.</p> <p>Article 921 Entries World Pair Championship for Horses</p> <p>1. Each NF may enter a maximum of <del>six-nine Athletes with a maximum of six Horses per Pair</del> on the nominated entry list and a maximum of three Pair Athletes with a maximum of three Horses per Pair on the definite entry list.</p> <p>Article 922 Entries World Singles Championship for Horses</p> <p>1. Each NF may enter a maximum of <del>six-nine</del> Athletes <del>with a maximum of two Horses per entry</del> on the nominated entry list and three Single Athletes with a maximum of one Horse per Athlete on the definite entry list.</p>
FEI Feedback
The Driving Committee considers it essential to retain Horses on the Nominated List, given the requirements related to Passports, Biosecurity, and Pony Height regulations. Substitutions are also only permitted within the same National Federation's list.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
920-925.3. Entries
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
A chef d'équipe and a trainer is seldom the same person. Therefore it is our proposal to add a trainer to have accreditation / stable entrance.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
3. Each NF is entitled to send a chef d'equipe, <b>a trainer</b> and Veterinarian, <del>both</del> -all of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The trainer cannot be included under the NF's privileges, as this would involve additional financial implications. However, in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations, the trainer is considered part of the permitted support personnel and is entitled to access restricted areas. Therefore, no changes are proposed in this regard.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
922.5. Entries
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Do not limit the use of Horses – welfare issue as well. Better substitute than continue with a Horse who is not (temporarily) fit or not suitable for an Athlete.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
5. A spare Horse <del>from the nominated list</del> may be entered by each national team. The Athlete who uses the spare Horse will be eligible for the individual classification, as well as for the team classification. The spare Horse can only be substituted <del>once</del> , not later than one hour before the start of Dressage, the Organiser being notified in writing.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Driving Committee considers it essential to retain Horses on the Nominated List, given the requirements related to Passports, Biosecurity, and Pony Height regulations. Substitutions are also only permitted within the same National Federation's list.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.





Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
NED
Article No.–Article Name
<b>General Regulations - Article 116 - Entries FEI Driving Rules Article 920 up until 925 Entries World Championships</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Allow a longlist of three times (or more) the number invited for the nominated entries at Championships so an NF does not yet have to announce who they select for the team. With a longlist the organization knows immediately how many riders they can expect at most (team and individual) and based on these numbers they can decide the maximum number of entries per NF.</p> <p>This gives the organizations the opportunity to fully fill the competition, making it more attractive both sportingly and financially.</p> <p>And it gives the NFs the opportunity to make optimal use of the season by selecting their team members at a later date, the date for the definite entries.</p> <p>We also refer to our suggestions about the nominative entry for the General Regulations.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>General Regulations - Article 116 -Entries</b></p> <p>2.2 Entries shall be made following the compulsory two (2) phases outlined below:</p> <p>(i) Nominated entries (longlist and shortlist)</p> <p>Must be made at least four (4) weeks before the Event and must include a list of the names of Athletes and Horses from which the definite entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of Athletes and Horses which the NF intends to send. The number of nominated entries of Athletes and Horses must not exceed <u>three times</u> <del>twice</del> the number invited in the Schedule or prescribed by the Sport Rules (longlist). Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer Athletes and/or Horses but never more than <u>twice</u> the number of nominated entries (shortlist). NFs which are not represented after having made nominated entries and whose excuse is not acceptable to the OC shall be reported by the OC to the Secretary General for consideration of their excuse by the FEI Tribunal.</p> <p><b>Driving Rules</b></p> <p><b>Article 920 Entries World and Continental Four-in-Hand Championship for Horses</b></p> <p>1. Each NF may enter a longlist of nine Four-in-Hand Athletes with a maximum of ten Horses per Four-in-Hand on the nominated entry list and a maximum of three Four-in-hand Athletes with a maximum of five Horses per Four-in-hand on the definite entry list.</p> <p><b>Article 921 Entries World Pair Championship for Horses</b></p> <p>1. Each NF may enter a longlist of nine Pair Athletes with a maximum of six Horses per Pair on the nominated entry list and a maximum of three Pair Athletes with a maximum of three Horses per Pair on the definite entry list.</p> <p><b>Article 922 Entries World Singles Championship for Horses</b></p> <p>1. Each NF may enter a longlist of nine Single Athletes with a maximum of two Horses per entry on the nominated entry list and three Single Athletes with a maximum of one Horse per Athlete on the definite entry list.</p> <p><b>Article 923 Entries World Pony Driving Championships</b></p> <p>1. Each NF may enter a longlist of four Singles, four Pairs and four Four-in-Hands on the nominated entry list.</p>

~~1.~~2. A national team shall consist of one or two Singles, one or two Pairs and one or two Four-in-Hands. Each nation is entitled to send up to a maximum of six Athletes.

For article 924 see later on in document (separate proposal)

**Article 925 Entries World Driving Singles Championship for Para Driving**

1. Each NF may enter a longlist of nine Single Para Driving Athletes with a maximum of two Horses per entry on the nominated entry list and three Single Para Driving Athletes with a maximum of one Horse per Para Driving Athlete on the definite entry list.

**FEI Feedback**

Please refer to the FEI's proposal on [Art 920 and following](#).

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Article 922 Entries World Singles Championship for Horses</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>The spare horse who can be driven at an FEI championship by somebody who never drove with him is not fitting anymore in a responsible approach corresponding to current needs. We suggest moving to a reserve combination concept as it applies in other FEI disciplines and to keep the spare horse only available for a driver who achieved a combination qualification result with him. (see below)</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>FEI Driving Rules</p> <p>5. A reserve combination or a spare horse from the nominated list may be entered by each national team. The reserve combination or the Athlete who uses the spare Horse will be eligible for the individual classification, as well as for the team classification. The reserve combination or spare Horse can only be substituted once, not later than one hour before the start of Dressage, the Organiser being notified in writing.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The Driving Technical Committee believes it is the responsibility of the National Federation to allocate the Spare Horse and does not support changing the current rules.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>N/A.</p>

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
<b>SWE NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>923.1 and 2 World Pony Driving</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>As not all NFs have eligible pony-four-in- hand or even pony pair athletes and therefor cannot send a complete team.</p> <p>923.1 We propose that an NF can decide how many athletes to send in each class with a total of 3 athletes per team.</p> <p>923.2 We propose to change Article 923.2 so an NF can send a maximum of six athletes, but the NF would be free to choose how many athletes to send in each class, subject to a maximum of four athletes per class.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>923.1 A team consist of 3 athletes regardless of class.</p> <p>923.2 Each NF, regardless of whether it can send a national team or not, is entitled to send up to a maximum of six Athletes. NFs are free to choose how many athletes to send in each Class, subject to a maximum of four athletes per Class.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>This was addressed in the most recent Rules Revision. Please refer to the updated article concerning Nominated Entries and the removal of Additional Individual Entries.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>N/A.</p>

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
923.5. Entries World Pony Driving Championships
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Do not limit the use of Ponies – welfare issue as well. Better substitute than continue with a Pony who is not (temporarily) fit or not suitable for an Athlete.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
3. A spare Pony may be entered for the single Class. The Athlete who uses the spare Pony will be eligible for the individual classification as well as for the team classification. The spare Pony can only be substituted <del>once</del> not later than one hour before the start of Dressage and must be notified in writing to the Organiser.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
If a Pony is deemed unfit to compete, it will not be permitted to continue in the event, and no substitution is allowed once the competition has started.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
NED
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 924 Entries Youth Driving Championships</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p>Drivers must be able to register nominatively in multiple categories (e.g., single-horse and pairs teams). Of course, only one type of team can be registered definitively.</p> <p>Registering multiple ponies/horses per Athlete should be possible for everyone, including those not nominatively registered for the national team.</p> <p>Indicating who qualifies for the national team should be done only at the final registration and not at the nominative registration.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>Article 924 Entries Youth Driving Championships</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A national team shall consist of at least one Child, one Junior and one U25 and each Nation is entitled to send up to a maximum of six Athletes, maximum two per age category.</li> <li>2. Each NF may enter a longlist of Athletes on the nominated entry list.</li> <li>2. At the latest 1 week before the definite entry date, the organization will announce how many Athletes per category are allowed on the definite entry list.</li> <li>2. For NFs which cannot send a team, please refer to Art. 927.</li> <li>3. A spare Pony/Horse may be entered for the single Class. The Athlete who uses the spare Pony/Horse will be eligible for the individual classification as well as for the team classification. The spare Pony/Horse can only be substituted once and no later than one hour before the start of Dressage and must be notified in writing to the Organiser.</li> <li>4. Each NF is entitled to send a chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.</li> </ol>
FEI Feedback
<p>Please refer to the FEI's proposal on <a href="#">Art 920 and following</a>.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>FEI Driving Qualification Criteria for Horse Singles</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
Not directly depending from the FEI Driving Rulebook but closely related to this specific point, we would suggest that FEI Championships qualification should be achieved partly in combination. We would avoid that a driver and a horse could do their first competition together at such event, or that a driver qualify with another horse and drive a new horse at the FEI Championship (safety, horse welfare, fairness).
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
1 qualification out of the 2 (driver) qualification results already asked must be obtained by the combination driver/horse-pony
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI is only aware of a single occurrence where this situation arose. It is the responsibility of the National Federation to decide whether or not to allow a specific combination to compete at a Championship.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
925 Entries
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The forming of a team with <b>only</b> Grade I Athletes (most severe disability) should be possible.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 925 Entries World <del>Driving</del> -Singles <b>Driving</b> Championship for Para Driving 1. Each NF may enter a maximum of six Single Para Driving Athletes with a maximum of two Horses per entry on the nominated entry list and three Single Para Driving Athletes with a maximum of one Horse per Para Driving Athlete on the definite entry list. Each team must include at least one (1) Athlete from Grade I. <del>Teams should not include more than 2 Athletes from any one Grade.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Agreed.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Each team must include at least one (1) Athlete from Grade I. <del>Teams should not include more than 2 Athletes from any one Grade.</del>

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
925.6. Entries World <del>Driving</del> -Singles <b>Driving</b> Championship for Para Driving
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Do not limit the use of Horses – welfare issue as well. Better substitute than continue with a Horse who is not (temporarily) fit or not suitable for an Athlete.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
6. A spare Horse <del>from the nominated list</del> may be entered per national team. The Para Driving Athlete who uses the spare Horse will be eligible for the individual classification as well as for the team classification. The spare Horse can only be substituted <b>once</b> , not later than one hour before the start of Dressage, through the FEI Entry System.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
If a Horse is deemed unfit to compete, it will not be permitted to continue in the event, and no substitution is allowed once the competition has started.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.



Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
926.2. Expenses and Privileges
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The following text was proposed for the Full Rules Revision in 2021 &amp; ICDA likes to propose this again:</p> <p>For an international championship / CAIO a good balance between prize money (no prizes in kind) and entry fee has to be established in the agreement between FEI and OC. The maximum entry fee is set at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four in Hand: 1.300,- CHF</li> <li>- Pairs: 1.000,- CHF</li> <li>- Single: 700,- CHF</li> </ul> <p>If there is no prize money or only prizes in kind available at CAIs the maximum entry fee is set at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four in Hand: 850,- CHF</li> <li>- Pairs: 450,- CHF</li> <li>- Single: 275,- CHF</li> </ul> <p>The feedback from the FEI was that the wording is not clear enough and proposes to keep this wording as a basis for the rule changes and will work on a concrete balance between prize money and entry fees to be enforced in <b>2023</b>.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2. The OC of World and Continental Championships may accept responsibility for meeting the travelling and living expenses of Athletes, Horses, Grooms and team Officials (chefs d'équipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the first Horse inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the schedule.</p> <p>For a Championship / CAIO a good balance between prize money (no prizes in kind) and entry fee has to be established in the agreement between FEI and OC. The maximum entry fee (excl. taxes, incl. stabling, manure disposal, accommodation fee etc.) is set at:</p> <p>Four in Hand: 1.300,- CHF Pairs: 1.000,- CHF Single: 700,- CHF</p> <p>If there is no prize money or only prizes in kind available at CAIs the maximum entry fee (excl. taxes, incl. stabling, manure disposal, accommodation fee etc.) is set at:</p> <p>Four in Hand: 850,- CHF Pairs: 450,- CHF Single: 275,- CHF</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Driving Committee does not support introducing this principle into the Rules, as requirements vary between countries, and its implementation could risk the loss of events that may no longer be financially viable.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>GER NF</b> <b>USA NF</b> <b>ICDA</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>927 Additional Individual Entries for Championships and CAIOs</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>FRA, GER:</b> This Article has to be deleted totally as it only produces problems and frustrations for all parties involved. No other FEI Discipline uses the system of "Additional Individual Entries".</p> <p><b>USA:</b>  The USA aims to support more pony competitors go to the World Championships when a National Federation is unable to field a full team. This would allow organizers to have a full competition which leads to financial support and promote the growth of pony driving in more countries.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b>  When the number of nominated entries for Championships is expanded to three time the number of determined number of Entries given by the OC (like in the FEI Eventing Rules), this Art. only has to refer to the extra number of entries of which the team can be selected.</p> <p>It simplifies the entry system. It avoids the confusion of prior years and gives greater flexibility to NFs to nominate Athletes for each Championship.</p> <p>Additional Individual: The proposal is to allow the host country 2 extra entries as an extra promotion of the national driving sport.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>FRA, GER:</b> <del>1. For Four-in-Hand Horses, Pair Horses and Single Horses Championships and CAIOs, at the discretion of the OC, all NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may be invited to enter Additional Individual Entries for Championships and CAIOs.</del></p> <p><del>2. For Pony and Youth Championships, at the discretion of the OC, all NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry may be invited to enter Additional Individual Entries.</del></p> <p><del>3. An additional individual entry date shall be specified in the Schedule should the OC decide to invite NFs to submit Additional Entries. The FEI will confirm, on the deadline mentioned in the Schedule, the opening of the Additional Individual Entries.</del></p> <p><del>4. Additional Individual Entries are not considered as Nominated Entries.</del></p> <p><del>5. If the OC confirms that it will accept Additional Individual Entries, the exact number of permitted Individual Entries (subject to the maximum set out in this Article 927) will be confirmed by the FEI following consultation with the OC. The Additional Individual Entries must be submitted by the date specified in the Schedule.</del></p> <p><del>6. Any Athlete/Horse combination that is entered as an Additional Individual Entry must have achieved the qualification criteria within the period specified in the qualification criteria document as published on the FEI website (see Article 914). Certificates of Capability and records of results must be sent by NFs with their Additional Individual Entries, for such entries to be considered valid.</del></p> <p><del>7. Additional Individual Entries are not applicable to Young Horses Championships.</del></p>

# USA:

- 8.1. All NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team for Four-in-hand Horses, Pair Horses and Single Horses Championship may enter up to 6 Additional Individual Entries.
  - 8.2. ~~All NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for Pony Championships may enter up to 4 Additional Individual Entries per class (Single, Pair, Four in Hand)~~ **If an NF is not able to submit a team for a Nominated Entry for Pony World Championships, the NF may enter up to 4 Individual Entries per division (Single, Pair, Four-in-Hand).**
  - 8.3. All NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for Youth Championships may enter up to 4 Additional Individual Entries per age category (Children, Junior, U25).
- The host country will be limited to the same number of Athletes and Horses as the maximum number permitted for the foreign countries.

# ICDA:

- Article 927 Additional ~~Individual~~ Entries for Championships and CAIOs
3. At the discretion of the OC all NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may be invited to enter Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs.
  4. A second nominated entry date shall be specified in the Schedule should the OC decide to invite NFs to submit Additional Entries.
  5. Additional Entries for the host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team.
- Championships**
- 5.1. ~~The host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may enter up to 6 individual additional entries.~~
  - 5.1.1. ~~For Combined Pony World Pony Driving Championships, NFs are free to choose how many additional entries to send in each Class, subject to a maximum of four athletes per Class (including entries submitted in accordance with Article 923) 2 per class (Single, Pair, Four in Hand) and~~
  4. ~~Additional Individual Entries are not considered as Nominated Entries~~
6. Any Athlete/~~Horse combination~~ that is entered as an Additional Individual Entry must have achieved the qualification criteria within the period specified in the qualification criteria document as published on the FEI website (see Article 914). Certificates of Capability and records of results must be sent by NFs with their Additional Individual Entries, for such entries to be considered valid”

## 927.8.4. Additional ~~Individual~~ Entries for Championships and CAIOs

- 8.4. The host country will be limited to ~~the same number of two extra~~ Athletes ~~and Horses as above~~ the maximum number permitted for the foreign countries.

## FEI Feedback

Please refer to the FEI’s proposal on [Art 920 and following.](#)

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
927.9. Additional <del>Individual</del> Entries for Championships and CAIOs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The maximum number should be set in the FEI Schedule. As Nominated entry is not required for CAIOs anymore the word 'Nominated' should be deleted.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>9. CAIOs</p> <p>9.1. All NFs who have submitted a <del>Nominated</del> Entry for a team for Four-in-Hand Horses, Pair Horses and Single Horses may enter up to 6 Additional Individual Entries.</p> <p>9.2. All NFs who have submitted a <del>Nominated</del> Entry for Pony CAIOs may enter up to 4 Additional Individual Entries per class (Single, Pair, Four-in-Hand)</p> <p>All NFs who have submitted a <del>Nominated</del> Entry for Youth CAIOs may enter up to 4 Additional Individual Entries per age category (Children, Junior, U25).</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Please refer to the FEI's proposal on <a href="#">Art 920 and following.</a>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
USA NF ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
928.2.4 Dress Safety and Whips and 959 General Diagram
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>USA:</b> This change is in the best interest of participant welfare, to prioritize cooling down the horse.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> In these periods of the marathon this should not be penalized in any means. Help on the ground does not need to meet these requirements. Art. 960.7. states that the only penalty in the Cooldown is when an Athlete does not present his Horses – so contradiction. The majority of the respondents of the ICDA Survey does not support the Cool Down.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>USA:</b> 2.1. Less formal dress is acceptable in Marathon for the Athlete and Grooms. Shorts are not permitted; Infringement will incur 10 penalties per person. 2.2. From the In-Harness Horse Inspection until the end of the Cool Down, Athletes and Grooms must wear securely fastened Protective Headgear, such Protective headgear must comply with the list of the applicable international testing standards published on the FEI website and a body protector*. 2.3. During the Section A, Controlled Warm-Up, Warm-Up Obstacle and Section B, failure to wear such Protective Headgear and body protector* will result in Elimination. 2.4. During the In-Harness Inspection, Halt area and Cool Down area, failure to wear such Protective Headgear and body protector* where and when required after being notified by an Official to do so, will result in a Yellow Warning Card being issued to the Athlete. <b>Under extreme weather circumstances, the President of the Ground Jury may allow Protective Headgear and body protector to be removed in the Cool Down area.</b> When a body protector* is required, if an air vest is used it must be worn over the body protector*, and cannot replace it.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> <del>2.4. During the In-Harness Inspection, Halt area and Cool Down area, failure to wear such Protective Headgear and body protector* where and when required after being notified by an Official to do so, will result in a Yellow Warning Card being issued to the Athlete.</del></p>
FEI Feedback
As per the feedback from the FEI Driving Forum 2025, it was agreed to remove the Cool Down area and its related regulations, while retaining the In-Harness Examination. <a href="#">Please refer to the FEI proposal for full details.</a>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)	
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association	
Article No.–Article Name	
928.3.2. Dress, Safety and Whips	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
In Art. 928.1.10. Protective Headgear has to be in compliance with testing standards, so we assume this wording is referring to the Headgear and not the body protector.	
Proposed Wording	
3.2. In addition, failure to wear such Protective Headgear <del>(in compliance with the applicable international testing standards)</del> and body protector* <del>(in compliance with the applicable international testing standards)</del> where and when required after being ...	
FEI Feedback	
Agreed.	
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)	
3.3	In addition, failure to wear such Protective Headgear <u>(in compliance with the FEI Accepted Testing Standards for Protective Headgear)</u> and body protector* <del>(in compliance with the applicable international testing standards)</del> where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official, shall result in a Yellow Warning Card, being issued to the Athlete.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
<b>FRA NF</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 933 Welfare of the Horse (Abuse of Horses and Doping)</b> <b>2. Wounds and Lacerations</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p>In general a more proactive monitoring of horse welfare issues need to be enforced and rules applied without discrepancies from shows to shows.</p> <p>We encourage when possible the FEI driving approach to blood rule to be aligned as much as possible with FEI Eventing as both disciplines are practised in an outside environment where induced minor blood is somehow more probable.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2.1 Blood on Horses must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. Not all cases of blood will lead to elimination and Driving Recorded Warning or a Yellow Warning Card.</p> <p>In minor cases of blood, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping and allow the Athlete to continue; any further evidence will result in horse Disqualification and Driver Elimination. Cases of significant blood including blood in the mouth which is not due to a horse who has bitten its tongue or lip this will result in driver Elimination and horse Disqualification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dressage Test: If the Ground Jury suspects bleeding on a Horse during the test, the Ground Jury will stop the driver to check. If the Horse shows fresh/free flowing blood from an injury or orifice, the driver will be eliminated and the horse disqualified. Those decisions are final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the driver may resume and finish its test. If the Steward identifies bleeding while controlling the turnout leaving the arena, this must be reported to the veterinary delegate and Ground jury who apply the same protocol as above.</li> <li>b. Marathon Test, all non significant blood case on the horse, must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. If the horse shows fresh blood, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and if there is no further evidence of bleeding, the athlete is allowed to continue.</li> <li>c. Cones Test: If the Ground Jury suspects bleeding on a Horse during the test, the Ground Jury will stop the driver to check. If the Horse shows fresh/free flowing blood from an injury or orifice, the driver will be eliminated and the horse disqualified. Those decisions are final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the driver may resume and finish its test. If the Steward identifies fresh/free flowing blood while controlling the turnout leaving the arena, this must be reported to the veterinary delegate and Ground jury who apply the same protocol as above.</li> </ul>
FEI Feedback
<p>The FEI Driving Technical Committees agrees with this modification but proposes to use the same wording as in the Eventing.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p><b>2. Wounds and Lacerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. Blood on Horses may be an indication of abuse of Horse and must be investigated case by case by any member of the Ground Jury.</li> <li>2.2. Such Horses may be eliminated from the Competition. In extreme cases where abuse is evident, further sanctions will be taken against the Athlete, such as a Yellow Warning Card.</li> </ul>

2.3. In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, or minor bleeding on limbs, after investigation the Athlete may be authorized to continue.

a. Dressage phase: If the Ground Jury suspects bleeding on the Horse during the test, the Ground Jury will stop the Horse(s) to check. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse(s) has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test.

b. Marathon phase: all athlete induced blood on the horse, must be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury. If the Horse(s) shows fresh blood, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and if there is no further evidence of bleeding, the athlete is allowed to continue. Cases of significant blood will result in Elimination.

a-c. Cones phase: Horses with blood on the body and/or bleeding in the mouth will be eliminated. In minor cases of blood, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the Athlete to continue; any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in Elimination.

2.4. A horse is considered to have fallen down when it cannot stand up by itself immediately and needs assistance to stand up again. If a Horse falls down during competition, the Athlete will be eliminated.



Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>GER NF</b> <b>USA NF</b> <b>ICDA</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>935 Examinations and Inspections of Horses</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>FRA:</b> Once again we propose for all CAI a First Horse Inspection in Harness before the Dressage Test. The existing usual procedures should only be followed for CAIO class and CHs.</p> <p>The cost-reducing consequences for OCs and Athletes/NFs are immense.</p> <p>The in Harness inspection is different compared to usual HI but provides even more information to evaluate the fitness of a horse to compete as it is more an “in-situ vet supervision”.</p> <p><b>GER:</b> All the above, and add: (Example CAI Lähden: the Costs for the Veterinary Services exceed 10,000 €)</p> <p><b>NED:</b></p> <p>We regularly see horses not presented as expected. This sometimes creates dangerous situations for both the horse and officials. In such situations, these horses should be examined in detail in the Holding Box. Here we must also check whether there is a medical reason why the horse does not present itself calmly.</p> <p><b>USA:</b></p> <p>By removing the time requirement for the Examination, this would allow for greater flexibility and for some horses to be examined quicker, whereas others may want more than 15 minutes.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Delete ‘smartly dressed’ ... what is the sanction?</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>FRA, GER:</b></p> <p>See Veterinary Regulations, Chapter “HORSE INSPECTIONS”.</p> <p><b>1. Examination on Arrival</b></p> <p>1.1. This must take place at all Events upon arrival of competing Horses, and in any case before they enter the Event stables.</p> <p>1.2. The purpose of the Examination on Arrival is to establish the Horses’ identity by checking the passport and any other relevant documents, and to establish its general state of health.</p> <p>1.3. The Foreign Veterinary Delegate/President of the Veterinary Commission/Veterinary Delegate or Permitted Treating Veterinarian appointed by the Foreign Veterinary Delegate/Veterinary Delegate, must examine all Horses arriving at the Event venue and collect their Passports, before they are allowed to enter the stables.</p> <p>1.4. Any doubtful cases concerning identity or health must be reported to the Veterinary Delegate (if the VD does not perform the Examination) or to the Veterinary Commission as soon as possible and in any case no later than one hour before the First Horse Inspection.</p> <p><b>2. First Horse Inspection</b></p> <p>2.1. This must take place at <del>all-Events</del> CAIO’s and Championships before the start of the first Competition.</p>

2.2. It is conducted by the President of Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate acting together as an Inspection Panel with the President of the Ground Jury in charge.

2.3. See Veterinary Regulations and Guidelines for OCs and Officials for details.

2.4. For safety reasons, Horses must be presented in bridles and shown on a loose rein or lead. Each Horse must display its identity number (See Article 944.2).

2.5. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs.

2.6. No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example.

2.7. One FEI Steward carrying a Whip must be present. The FEI Steward is the only person who may assist if a Horse refuses to trot. Handlers may not carry a whip while presenting the Horse. The use of a short whip for restraint of stallions and difficult Horses may be permitted by the Inspection Panel upon request (See Veterinary Regulations, Article 1043).

2.8. The Inspection consists of an initial observation of the Horse standing still. It must then be walked in front of the Inspecting Committee, and then trotted 30 metres away from the Committee before returning towards the Committee at the trot.

2.9. A Veterinarian may be allowed to handle a limb or other parts of the body, but may not perform any other clinical tests (i. e., flex a limb, or walk or trot a Horse in a circle). see Veterinary Regulations, Article 1038.

2.10. In exceptional or doubtful cases, the Inspection Panel may direct that a Horse be placed in an officially supervised holding area (no whips allowed) for a further inspection to take place at a convenient time during the Inspection or in addition to be re-inspected on the following day without any request or presumption by the Athletes.

2.11. A re-inspection on the following day is only possible if no decision (accepted or not accepted) is made on the day of the Horse Inspection. The Horse must be presented by the same person as before. In the Event of equality of votes within the Inspection Panel, the President of the Ground Jury will have a second and casting vote, and the decision will be announced immediately.

2.12. Any Horse, which is due for re-inspection on the following day and is accepted, can be sampled for Prohibited Substances.

2.13. Only a member of the Ground Jury has the authority to Disqualify any Horse which is considered to be unfit for the Event (marked lameness, serious injury or poor general condition). A Veterinarian has no authority to disqualify a Horse except where there is a welfare issue.

2.14. The Athlete or their representative who presents the Horse must be smartly dressed.

### **3- 4 In-Harness Horse Inspection before Marathon**

3.4.1. This must take place at all Events prior to the start of section A/Controlled Warm-Up of Marathon. One Veterinarian is responsible for this Inspection.

3.4.2. The fitness of the Horse(s) must be determined by clinical observation, which may include:

a) measuring the heart rate,

b) the respiratory rate

c) and the temperature in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations. These observations must be recorded.

3.4.3. The Ground Jury member must Eliminate the Athlete if their Horse is considered to be lame, injured or obviously exhausted and unfit to continue the Competition.

3.4.4. If a Horse entered in the Marathon is not presented at the In-Harness Horse Inspection, the Athlete must be eliminated before the start of the Section A/Controlled Warm-Up.

### **4- 5. In-Harness Examination after Marathon**

~~4.1.~~ The Examination must take place between 10 and 15 minutes after the Athlete has entered the Cool Down area at all Events. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete. It must be performed under the supervision of a Treating Veterinarian in case any Horse needs immediate treatment. The Veterinarian has no authority to Disqualify a Horse. The veterinarian must report their findings to the Veterinary Delegate and President of Jury as soon as possible.

### **3. 5- In-Harness Inspection before Dressage and Cones**

~~5.3.1.~~ The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before the turnout starts the Dressage and Cones test. It must be performed under the supervision of the Veterinary Delegate and/or the President of the Veterinary Commission and the Steward, reporting to the president of the Ground Jury.. The Inspection is obligatory at all Events when Cones aren't on the same day as Dressage. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athletes themselves; Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.

~~3.5.2.~~ Horses will be inspected harnessed to their carriages. Leg bandages over-reach boots and brushing boots are permitted, but must be removed if required.

~~3. 5-3.~~ Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to Disqualify the Horse if it is considered to be unfit to continue the Event. It is permitted to substitute a Horse who has failed the In-Harness Inspection before Cones, upon re-presentation, the Athlete may start the Cones Competition and therefore change the declaration.

#### **NED:**

##### **2 First Horse Inspection**

2.8. The Inspection consists of an initial observation of the Horse standing still. It must then be walked in front of the Inspecting Committee, and then trotted 30 metres away from the Committee before returning towards the Committee at the trot.

2.9 When a horse is not assessable because it is rearing, bucking and or does not want to walk or trot, it should be sent to the Holding Box for a comprehensive inspection. When the Horse is also in the Holding Box not assessable the horse is not accepted.

2.10. A Veterinarian may be allowed to handle a limb or other parts of the body, but may not perform any other clinical tests (i. e., flex a limb, or walk or trot a Horse in a circle). see Veterinary Regulations, Article 1038.

#### **USA:**

##### **4. In Harness Examination**

~~4.1~~ The Examination must take place ~~between 10 and 15 minutes~~ after the Athlete has entered the Cool Down area at all Events. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete. It must be performed under the supervision of a Treating Veterinarian in case any Horse needs immediate treatment. The Veterinarian has no authority to Disqualify a Horse or restrict the athlete's ability to return to the stables. The veterinarian must report their findings to the Veterinary Delegate and President of Jury as soon as possible.

##### **960.7. Cool Down Area**

At the end of the Section B, a Cool Down area (Arena, Loop or track) of between 800 m and 1200 m in size must be installed. The In-Harness examination, as per Art 935.4 must be performed ~~between ten and fifteen minutes~~ after the Athlete has entered the cool down area.

After being checked by the steward, horses that are not fit to enter the stables may be required by the Vet to return to the stables to be unhooked and brought back to the Cool Down area for further evaluation by the Vet.

#### **ICDA:**

##### **2. First Horse Inspection**

2.1. This must take place at ~~all Events-CAIOs and Championships~~ before the start of the first Competition. **At CAIs the First Horse Inspection will take place in harness,**

minimum 30 minutes before the start of the Athlete in the first Competition.

**For CAIOs and Championships:**

2.2. It is conducted by the President of Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate acting together as an Inspection Panel with the President of the Ground Jury in charge.

2.3. See Veterinary Regulations and Guidelines for OCs and Officials for details.

2.4. For safety reasons, Horses must be presented in bridles and shown on a loose rein or lead. Each Horse must display its identity number (See Article 944.2).

2.5. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs.

2.6. No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example.

2.7. One FEI Steward carrying a Whip must be present. The FEI Steward is the only person who may assist if a Horse refuses to trot. Handlers may not carry a whip while presenting the Horse. The use of a short whip for restraint of stallions and difficult Horses may be permitted by the Inspection Panel upon request (See Veterinary Regulations, Article 1043).

2.8. The Inspection consists of an initial observation of the Horse standing still. It must then be walked in front of the Inspecting Committee, and then trotted 30 metres away from the Committee before returning towards the Committee at the trot.

2.9. A Veterinarian may be allowed to handle a limb or other parts of the body, but may not perform any other clinical tests (i. e., flex a limb, or walk or trot a Horse in a circle). see Veterinary Regulations, Article 1038.

2.10. In exceptional or doubtful cases, the Inspection Panel may direct that a Horse be placed in an officially supervised holding area (no whips allowed) for a further inspection to take place at a convenient time during the Inspection or in addition to be re-inspected on the following day without any request or presumption by the Athletes.

A re-inspection on the following day is only possible if no decision (accepted or not accepted) is made on the day of the Horse Inspection. The Horse must be presented by the same person as before. In the Event of equality of votes within the Inspection Panel, the President of the Ground Jury will have a second and casting vote, and the decision will be announced immediately.

2.12. Any Horse, which is due for re-inspection on the following day and is accepted, can be sampled for Prohibited Substances.

2.13. Only a member of the Ground Jury has the authority to Disqualify any Horse which is considered to be unfit for the Event (marked lameness, serious injury or poor general condition). A Veterinarian has no authority to disqualify a Horse except where there is a welfare issue.

~~2.14. The Athlete or their representative who presents the Horse must be smartly dressed.~~

**For CAIs**

~~2.14. The First Horse Inspection must be carried out in harness before the turnout starts the Dressage test. It must be performed under the supervision of the Veterinary Delegate and/or the President of the Veterinary Commission and the Steward, reporting to the president of the Ground Jury. The Inspection is obligatory at all CAI Events. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athletes themselves; Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.~~

~~2.15. Horses will be inspected harnessed to their carriages. Leg bandages over- reach boots and brushing boots are permitted, but must be removed if required.~~

~~Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to Disqualify the Horse if it is considered to be unfit to continue the Event. It is permitted to substitute a Horse who has failed the In-Harness Inspection before Dressage, upon re-presentation, the Athlete may start the Dressage Competition.~~

The Driving Technical Committee initially supported introducing an in-harness First Horse Inspection at CAIs to ease organisational and financial burdens.

However, following detailed input from the FEI Veterinary Department and Veterinary Committee, who expressed strong concerns regarding the ability to fully assess horse welfare in harness, the Committee recognises the importance of aligning with veterinary best practices.

As such, the current First Horse Inspection will remain in place, and no rule change will be proposed at this time. The DTC will continue to explore ways to improve efficiency without compromising horse welfare.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
935.3. Examinations and Inspections of Horses
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>The proposal of ICDA is to skip the controlled warm up and cooldown. Therefore the Inspection should take place before the Marathon, as this is.</p> <p>As only members of the Ground Jury have the authority to Disqualify a Horse, a Jury Member should be present.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>3. In-Harness Horse Inspection</p> <p>3.1. This must take place at all Events prior to the start of <del>section A/Controlled Warm-Up-section B</del> of Marathon. <del>A member of the Ground Jury and</del> One Veterinarian <del>is-are</del> responsible for this Inspection.</p> <p>3.2. The fitness of the Horse(s) must be determined by clinical observation, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) measuring the heart rate,</li> <li>b) the respiratory rate</li> <li>c) and the temperature in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations. These observations must be recorded.</li> </ul> <p>3.3. The Ground Jury member must Eliminate the Athlete if their Horse is considered to be lame, injured or obviously exhausted and unfit to continue the Competition.</p> <p>If a Horse entered in the Marathon is not presented at the In-Harness Horse Inspection, the Athlete must be eliminated before the start of the Section <del>A/Controlled Warm-Up-B</del>.</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The FEI Driving Committee agrees with the proposal and suggests reverting to the previous system, where Horses are checked at the end of the Marathon without a specifically regulated cool down area. All related Articles concerning the cool down area will be amended accordingly. <a href="#">See FEI Proposal.</a></p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
935.4. Examinations and Inspections of Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
As the majority of the respondents of the ICDA Survey does not support the Cool Down, the proposal is to delete all wording on Cool Down. Of course the Examination after the Marathon should remain.
Proposed Wording
<p>4. In-Harness Examination</p> <p>The Examination must take place between 10 and 15 minutes after the Athlete has <del>entered the Cool-Down area-finished section B</del> at all Events. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete. It must be performed under the supervision of a Treating Veterinarian in case any Horse needs immediate treatment. The Veterinarian has no authority to Disqualify a Horse. The veterinarian must report their findings to the Veterinary Delegate and President of Jury as soon as possible.</p>
FEI Feedback
The FEI Driving Committee agrees with the proposal and suggests reverting to the previous system, where Horses are checked at the end of the Marathon without a specifically regulated cool down area. All related Articles concerning the cool down area will be amended accordingly. <a href="#">See FEI Proposal.</a>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
935.5.1. Examinations and Inspections of Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
As only members of the Ground Jury have the authority to Disqualify a Horse, a Jury Member should be present.
Proposed Wording
<p>5.1. The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before the turnout starts the Cones test. It must be performed under the supervision <del>of a member of the Ground Jury</del> and the Veterinary Delegate and/or the President of the Veterinary Commission and the Steward, <del>reporting to the president of the Ground Jury.</del> The Inspection is obligatory at all Events when Cones aren't on the same day as Dressage. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athletes themselves; Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.</p>
FEI Feedback
The FEI Driving Committee agrees with the proposal and suggests reverting to the previous system, where Horses are checked at the end of the Marathon without a specifically regulated cool down area. All related Articles concerning the cool down area will be amended accordingly. <a href="#">See FEI Proposal.</a>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
935.5.3. Examinations and Inspections of Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
Is 'Declaration' still relevant?
Proposed Wording
5.3. Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to Disqualify the Horse if it is considered to be unfit to continue the Event. It is permitted to substitute a Horse who has failed the In-Harness Inspection before Cones, upon re- presentation, the Athlete may start the Cones Competition <del>and therefore change the declaration.</del>
FEI Feedback
This is still relevant as the name of Horses must be on the starting list/result, screen at events.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
FIN
Article No.–Article Name
Article 936 Permitted Carriages
Explanation for Proposed Change
936.2. Solid rubber or pneumatic tires are only permitted in CAI 1* events and Para Driving. This states that Solid rubber tyres are only allowed in CAI 1* events. When 939.2 In all Competitions carriages must be fitted with iron or solid rubber tyres.  The wording should be unified.
Proposed Wording
<del>936.2. Solid rubber or pneumatic tires are only permitted in CAI 1* events and Para Driving.</del> 939.1 Pneumatic or air-filled, tyres are only permitted in CAI1* <b>and Para Driving.</b> <del>as per Article 936.</del>
FEI Feedback
Agreed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)



## Article 939 Tyres

1. Pneumatic or air-filled<sup>7</sup> tyres are only permitted in CAI1\* ~~and Para Driving.~~ ~~as per Article 936.~~
  2. In all Competitions carriages must be fitted with iron or solid rubber tyres. The outer surface of the tyre must be smooth. Failure to comply results in an Elimination. For permitted tyres, please refer to Annex 12.
- 4 ~~Pneumatic tyres are permitted in Para Driving.~~

## Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)

FIN  
NED  
SUI  
ICDA

## Article No.–Article Name

### Article 937 Weights and Dimensions

## Explanation for Proposed Change

**FIN:** The tradition, where always the same style is kept during dressage and cones is forgotten, when driving with a marathon carriage is allowed in cones. If a driver wishes to use just one single combi-carriage for all competitions then he does it knowing the possible lower scores on dressage General Impressions and Presentation points.

### NED:

Make it compulsory for Athletes to use the same type of Carriages for Dressage and Cones at CAI3\*, CAIOs and Championships.  
At CAI2\* it is not compulsory but permitted.

### SUI:

The track width of the carriage has no influence on the dressage, so it makes no sense to eliminate a driver after the dressage. Only in Marathon and Cones the track width is important and must be correct.

### ICDA:

Annex 11 should be revised – measurement should be with wooden blocks.

## Proposed Wording

**FIN:** The same Carriage can be (not compulsory) used for Dressage, Cones and Marathon, provided they meet the requirements set under Art 937.3 and 937.4 for CAI2\* and above (See Article 936). **The same Carriage must be used for Dressage and Cones.** For Single classes, the Groom must sit in the middle behind or beside the Driver during the Cones Competitions. For Pair Classes, the Groom must seat in the middle when using a Marathon-type carriage.

Also the clarification note 3 can be removed from 936.1

### NED:

### Article 937 Weights and Dimensions

3. Dressage Carriages must comply with the following:

Class	Wheels	Grooms	Min. Width
Horse Four-in-Hand	4	2 behind	158 cm
Pony Four-in-Hand			138 cm
Horse Pair	4	1 behind	148 cm
Pony Pair			138 cm
Horse Single	2 or 4	1 behind ( <u>4 wheeler</u> ) or beside	138 cm
Pony Single		(2 wheeler)	

The same (type of) Carriage must be used for Dressage and Cones at CAIOs, Championships and CAI3\*. At CAI2\* the same Carriage can be (not compulsory) used for Dressage and Cones and Marathon, provided they meet the requirements set under Art

937.3 and 937.4 for CAI2\* and above (See Article 936). For Single classes, the Groom must sit in the middle behind or beside the Driver during the Cones Competitions. For Pair Classes, the Groom must seat in the

## SUI:

1.5. Athletes whose carriages do not conform to the required weights or measurements will be eliminated from the relevant Competition, **in Cones and Marathon**.

## ICDA:

1.4. The track width of all carriages is measured at ground level on the widest part of the **metal rim** of the rear wheels. For measuring of the carriages, please refer to Annex 11.

937.3: **A maximum of two (2) carriages, which must meet the requirements set out in Article 937, can be used in a Driving Event.** The same Carriage can be (not compulsory) used for Dressage, Cones and Marathon, provided they meet the requirements set under Art 937.3 and 937.4 for CAI2\* and above (See Article 936). For Single classes, the Groom must sit in the middle behind or beside the **Driver-Athlete** during the Cones Competitions. For Pair Classes, the Groom must seat in the middle when using a Marathon-type carriage.

## FEI Feedback

Proposal from the Committee to remove any requirement to the Dressage Carriages as there might not be any advantage gained from the measurements in the Dressage but can cause unfair Elimination if an Athlete does not have the necessary width.  
Agreement to remove clarification note and add as 936.2.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

### Article 936 Permitted Carriages

1. For CAI, CAIOs and Championships, Dressage or Marathon Carriages of the appropriate widths and weights are permitted. Refer to 937 for required carriage weights and dimensions for each competition.<sup>1</sup>
- ~~1.2. A maximum of two (2) carriages, which must meet the requirements set out in Article 937, can be used in a Driving Event. For the Cones Competition, only a Carriage which meets the requirements in Article 937 can be used.~~
- ~~2. Solid rubber or pneumatic tires are only permitted in CAI 1\* events and Para Driving.~~
3. Carriages for Para Driving :

<sup>1</sup> ~~Clarification Note: For the avoidance of doubt, a maximum of two (2) carriages, which must meet the requirements set out in Article 937, can be used in a Driving Event. For the Cones Competition, only a Dressage Carriage or a Marathon Carriage which meets the requirements in Article 937 can be used.~~

- 3.1. Carriages suitable for the disabled Athletes must be used and carriages for PE Singles may be 2 or 4-wheeled.

## Article 937 Weights and Dimensions

### 1. General

- 1.1. In all Classes, ~~During~~ during the On-Site Preparation Period and the Period of Jurisdiction during Dressage, Marathon, Cones and Combined Marathon, if the carriage has no brakes, breeching is compulsory Failure to comply will result in Elimination. In Single Horse and Single Pony classes breeching is compulsory. Failure to comply will result in Elimination.
- 1.2. During the On-Site Preparation Period and the Period of Jurisdiction, whenever a horse/pony is harnessed as a single to a carriage, breeching is compulsory. Failure to comply will result in Elimination.
- 1.3. No part of a carriage may be wider than the outside Track Width, with the exception of hub caps, mud guards and the Splinter Bar for carriages used in ~~Dressage and~~ Cones.
- 1.4. ~~The track width of all carriages is measured at ground level on the widest part of the rear wheels.~~ For measuring of the carriages, please refer to Annex 11.
- 1.5. Athletes whose carriages do not conform to the required weights or measurements will be eliminated from the relevant Competition.

### 2. Carriages for Para Driving:

- 2.1. Carriages suitable for the disabled Athlete must be used and carriages for PE Singles may be 2 or 4-wheeled.
- 2.2. The Technical Delegate may refuse the use of a carriage, but must provide the reason for the refusal.

### 3. ~~Dressage~~ Carriages used in Cones must comply with the following:

Class	Wheels	Grooms	Min. Width
Horse Four-in-Hand	4	2 behind	158 cm
Pony Four-in-Hand			138 cm
Horse Pair	4	1 behind	148 cm
Pony Pair			138 cm
Horse Single	2 or 4	1 behind(4 wheeler)or beside(2 wheeler)	138 cm
Pony Single			

The same Carriage can be (not compulsory) used for Dressage, Cones and Marathon, provided they meet the requirements set under Art 937.3 and 937.4 for CAI2\* and above (See Article 936). For Single classes, the Groom must sit in the middle behind or beside the Driver during the Cones Competitions. For Pair Classes, the Groom must seat in the middle when using a Marathon-type carriage.

- 3.1. Artificial extensions to increase the measured width of a Carriage are not permitted in Cones.
- 3.2. All carriages must be measured as soon as the Athlete has left the Cones competition arena.

### 4. Marathon Carriages must comply with the following:

Class	Wheels	Min	Grooms	Min.
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		Weight		Width
Horse Four-in-Hand	4	600 kg	2 behind	125 cm
Pony Four-in-Hand		300 kg		
Horse Pair	4	350 kg	1 behind	125 cm
Pony Pair		225 kg		
Horse Single	4	150 kg	1 behind	125 cm
Pony Single		90 kg		

- 4.1. In Marathon, all Carriages will be measured before the start ~~of Section A/Controlled Warm-Up and the same Carriage must be used for all sections.~~
- 4.2. The President of the Ground Jury will decide whether all, or a random selection, of Carriages will be weighed after Marathon.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
938.1. Equipment
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
It is important to keep standards high in dressage, so we like to have this compulsory in dressage.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Article 938 Equipment 1. <del>Dressage Carriages may</del> must be fitted with forward facing lamps and rear lamps or reflectors in dressage only. <del>Lamps or reflectors are not compulsory in Cones.</del>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Committee feels that it is not necessary to revert back to the previous regulations and does not think that this would impact the standards of Dressage.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
938.2. Equipment Equipment
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
With the evolution of the Driving Sport, the tyres should be iron or solid, but to avoid any future discussion, all profile is allowed – more stability, more safe – therefore delete Annex 12.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
2. In all Competitions carriages must be fitted with iron or solid rubber tyres. <del>The outer surface of the tyre must be smooth.</del> Failure to comply results in an Elimination. <del>For permitted tyres, please refer to Annex 12.</del> Pneumatic tyres are permitted in Para Driving.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Committee proposes to keep the wording as is, but remove the annex 12.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>USA NF</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 939 Tyres</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p><b>FRA:</b> Depending on the type of ground, using pneumatic tyres during dressage test would be beneficial from horse welfare perspective and also limit ground degradation. For cones, solid rubber bandages must be the only choice. We acknowledge that a better regulation than the current one should be implemented to ensure a fairest field of play, while it is important to avoid drastic additional cost for drivers.</p> <p><b>USA:</b> Coming off the issues with proposed rule changes in November 2024, this change would remove variances in application of the rule.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>FRA:</b> Air-filled tyres are permitted at any time while training and during dressage competition test.</p> <p><b>USA:</b> 939.2.2. In all Competitions, carriages must be fitted with iron or solid rubber tyres. <del>The outer surface of the tyre must be smooth.</del> Failure to comply results in an Elimination. <del>For permitted tyres, please refer to Annex 12.</del></p>
FEI Feedback
<p>Air filled tyres are allowed during training, however the Committee does not agree with allowing them for Dressage competition.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>N/A.</p>

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
940.1.11. Harness, Carriage and Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
This Article is / can be a reason for a lot of discussion. What is 'correctly and fully harnessed'. It has to be horse friendly. Delete this paragraph until there is a consensus of what the meaning is of 'correctly'.
Proposed Wording
<del>1.11. The Horses must be correctly and fully harnessed to the carriage, including the reins.</del>
FEI Feedback
Please refer to the tack app where "correctly harnessed" is already described: <a href="https://tack.fei.org/article/eb3fa87d-e38f-4774-8113-d496434bac34">https://tack.fei.org/article/eb3fa87d-e38f-4774-8113-d496434bac34</a>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Article 940 Harness, carriage and Horses</b> <b>8. Bits</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>We support FEI Driving Technical Committee to investigate and frame the different types of bits to be used as the current situation remains unclear, too much open, to guarantee horse welfare high standard and can lead to discrepancies in terms of Officials interpretation.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>This is currently reviewed and regulated under the Tack App.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>N/A.</p>     



Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
USA NF
Article No.–Article Name
940.7 Harness, Carriage, and Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
Not using the collar terrets often reduces or removes the leverage and therefore improves horse performance and welfare.
Proposed Wording
7.1. All rings, terrets and/ or other devices which have an extreme leverage effect on the reins or bits are forbidden at any time within the Showgrounds. <b>Reins are not required to pass through the breast/full collar terrets, but may pass under the shoulder straps unless they add extreme leverage.</b>
FEI Feedback
As per the FEI Tack App, the reins must not pass under any part of the harness. <a href="https://tack.fei.org/equipment/6d681f5e-4fdd-48f2-85e3-b58527cca565">https://tack.fei.org/equipment/6d681f5e-4fdd-48f2-85e3-b58527cca565</a>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Article 940 Harness, carriage and Horses</b>
<b>11.Application or use of devices, substances or implements</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
There is no current regulation on the use of muzzles. The use of this device for ponies/horses in Pairs and Four in Hand who might bit, has to be maintained. Nevertheless we support more clarity to protect horse welfare : must allow good breathing, must not hide mouth problems to be identified by the steward.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Muzzles can only be used to avoid horses from biting. It must not impede the free intake of air into the nostrils of the horse. It must be taken out at the time of the stewards checks to allow them to apply normal control of the bit setting and mouth condition.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This is covered under Art 940.3.1, as if it impedes the free air flow it would not be allowed.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
940.11.2. Harness, Carriage and Horses
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
As in jumping, ear hoods may be attached to the noseband. There is no reason not the allow this.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
11.2. Ear hoods and plugs are permitted. Ear hoods may <del>not</del> be attached to the noseband <del>and-but</del> must allow free movement of the ears of the Horse. Failure to comply will result in 5 penalty points.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The committee believes that is important to keep the article as it is to avoid the ear hood from being over tightened.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
940.6.2. Harness, Carriage and Horses
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
No text – remove
<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Thank you – this has been modified.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
GER NF ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
942.4 Safety - person under the age of 14
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>GER:</b>Art. 942.4: Person under 14: The rule should be deleted because Driving is a family sport. It should be clearly stated (in the GR?) that the responsibility for Persons under 18 accompanying Athletes (or Grooms/Owners) at FEI Events are acting under the responsibility of their parents or the relevant Person Responsible (PR). This responsibility cannot be delegated to an OC or the Stewards on duty.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b></p> <p>Respondents of the ICDA Survey expressed the wish to lower the age limit to 10 years for passengers and during training. Minimum age of Grooms remain 14.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>GER:</b></p> <p>4. During the On-Site Preparation Period and the Period of Jurisdiction , <del>no person under the age of 14 may be on a carriage (except for Children classes)</del> it is the ultimate responsibility of Athletes/PR's to allow passengers on their carriages when not actually competing.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b></p> <p>4. During the On-Site Preparation Period and the Period of Jurisdiction , no person under the age of <del>14</del> 10 may be on a carriage <del>(except for Children classes)</del>.</p>
FEI Feedback
The Driving Technical Committee agrees that a 10-year-old may be permitted to ride as a passenger. However, it should be explicitly stated that such a passenger does not fulfil the role of a groom, and that the presence of a groom meeting the minimum age requirement remains mandatory. Additionally, the requirement for all passengers under the age of 18 to wear securely fastened protective headgear should be clearly stated.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>4. During the On-Site Preparation Period and the Period of Jurisdiction-, no person under the age of <u>10 is permitted to ride as a passenger on a carriage. All passengers under the age of 18 must wear securely fastened protective headgear and body protector. A groom of appropriate age must be present on the carriage at all times when a person under the age of 18 is riding as a passenger.</u><del>14 may be on a carriage (except for Children classes)</del></p>

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
GER NF ICDA
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
942.5 Safety - Earphones and/or electronic communication
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>GER:</b> This should be covered under Art. 945, Outside Assistance, and not in the Chapter Safety.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b>  The description of 'one earphone' needs clarification. During only Dressage and Cones this is not permitted, so why mention one airphone.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p><b>GER:</b> <del>5. Earphones and/or electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Driving Dressage and Cones Competitions. For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, Grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while on a Carriage or Mounted.</del></p> <p><b>ICDA:</b>  5. Earphones and/or electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Driving Dressage and Cones Competitions. <del>For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, Grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while on a Carriage or Mounted.</del></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
A distinction must be made between safety during training and outside assistance during competitions. The wording has been modified accordingly, as shown below.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>942.5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Earphones and/or electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Driving Dressage and Cones Competitions. For the avoidance of any doubt</del><u>During training or Marathon</u>, Athletes, Grooms or any other person may wear one earphone <del>at any other time</del> while on a Carriage or Mounted.</li> </ol> <p>945:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1.7. <u>Earphones and/or electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Driving Dressage and Cones Competitions.</u></li> </ol>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
<p>Equestrian Australia GBR ICDA</p>
Article No.–Article Name
<p>942.6.a. Safety</p>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>AUS:</b>The Driving Rules do not include any Medical Services Requirements as in the Eventing Rules (Appendix D). Given the significant risks of serious injury to Athletes we are recommending that Driving adopts a Medical Services protocol which sets out the minimum requirements for competitions.</p> <p><b>GBR:</b> The General Regulations Art.109 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 have very little about Medical Cover at Driving Events and the FEI needs a clear policy of what medical cover should be in place for the Marathon i.e. Medics, Ambulances and Doctors and safety personnel. There is evidence that a crisis management meeting is not always included at each event. The policy document needs to include the experience and qualifications of all those responsible. Without this in place the risk to all is increased. This needs to be confirmed before the event starts and regular updates undertaken. Reason: - Safety and Welfare of all, athletes, Officials, helpers and the general public.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> The Driving Rules do not include any Medical Services Requirements as in the Eventing Rules (Appendix D). Given the significant risks of serious injury to Athletes ICDA is recommending that Driving adopts a Medical Services protocol which sets out the minimum requirements for competitions.</p> <p>This is an important Art. – the collection of information is not done by the majority of the OCs</p> <p>a. Providing a valid contact information is mandatory for all Athletes the telephone number of an accompanying person/next-of-kin must be provided to the Event secretariat upon arrival (Organising Committees and medical officer to ensure all information has been received before the Marathon).</p> <p>Respondents of the ICDA survey like to have more information regarding this Art.</p> <p>We recommend to add relevant info / text from Annex D from the FEI Eventing Rules to be included in this Article or as an Annex.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>AUS:</b> Add relevant info / text from Annex D – FEI Eventing Rules for CAI3* and above to be adopted in the FEI rules.</p> <p><b>GBR:</b> 6. The OC must provide adequate and qualified medical cover during the Marathon, to be determined by the OC and Technical Delegate, for the safety of Athletes, Grooms, Officials, helpers and spectators. All relevant qualifications need to be checked and available to the OC and technical delegate.</p> <p>There should be an initial crisis management meeting attend by all officials, followed by regular daily meetings and of all officials to maintain safety.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> Add relevant info / text from Annex D – FEI Eventing Rules for CAI3* and above.</p>

### **FEI Feedback**

The concerns raised regarding the lack of detailed medical service requirements in the current Driving Rules are acknowledged. While Article 109.10 of the FEI General Regulations already sets out basic medical coverage requirements for all FEI events, it is agreed that more specific guidance is needed for Driving, particularly for the Marathon phase.

In response, and based on the proposals received, the FEI Medical Committee has developed a dedicated annex (Annex 14 – Medical Services), which outlines the minimum medical service expectations at FEI Driving Events. This includes guidance on personnel, response times, transport, and communication.

The Medical Committee also recognises the need to improve awareness among Organising Committees and stakeholders about these requirements and is planning to support this with educational resources.

The annex is proposed for inclusion in the 2025 Driving Rules and would apply to CAI3\* level and above, with the timeline and details to be confirmed during the rules consultation process.

Additionally, following the recommendations of the FEI Medical Committee, a wording has been added under Article 942.7, mentioning that any Athlete or Groom who falls during the Marathon must undergo a mandatory medical assessment at the end of their Marathon.

### **FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

**Art. 942.7:**

7. Examination Following a Fall or Carriage Overturn: Any Athlete or Groom who falls from a carriage or was on a carriage that had an overturn during training at the Competition site or during the Competition must be examined by the medical personnel as soon as possible, and in any case before participating in another test or Competition. They must not re-enter a carriage until this medical examination has been completed. It is the sole responsibility of the Athlete or Groom to ensure that the examination takes place.

**Annex 14 MEDICAL SERVICES****Minimum Requirements for Medical Services at FEI Driving Competitions****Medical Services Coverage at FEI Competitions**

This Annex outlines the medical service coverage to be implemented by Organising Committees (OCs) of FEI Driving and Para-Driving Events.

It must be read in conjunction with article 109.10.1 FEI General Regulations, and the General Medical Coverage requirements for FEI Events in accordance with article 109.10.1, the FEI Key Event Requirements No.11 available on the FEI website and any guidance issued by the FEI for the medical coverage of Events.

**I. MEDICAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT****1. Chief Medical Officer (CMO)****1.1 Role**

The CMO is appointed well in advance of the Event and works closely with the Organising Committee (OC) when planning for Event medical coverage and participate in the preparation of the Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) for the Event.

At FEI Championships the CMO will arrange a meeting for the international team doctors and medical personnel in order to familiarise them with the venue and available medical resources and provide the necessary contact information to access the medical services.

**1.2 Qualifications**

The CMO does not have to be a physician, but is suitably experienced in the planning of medical coverage for equestrian events and has knowledge of the available local emergency medical resources and applicable local regulations.

**2. First aid for spectators and workforce**

First aid services for spectators and workforce must be provided in compliance with the locally applicable legislation and guidelines and following consultation with the CMO and local emergency medical service personnel.

**3. On-site medical personnel**

On-site medical personnel as detailed in Table 1 below must be available during the hours of competition and training periods.

They must be able to cover all training and competition areas, stables, and on-site accommodations.

**4. Medical personnel access to the venue**

All medical personnel with their emergency equipment and transport must have credentials and access to the entire venue at all times, including the stable area and finish during the competition.

They must be familiar prior to the competition with all access routes to the competition areas and anticipate alternatives in the event of inclement weather conditions which may necessitate the use of all-terrain vehicles for transport to ensure rapid evacuation.

**5. Communications**



A reliable communication system must be in place throughout the entire Event, to alert the on-site emergency medical providers and/or the local emergency medical service, including communication with the Event officials.

**TABLE 1 – REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ON-SITE MEDICAL PERSONNEL**

<b><u>COMPETITION</u></b>	<b><u>MEDICAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED &amp; AVAILABILITY</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN EACH TEAM</u></b>	<b><u>SKILLS REQUIRED</u></b>
<b><u>MARATHON</u></b>	<p><b><u>At least one (1) team:</u></b> <u>Advanced Medical Response Team</u></p> <p><b><u>Response times:</u></b> <u>strongly recommended:</u> <u>maximum five (5) minutes</u> <u>from notification of accident.</u></p>	<u>At least: two (2)</u>	<p><u>1. At least: one (1) member with the minimum necessary skills to:</u>  <u>a.perform advanced airway management</u>  <u>b.decompress a tension pneumothorax</u>  <u>c.acquire intravenous access,</u>  <u>d.apply cervical and spinal stabilization</u>  <u>and place suitable splints for fracture</u></p> <p><u>2. Training in basic life support and appropriate equipment for airway support, bleeding and fracture management.</u></p> <p><u>3. Administering pain control medications as indicated under the local jurisdictional guidelines</u></p>
<b><u>DRIVEN DRESSAGE &amp; CONES</u></b>	<p><b><u>At least one (1) team:</u></b> <u>Basic Medical Response Team.</u></p> <p><b><u>Response time:</u></b> <u>strongly recommended:</u> <u>maximum three (3) minutes</u> <u>from notification of accident.</u></p>	<p><u>Minimum: one (1)</u> <u>Ideally: two (2)</u></p>	<p><u>At least 1 member with the minimum necessary skills to:</u>  <u>a.perform airway management</u>  <u>b. apply cervical and spinal stabilization</u></p>

**TRANSPORTATION**

1. A medically appropriate vehicle shall be on site or available on call for the transportation of seriously injured sick Drivers/Grooms to a medical facility.
2. A system must be in place for the safe removal of injured Drivers/Grooms from the field of play.
3. The personnel must be adequately trained to use the available equipment.

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

**Article No.–Article Name**

942.8. Safety

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Safety at events – level of communication between OC & officials needs to improve: Key aspects of the safety / emergency plan should be shared with the athletes. There should be a template of an emergency plan provided by the FEI.

**Proposed Wording**

8. Key aspects of the safety and emergency plan of the OC should be shared with the Athletes before the start of the Competition. The FEI should provide a template of an emergency plan.

**FEI Feedback**

Refer to the above.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

Please refer to the above proposal.

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

**FRA NF**  
**GER NF**  
**ICDA**

## Article No.–Article Name

### Article 943 Participation

1. Method of Driving
  - 1.1. Athletes may use any method or style of driving.
2. The Athletes and Grooms participation:

### Explanation for Proposed Change

**FRA:** Athletes and Grooms Participation rules should give more opportunities to drivers and grooms in order to facilitate organisation, and finally improve participation at shows which is becoming more and more problematic.

**GER:** Athletes and Grooms Participation: should be liberalised for all Events and Classes up to CAI 3\* (not WC Qual) when not competing in the same class.

### ICDA:

There should be more flexibility in competing and / or acting as a groom at CAI3\* - not being a World Cup qualifier.

Possibility to start 2x in CAIO.

## Proposed Wording

<b>FRA</b>	At one same event			
ATHLETES	Permitted nb of starts	Allowed in different <del>Cat<sup>o</sup></del> Class as athlete	Act as groom in same <del>Cat<sup>o</sup></del> Class	Act as groom in different <del>Cat<sup>o</sup></del> Class
CAIO, Chs	1	No	No	No
CAI3*WCupQ	up to 2	Yes	No	<del>No</del> Yes
Ch for YH	multiple	Yes	No	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI3* (not WCupQ)	up to 2	Yes	<del>No</del> Yes	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI2*	up to 2	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>
CAI1*	up to 2	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>
GROOMS	Permitted nb of starts	Allowed in different <del>Cat<sup>o</sup></del> Class as groom	Allowed in different <del>Cat<sup>o</sup></del> Class as Athlete	
CAIO, Chs	Multiple (except on marathon only once)	Yes (except on marathon)	No	
CAI3*WCupQ	Multiple	Yes	<del>No</del> Yes	
Ch for YH	Multiple	Yes in each cat <sup>o</sup> 5-6-7 yo	<del>No</del> Yes	
CAI3* (not WCupQ)	Multiple	Yes	<del>No</del> Yes	
CAI2*	Multiple	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	
CAI1*	Multiple	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	

### GER:

1. Method of Driving
  - 1.1. Athletes may use any method or style of driving.
2. The Athletes and Grooms participation:

<b>ATHLETES</b>	Permitted number of starts	Allowed to compete in different category as athlete	Act as groom in same category	Act as groom in different category
CAIO, Championships	1	No	No	No
CAI3* WCQual Championships for YH	Up to 2 Multiple	Yes Yes	No No	No No
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	Up to 2	Yes	<del>No</del> Yes	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI 2*	Up to 2	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>
CAI 1*	Up to 2	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>

<b>GROOMS</b>	Permitted number of starts	Allowed to compete in different category as Groom	Allowed to compete in different category as Athlete
CAIO, Championships	Multiple (except on Marathon only once)	Yes (except on Marathon)	No
CAI3* WCQual Championships for YH	Multiple Multiple	Yes Yes in each category: 5-6-7 year	No No
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	Multiple	Yes	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI2*	Multiple	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>
CAI 1*	Multiple	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>

2.1. Each Athlete must drive the same Horse(s) in all the Competitions, except where a substitution was decided in compliance with the rules. See Article 946.

2.2. In CAIOs and Championships: 2.2.1. An Athlete stays as an Athlete and a Groom stays as a Groom. A 3\* Athlete may not act as Groom on a same Event in which the Athlete is competing regardless of the category.

2.2.2. In CAIO and Championships, an Athlete may compete only once, except at Young Horses Championships.

2.2.3. An Athlete with 2 entries in a World Cup Qualifier must declare, at the show office, before the Horse Inspection which entry will compete for qualification points and World Ranking Points. For all 3 Competitions, the declared entry must start first of the two entries. Only the declared entry receives qualification points and World Ranking points.

2.2.4. Athletes and Grooms competing in a World Cup Qualifier CAIO and Championship cannot be part of a turnout in another Marathon Competition held on the same showground.

2.3. Depending on the schedule, in CAI1\* ~~and to CAI23\*~~, an Athlete can compete twice and in addition, the Athlete can act as Groom in these two classes only. ~~In a CAI3\*, an Athlete can compete twice, but cannot act as Groom. A Groom acting in a CAI1\* or CAI2\* cannot act as an Athlete in CAI3\* or above.~~

2.4. Groom(s) may participate several times in all Competitions, but in the Marathon of CAIOs and Championships only once. Grooms may participate several times in Championships for Young Horses.

2.5. The penalty for contravening to articles 943.2.1-2.4 will be the elimination of the Athlete(s) concerned by any of the offences.

2.6. The Athlete is the only person allowed to handle the reins, use whip and brake throughout each Competition. Each contravention of this Rule, even if to prevent an accident, will result in 20 penalties. However, a Groom may handle the reins and brakes without penalty in all Competitions provided the carriage remains stationary. 2.6.1. Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held/used by Groom, the brake operated by the Groom, and the Groom holding the finger loop but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.

2.7. No person may be tied to the Carriage in any way during the Competitions. An Athlete may be secured by rope, webbing or belt, provided one end is held by a Groom and not wrapped or fastened to the carriage in any way. The lap belt may be attached to the carriage on one end with the other free end of the belt neither fastened to the carriage such as with tape, zip tie, buckle or snap nor wrapped to the carriage by more than one single 360 degree loop which contains no overlap, half hitch, or other means of knotting to secure the loop. Additionally, the free end of the belt can only be held by the groom.

2.8. Failure to comply will result in elimination. 2.8.1. Para Driving: A Para Driver may be attached on the carriage for support with a lap belt or a 4 point belt, but there must be a quick release system.

2.8.2. For Para Driving Athletes, in addition ref. to Annex 8.

2.9. Substitution of a Groom during the Marathon Competition is not permitted under any circumstances, and will incur Elimination of the Athlete.

2.10. In Dressage (as part of the test) and Cones, Athletes will be required to salute the Jury, unless time or layout of the Course prevents it.

2.11. Passengers may not ride on the carriage during any Competitions. ~~No passengers under the age of 14 years old are permitted on the carriage during the Event.~~

2.12. Each time an Athlete dismounts, 20 penalties will be incurred.

2.13. Athletes will incur penalties each time one or both Grooms dismount. 5 penalties on the first occasion, 10 penalties on the second occasion. On the third occasion the Athlete is Eliminated. Exception in Marathon, see Art. 964.5.1.

2.14. Prize-giving ceremonies might be done either on the Carriages or on foot, according to the approved schedule.

### 3. Number of accredited Grooms

Four-in-Hand: up to four

Pairs: up to three

Singles: up to two

Para Driving Athletes are allowed to compete in FEI Driving Competitions using compensating aids in accordance with their respective degree of disability as defined on the FEI Classification Master list of active Para Driving Athletes.

### ICDA:

ATHLETES	At one same Event			
	Permitted number of starts	Allowed to compete in different category as athlete	Act as groom in same category	Act as groom in different category
CAIO, Championships	1	No	No	No
CAIO	2	No	No	No
CAI3* WCQual	Up to 2	Yes	No	No
Championships for YH	Multiple	Yes	No	No
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	Up to 2	Yes	No	No Yes
CAI 2*	Up to 2	Yes	Yes in CAI1* or CAI2*	Yes in CAI1* or CAI2* or CAI3*
CAI 1*	Up to 2	Yes	Yes in CAI1* or CAI2*	Yes in CAI1* or CAI2* or CAI3*

GROOMS	At one same Event		
	Permitted number of starts	Allowed to compete in different category as Groom	Allowed to compete in different category as Athlete
CAIO, Championships	Multiple (except on Marathon only once)	Yes (except on Marathon)	No
CAI3* WCQual	Multiple	Yes	No Yes
Championships for YH	Multiple	Yes in each category: 5-6-7 year	No
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	Multiple	Yes	No Yes

### FEI Feedback

Agreed as outlined below, with the addition that any special requests due to scheduling issues must be submitted no later than one hour before the Horse Inspection.

Starting twice in CAIOs is not permitted under the Rules, as these are primarily team competitions.

Point 2.11 regarding passengers has been removed, as this is already addressed under Article 942.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

### CHAPTER VIII CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

#### Article 943 Participation

1. Method of Driving
  - 1.1. Athletes may use any method or style of driving.
2. The Athletes and Grooms participation<sup>2</sup>:

ATHLETES	At one same Event			
	Permitted number of starts	Allowed to compete in different <u>class/ age</u> category as athlete	Act as groom in same <u>class/ age</u> category	Act as groom in different <u>class/age</u> category
CAIO, Championships	1	No	No	No
CAI3* WCQual	Up to 2	Yes	No	No
Championships for YH	Multiple	Yes	No	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	Up to 2	Yes	<del>No</del> Yes	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI 2*	Up to 2	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>
CAI 1*	Up to 2	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>

GROOMS	At one same Event		
	Permitted number of starts	Allowed to compete in different <u>class/ age</u> category as Groom	Allowed to compete in different <u>class/ age</u> category as Athlete
CAIO, Championships	Multiple (except on Marathon only once)	Yes (except on Marathon)	No
CAI3* WCQual	Multiple	Yes	No
Championships for YH	Multiple	Yes in each category: 5-6-7 year	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	Multiple	Yes	<del>No</del> Yes
CAI2*	Multiple	Yes	Yes <del>in CAI1* or CAI2*</del>

<sup>2</sup> In case of special requests due to scheduling issues as per this article, they must comply with Art. 947.4

CAI 1\*

Multiple

Yes

Yes ~~in CAI1\* or CAI2\*~~

- 2.1. Each Athlete must drive the same Horse(s) in all the Competitions, except where a substitution was decided in compliance with the rules. See Article 946.
- 2.2. In CAIOs and Championships:
  - 2.2.1. An Athlete stays as an Athlete and a Groom stays as a Groom. A 3\* Athlete may not act as Groom on a same Event in which the Athlete is competing regardless of the category.
  - 2.2.2. In CAIO and Championships, an Athlete may compete only once, except at Young Horses Championships.
  - 2.2.3. An Athlete with 2 entries in a World Cup Qualifier must declare, at the show office, before the Horse Inspection which entry will compete for qualification points and World Ranking Points. For all 3 Competitions, the declared entry must start first of the two entries. Only the declared entry receives qualification points and World Ranking points.
  - 2.2.4. Athletes and Grooms competing in a World Cup Qualifier CAIO and Championship cannot be part of a turnout in another Marathon Competition held on the same showground.
- 2.3. Depending on the schedule, in CAI1\* ~~and to CAI23\*~~, an Athlete can compete twice and in addition, the Athlete can act as Groom in these two classes only. ~~In a CAI3\*, an Athlete can compete twice, but cannot act as Groom. A Groom acting in a CAI1\* or CAI2\* cannot act as an Athlete in CAI3\* or above.~~
- 2.4. Groom(s) may participate several times in all Competitions, but in the Marathon of CAIOs and Championships only once. Grooms may participate several times in Championships for Young Horses.
- 2.5. The penalty for contravening to articles 943.2.1-2.4 will be the elimination of the Athlete(s) concerned by any of the offences.
- 2.6. The Athlete is the only person allowed to handle the reins, use whip and brake (not including the turntable brake) throughout each Competition. Each contravention of this Rule, even if to prevent an accident, will result in 20 penalties. However, a Groom may handle the reins and brakes without penalty in all Competitions provided the carriage remains stationary.
  - 2.6.1. Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held/used by Groom, the brake operated by the Groom, and the Groom holding the finger loop but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.
- 2.7. No person may be tied to the Carriage in any way during the Competitions. An Athlete may be secured by rope, webbing or belt, provided one end is held by a Groom ~~and not wrapped or and not~~ fastened to the carriage in any way. The lap belt may be attached to the carriage on one end with the other free end of the belt neither fastened to the carriage such as with tape, zip tie, buckle or snap nor wrapped to the carriage by more than one single 360 degree loop which contains no overlap, half hitch, or other means of knotting to secure the loop. Additionally, the free end of the belt can only be held by the groom.
- 2.8. Failure to comply will result in elimination.
  - 2.8.1. Para Driving: A Para Driver may be attached on the carriage for support with a lap belt or a 4 point belt, but there must be a quick release system.
  - 2.8.2. For Para Driving Athletes, in addition ref. to Annex 8.
- 2.9. Substitution of a Groom during the Marathon Competition is not permitted under any circumstances, and will incur Elimination of the Athlete.



2.10. In Dressage (as part of the test) and Cones, Athletes will be required to salute the Jury, unless time or layout of the Course prevents it.

~~2.11. Passengers may not ride on the carriage during any Competitions. No passengers under the age of 14 years old are permitted on the carriage during the Event.~~

~~2.12.2.11.~~ Each time an Athlete dismounts, 20 penalties will be incurred.

~~2.13.2.12.~~ Athletes will incur penalties each time one or both Grooms dismount. 5 penalties on the first occasion, 10 penalties on the second occasion. On the third occasion the Athlete is Eliminated. Exception in Marathon, see Art. 964.5.1.

~~2.14.2.13.~~ Prize-giving ceremonies might be done either on the Carriages or on foot, according to the approved schedule.

3. Number of accredited Grooms

Four-in-Hand: up to four

Pairs: up to three

Singles: up to two

4. Para Driving Athletes are allowed to compete in FEI Driving Competitions using compensating aids in accordance with their respective degree of disability as defined on the FEI Classification Master list of active Para Driving Athletes.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL NF
Article No.–Article Name
943 - Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
Athletes should be in good, undamaged health whilst competing. Broken legs, or other limb injuries or diseases, injuries that are known prior to starting should not be allowed whilst on a carriage
Proposed Wording
FEI Feedback
This is not enforceable by the FEI. The responsibility remains with the National Federation, in accordance with the General Regulations. As stated in Article 117.2, National Federations are responsible for selecting and entering qualified Horses and Athletes, including ensuring their fitness and capability to participate in the Events or Categories for which they are entered.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
943.2.11. Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
As stated before, the proposal for minimum age is 10 for passengers.
Proposed Wording
2.11. Passengers may not ride on the carriage during any Competitions. No passengers under the age of <del>14</del> 10 years old are permitted on the carriage during the Event.
FEI Feedback
This has been removed entirely as it is covered under art. 942.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
Refer to the previous feedback.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
USA NF
Article No.–Article Name
943.2 Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
In an effort to grow the sport with more athletes, this change will allow athletes to participate on the back of the carriage after their marathon course run at 3* events that are not WC Qualifiers.
Proposed Wording
<p>943.2 Athletes Chart</p> <p>CAI 3* (not WC Qual) Allow as Groom in same or different category</p> <p>2.3. Depending on the schedule, in CAI1* and CAI2*, and CAI 3* an Athlete can compete twice and in addition, the Athlete can act as Groom. <del>in these two classes only. In a CAI3*, an Athlete can compete twice, but cannot act as Groom. A Groom acting in a CAI1* or CAI2* cannot act as an Athlete in CAI3* or above.</del></p>
FEI Feedback
<p>This has been modified as per the above modifications.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>Refer to the previous feedback.</p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
International Grooms Association & Grooms Consultative Group
Article No.–Article Name
943.2.14
Explanation for Proposed Change
In order to mitigate some of the impact of late-night competitions on horses and grooms. We propose to add to the above Article the below reference,
Proposed Wording
For prize giving held after 10pm, only the top three placed Drivers are required to attend.
FEI Feedback
The FEI Driving Technical Committee agrees with this change. Following consultation with the FEI Legal Department, this will be integrated in the FEI General Regulations.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
USA NF
Article No.–Article Name
943.2.6 Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
Currently manufactured carriages allow for Grooms to release or tighten the 5 <sup>th</sup> wheel damper from their position on the carriage. A change to allow this in competition will add increased safety measures available for athletes on course.
Proposed Wording
2.6. The Athlete is the only person allowed to handle the reins, use whip and brake (not to include the 5 <sup>th</sup> wheel brake damper) throughout each Competition. Each contravention of this Rule, even if to prevent an accident, will result in 20 penalties. However, a Groom may handle the reins and brakes without penalty in all Competitions provided the carriage remains stationary
FEI Feedback
Agreed. Proposal as per below.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
The Athlete is the only person allowed to handle the reins, use whip and brake (not including the turntable brake) throughout each Competition. Each contravention of this Rule, even if to prevent an accident, will result in 20 penalties. However, a Groom may handle the reins and brakes without penalty in all Competitions provided the carriage remains stationary.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
USA NF
Article No.–Article Name
943.2.7 Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
We are hoping to align consistency of application with the rules with the information listed in the Tack App.
Proposed Wording
943.2.7 No person may be tied to the Carriage in any way during the Competitions. An Athlete may be secured by rope, webbing or belt, provided one end is held by a Groom <del>and not wrapped or fastened to the carriage in any way</del> . The lap belt may be attached to the carriage on one end with the other free end of the belt neither fastened to the carriage such as with tape, zip tie, buckle or snap nor wrapped to the carriage by more than one single 360 degree loop which contains no overlap, half hitch, or other means of knotting to secure the loop. Additionally, the free end of the belt can only be held by the groom.
FEI Feedback
The mention of wrapping is removed of the rule.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
No person may be tied to the Carriage in any way during the Competitions. An Athlete may be secured by rope, webbing or belt, provided one end is held by a Groom <del>and not wrapped or</del> <u>and not</u> fastened to the carriage in any way. The lap belt may be attached to the carriage on one end with the other free end of the belt neither fastened to the carriage such as with tape, zip tie, buckle or snap nor wrapped to the carriage by more than one single 360 degree loop which contains no overlap, half hitch, or other means of knotting to secure the loop. Additionally, the free end of the belt can only be held by the groom.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
944.2.1. Identification Number
Explanation for Proposed Change
As the maximum number of Horses is 5, the letters should be A-E
Proposed Wording
2.1. Horses must be issued with a letter from A to <del>F</del> -E which follows the Athlete's Identification Number. This identification must be attached to the left side of the Horse (Pairs and Fours should have them, visible, on the outside when in harness) at all times within the Showgrounds, when it is outside its stable.
FEI Feedback
The Committee proposes to only mention "letters".
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
Horses must be issued with a letter <del>from A to F</del> which follows the Athlete's Identification Number. This identification must be attached to the left side of the Horse (Pairs and Fours should have them, visible, on the outside when in harness) at all times within the Showgrounds, when it is outside its stable

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
944.3.1. Identification Number
Explanation for Proposed Change
See explanation Art. 911 – important for the majority of the Athletes is that the PoJ is included in the system of Yellow Warning Cards.
Proposed Wording
3.1. Failure to display the Event Numbers of Athletes or the identification numbers of Horses will incur a warning for the first occurrence. A repeated offence will incur a Yellow Warning Card issued by the President of the Ground Jury or the Chief Steward <b>with approval of the President of the Ground Jury</b> .
FEI Feedback
For the issuance of a Yellow Warning Card, this is governed by the General Regulations and therefore must be applied consistently, without deviation.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.



Rules Proposal Submitted By
GER NF NED NF ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
945 Outside assistance
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>GER:</b> Art. 942.5: Communication Devices: Should be covered under Art. 945, Outside Assistance, and not in the Chapter Safety.</p> <p><b>NED:</b> The current description is not sufficiently clear. The discussion is whether physical contact is necessary for physical intervention.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> Outside assistance – physical outside assistance – needs be clarified in the FEI Driving Rules. The majority of the respondents of the ICDA Survey have the opinion that leaving a whip on the ground to be picked / bucket of water / showing times on a paper during marathon is not considered physical outside assistance. Physical assistance is external help provided to an Athlete / Groom in a physical manner – handing over items ('hand to hand'). See below for the definition of physical outside assistance.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p>Physical Outside Assistance generally refers to any external help provided to a person in a physical manner, often in situations where independent effort is expected. The specific definition can vary based on context, but here are some common interpretations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Sports &amp; Competitions – Any aid given by an external party (such as a coach, teammate, or spectator) that provides a physical advantage, like pushing a cyclist, handing a runner water outside designated aid stations, or fixing equipment during a race. Many competitive events prohibit physical outside assistance to ensure fair play.</li> </ol> </div> <p><i>The alternative would be to delete the whole Article and allow this – it is part of the evolution of the sport – outside assistance with electronics is allowed – maybe this can be the next step.</i></p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>GER:</b> 1. Definition 1.1. Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping their Horses, is considered to be outside assistance.</p> <p>2. Prohibited outside assistance 2.1. Dressage and Cones: 2.1.1. Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping their Horses, is considered to be outside assistance. Any Athlete who has received outside assistance may be eliminated by the Ground Jury.</p> <p>2.1.2. In Dressage, Grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between entering and leaving the Arena. They are not permitted to handle the reins or the whip (will incur 20 penalties). For Dressage, speaking or indicating the course to the Athlete is not permitted (will incur 10 penalties). However the Groom may handle the reins or the whip without penalty provided the carriage remains stationary.</p> <p>2.1.3. Exception: If the bell has been rung by the Judge and the Athlete has failed to hear the bell; the Groom may advise the Athlete that the bell has been rung.</p>

2.1.4. Athletes and Grooms may not use any form of electronic communication equipment during Dressage and Cones, subject to elimination.

2.1.5. Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held /used by Groom, and/or the Groom holding the finger loop but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.

2.1.6. Grooms of Para Driving Athletes must sit so that they can help in case of need. The Technical Delegate has the right to disapprove the position of the Groom on the vehicle.

2.2. Marathon: 2.2.1. Obstacle observers, ground observers, time keepers or any other Officials may not give directions, advice or information to the Athlete, while is on the course in Marathon, in order to assist the Athlete. Exceptions: see Article 945.3.

2.2.2. Any Athlete who has received physical outside assistance by a third party not riding on the carriage will be eliminated by the Ground Jury. Exceptions: see Article 945.3.

2.3. Penalties: see Article 969.

3.1. The following are considered to be permitted outside assistance:

3. Permitted assistance

- Assistance during the halt and in neutral zones between Sections.

- Assistance to Horses as a result of an accident inside an Obstacle, providing the Grooms are dismounted.

4. Earphones and/or electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Driving Dressage and Cones Competitions. For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, Grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while on a Carriage or Mounted.

5. ~~4.~~ Assistance by the Groom whereby a Horse is led through an Obstacle by the bridle ends of the reins while harnessed to the carriage in either Marathon or Cones, will incur 20 penalties for the assistance in addition to the penalties for dismount.

#### **NED:**

Article 945 Outside assistance

1. Definition

1.1. Any physical intervention, with or without physical contact, by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping their Horses, is considered to be outside assistance.

#### **ICDA:**

1.1. Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object ~~of facilitating the task of the Athlete to provide external help in a physical matter / handing over items to the Athlete, Groom or his Horses, or helping their Horses,~~ is considered to be outside assistance.

2.1.1. Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object ~~of facilitating the task of the Athlete to provide external help in a physical matter / handing over items to the Athlete, Groom or his Horses, or helping their Horses,~~ is considered to be outside assistance. Any Athlete who has received outside assistance may be eliminated by the Ground Jury.

**Alternative – delete Art.**

~~1.1. Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete to provide external help in a physical matter / handing over items to the Athlete or his Horses, or helping their Horses, is considered to be outside assistance.~~

~~2.1.1. Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete to provide external help in a physical matter / handing over items to the Athlete or his Horses, or helping their Horses, is considered to be outside assistance. Any Athlete who has received outside assistance may be eliminated by the Ground Jury.~~

#### FEI Feedback

The Committee does not consider a rule modification necessary and proposes to retain the current wording, as this represents a rare case.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
946.1.1. Substitutions 946.1.2.
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Why should a OC have to give its approval. The number of Horses does not change.</p> <p>As we like to not include Horses on the nominated entry list (easier to change), only the Athletes, this Art. should be altered accordingly.</p> <p>For Pony Championships it can be useful to have an Athlete, entered with a Pair, to replace a Single Athlete.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>1. Substitutions before an Event</p> <p>1.1. If the Veterinary Commission/ Delegate advises, and the Ground Jury concurs, that a Horse is not fit to take part, or in the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or a Horse (substantiated by a certificate from an official recognised doctor and/or veterinarian), substitutions may be made <del>provided the OC gives its approval</del> up to one hour before the start of the first Horse Inspection.</p> <p>However, for Championships, <del>a Horse or Athlete, or a combination of Horse and the</del> Athlete may only be replaced by <del>a Horse and/or an</del> Athlete listed <del>in the same class</del> on the nominated entry list.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Driving Committee considers it essential to retain Horses on the Nominated List, given the requirements related to Passports, Biosecurity, and Pony Height regulations. Substitutions are also only permitted within the same National Federation's list.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
<p>Equestrian Australia          BEL NF          FRA NF          NED NF          SUI NF          ICDA</p>
Article No.–Article Name
948.2.1
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>AUS:</b> We are of the opinion that a free draw like CAIs is the most fair way to determine the starting order for dressage: same as 948.1 - free draw allocation in public with president of the jury. There is a perceived disadvantage of competing on the first day / group of dressage.</p> <p><b>BEL:</b> Starting order in dressage on CAIO and Championships dividing into blocks is not always fair and prejudice to different judging on day one and two. A random draw is proposed</p> <p><b>FRA:</b> We do not support any new draw system which would potentially place drivers from a same national team close from each other and consequently will not give the possibility to national staff to support each of them in the compulsory best way. This would also lead to an unfair situation between teams.</p> <p>We strongly support a rule change on the starting order of the marathon having the same approach as above.</p> <p><b>NED:</b>          Divide the total starting places into blocks of 10 to max. 15 athletes (depending on group size), min. 2 and max. 6 blocks. Allocate the athletes to each block according to their FEI ranking. The position within each block will be filled by draw.</p> <p>The advantages of this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The driver has some influence on the starting position</li> <li>• Equal conditions are created for the highest-ranked drivers</li> <li>• There is more chance of airtime for the press/TV</li> <li>• A more high-performance sports climate is created</li> <li>• It is more similar to other sports, as Formula 1 also does not have a draw; it is based on training/qualification</li> <li>• Helps the athlete with their planning, you know on which day you need to start</li> </ul> <p>For Para: divide the draw for the starting places in Grade I and Grade II (see also proposal Driving Dressage Tests CPEAI et al.)</p> <p><b>SUI:</b></p> <p>The draw like a CAI eliminates the complicated procedure with the various blocks. In addition, it prevents the best dressage riders from all driving on the second day and thus a fairer distribution should be possible. All riders, whether individual or team riders, have the same opportunities.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b>          The majority of the respondents of the ICDA Survey has the opinion that a free draw like CAIs is the most fair way to determine the starting order for dressage: same as 948.1 - free draw allocation in</p>

public with president of the jury. There is a very strong support amongst ICDA members to this given the perceived disadvantage of competing on the first day / group of dressage.

### Proposed Wording

#### **FRA:**

Dressage :

We support maintaining the current starting order system.

If there is a majority of NFs supporting a change, we would only consider one the following 3 options :

1. The positioning of the team drivers in the team blocks is determined by the chef d'équipe and the same order apply for the marathon,  
The positioning of the individuals within their individuals blocks is done by a draw and remain the same for the marathon.
2. The positioning of the team drivers in the team blocks is done by a draw and not chosen by the chef d'équipe  
The positioning of the individuals within their individuals blocks is done by a draw and remain the same for the marathon.
3. The positioning of the team drivers in the team blocks is based on the FEI Ranking list, same principle for individuals within their individuals blocks.

Marathon :

The team and individuals blocks system is used.

The positioning of the team drivers in the team blocks is based on team ranking reverse order and on the reverse order from the results of the team drivers within their team. The positioning of individuals in the individuals blocks is based on reverse order from dressage ranking.

Cones :

Reverse order of individual results after dressage+marathon.

#### **AUS:**

## 1. Starting order ~~for CAIs~~

### 1.1. Starting order for the first Competition ~~for CAIs~~

1.1.1. The starting order will be a physical draw, held in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury and open to Athletes.

#### 1.1.2. Starting Order for the second and third Competitions ~~for CAIs~~

## ~~2. Starting order for CAIOs and Championships~~

### ~~2.1. Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships~~

~~The draw for the starting positions for all Athletes in the Dressage Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chef d'Equipe, according to the following method:~~

~~The total starting places will be divided into six blocks (A to F) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:~~

~~Block A—Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block B—First Athletes in each Team~~

~~Block C—Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block D—Second Athletes in each Team~~

~~Block E—Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block F—Third Athletes in each Team~~

~~The team member position will be filled first according to the draw of countries and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe of the team with only two members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant:~~

### ~~2.2. Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships A second draw will be done after the Dressage;~~

~~a) The Athletes are divided in two groups along the Dressage result with the group A (the worse placed 50%) and the group B (better placed 50%). If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A will be the bigger one;~~

~~b) Each group is drawn separately by the Chef d'equipes or by the Individuals themselves;~~

~~c) The B-group will be listed always second.~~

~~Procedure of the draw: The names of the Athletes of one group are in one box and the starting numbers in another; the President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge takes one name out of the box and the relevant Chef d'equipe or Individual (or an Official) takes a number out of the other box. After each group the starting list can be produced.~~

### ~~2.3. Starting order for Cones for CAIOs and Championships~~

## **NED:**

### **Article 948 Starting Order**

#### **2.1. Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships**

The draw for the starting positions for all Athletes in the Dressage Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chef d'Equipe, according to the following method:

The total starting places will be divided into blocks of 10 to max. 15 Athletes with a minimum of 2 (even) blocks. For Para Driving the blocks will be divided in Grade I and II. If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A will be the bigger one. Athletes will be allocated to each block

based on their FEI ranking.

Block A will have the Athletes with lowest ranking and so on. The Athletes position per block will be determined by draw. First to start are the Athletes in Block A.

## SUI:

### Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships

~~The draw for the starting positions for all Athletes in the Dressage Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chef d'Equipe, according to the following method:~~

~~The total starting places will be divided into six blocks (A to F) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:~~

~~Block A—Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block B—First Athletes in each Team~~

~~Block C—Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block D—Second Athletes in each Team~~

~~Block E—Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block F—Third Athletes in each Team~~

~~The team member position will be filled first according to the draw of countries and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe of the team with only two members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.~~

~~The individual positions will then be determined according to the drawing order of the nations.~~

~~The first nation will place its first Individual Athlete in any of the blocks A, C or E, then the second nation will place its first Individual Athlete and so on. After the first round, the procedure is repeated until all Individuals Athletes are placed.~~

### 2.1 Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships

~~The starting order will be a physical draw, held in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury and open to Athletes~~

## ICDA:

### 1. Starting order ~~for CAIs~~

#### 1.1. Starting order for the first Competition ~~for CAIs~~

1.1.1. The starting order will be a physical draw, held in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury and open to Athletes.

#### 1.1.2. Starting Order for the second and third Competitions ~~for CAIs~~

### ~~2.— Starting order for CAIOs and Championships~~ 2.1. Starting order for

~~Dressage for CAIOs and Championships The draw for the starting positions for all Athletes in the Dressage~~

~~Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chef d'Equipe, according to the following method:~~

~~The total starting places will be divided into six blocks (A to F) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:~~

~~Block A—Individual Athletes 1/3 Block B—First Athletes in each Team Block C—Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block D—Second Athletes in each Team Block E— Individual Athletes 1/3~~

~~Block F—Third Athletes in each Team~~

~~The team member position will be filled first according to the draw of countries and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe.~~

~~The Chef d'Equipe of the team with only two members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.~~



~~2.2. Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships A second draw will be done after the Dressage;~~

~~The Athletes are divided in two groups along the Dressage result with the group A (the worse placed 50%) and the group B (better placed 50%). If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A will be the bigger one.~~

~~b) Each group is drawn separately by the Chef d'équipes or by the Individuals themselves.~~

~~c) The B group will be listed always second.~~

~~Procedure of the draw: The names of the Athletes of one group are in one box and the starting numbers in another; the President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge takes one name out of the box and the relevant Chef d'équipe or Individual (or an Official) takes a number out of the other box. After each group the starting list can be produced.~~

~~2.3. Starting order for Cones for CAIOs and Championships~~

## FEI Feedback

In order to maintain some influence of the Chef d'Équipe during the draws while allowing for a more randomized approach, the Driving Committee proposes the wording below.

For the Marathon, to ensure similar conditions for similarly placed Athletes, a comparable starting order system is also proposed.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

### 2. Starting order for CAIOs and Championships

#### 2.1. Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships

The draw for the starting positions for all Athletes in the Dressage Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chef d'Équipe, according to the following method:

The total starting places will be divided into six blocks (A to F) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:

- Block A – Individual Athletes 1/3
- Block B – First Athletes in each Team
- Block C – Individual Athletes 1/3
- Block D – Second Athletes in each Team
- Block E – Individual Athletes 1/3
- Block F – Third Athletes in each Team

The team member position will be filled first according to the draw of countries and the starting order within each team will be determined by a separate draw for each National Team. ~~previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Équipe. The Chef d'Équipe of the team with only two members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.~~

The positioning of the individuals within the individual blocks is then done by an additional draw for all individuals together.

~~2.2. The individual positions will then be determined according to the drawing order of the nations. The first nation will place its first Individual Athlete in any of the blocks A, C or E, then the second nation will place its first Individual Athlete and so on. After the first round, the procedure is repeated until all Individuals Athletes are placed.~~

#### ~~2.3.2.2. Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships~~

~~A second draw~~The Marathon- starting order will be done after the Dressage;

The total starting places will be divided into six blocks (A to F) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:

Block A - Individual Athletes 1/3

Block B - First Athletes in each Team

Block C - Individual Athletes 1/3

Block D - Second Athletes in each Team

Block E - Individual Athletes 1/3

Block F - Third Athletes in each Team

The team member position will be determined according to their dressage result, the best ranked team drivers in Block F, second best Block D, and third best Block B.

In case a team has only two members they are positioned in the reverse order of their Dressage classification, in the same block assigned to them in Dressage.

The positioning of the individuals within the individual blocks is then done in reverse order of their Dressage classification.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
GER NF
Article No.–Article Name
948.2 Starting order for CAIOs and Championships
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>For Dressage AND (!) Marathon, the existing system of the six blocks A to F should be maintained, Blocks B,D,F are the Team Drivers blocks.</p> <p>&gt; New: The position of each Team Driver in the relevant block for the Dressage Starting Order is determined by a separate draw. The positions of the Individual Drivers in the blocks A,C,E is also determined by a separate draw. Whenever possible it should be guaranteed that the number of Individual Drivers of the participating nations in each block is equal, i.e. the same max. number of drivers per NF in each block.</p> <p>&gt; New: The positions of the Team Athletes in the different blocks for the Marathon are determined by their actual Team Dressage result; the Team Drivers Starting Positions are determined by a separate draw. All remaining Individuals Starting Positions are determined by a separate draw (for the Positions not given to the Team Drivers in their respective Blocks B,D,F).</p> <p>&gt; For Cones, the Starting Order should remain the reverse Individual Ranking after Dressage and Marathon.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2.1. Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships</p> <p>The draw for the starting positions for all Athletes in the Dressage Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chef d'Equipe, according to the following method:</p> <p>The total starting places will be divided into six blocks (A to F) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:</p> <p>Block A – Individual Athletes 1/3  Block B – First Athletes in each Team  Block C – Individual Athletes 1/3  Block D – Second Athletes in each Team  Block E – Individual Athletes 1/3  Block F – Third Athletes in each Team</p> <p>The team member position will be filled first according to the draw of countries. <del>—and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe.</del> A next draw will determine the blocks B/D/F in which the Team Athletes will be allocated. The Chef d'Equipe of the team with only two members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.</p> <p>2.2. Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships</p> <p><del>The individual positions will then be determined according to the drawing order of the nations. The first nation will place its first Individual Athlete in any of the blocks A, C or E, then the second nation will place its first Individual Athlete and so on. After the first round, the procedure is repeated until all Individuals Athletes are placed. A second draw will be done after the Dressage;</del></p>

~~a) The Athletes are divided in two groups along the Dressage result with the group A (the worse placed 50%) and the group B (better placed 50%). If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A will be the bigger one.~~

~~b) Each group is drawn separately by the Chef d'équipes or by the Individuals themselves.~~

~~c) The B-group will be listed always second.~~

~~Procedure of the draw: The names of the Athletes of one group are in one box and the starting numbers in another; the President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge takes one name out of the box and the relevant Chef d'équipe or Individual (or an Official) takes a number out of the other box.~~

~~After each group the starting list can be produced.~~

The draw for the starting order for Marathon will be conducted after the completion of the Dressage competition, in the presence of the TD and Chefs d'Equipe (six blocks A/B/C/D/E/F as for Dressage).

The individual positions (blocks A, C, E) will be determined by a physical draw. The team drivers' blocks (B, D, F) are filled in reverse order of the team Dressage result, the team winner starts last in each block. The order of go for each team driver is determined by a separate draw.

### 2.3. Starting order for Cones for CAIOs and Championships

The Athletes will go in reverse order of the results in Dressage and Marathon, so that the Athlete with the most penalty points from Driven Dressage and Marathon will go first and the Athlete with the fewest Penalties goes last. In the event of equal Driven Dressage and Marathon penalties, the result of the Marathon is decisive.

The starting order will be:

- a) Retired Athletes, followed by
- b) Eliminated Athletes, followed by
- c) The remaining Athletes, commencing with the one with the highest number of penalties after Dressage and Marathon, so that the Athlete with the least number of penalties achieved without Retirement or Elimination will start last.

In the event of Athletes having equal scores, the procedure set out in Article 948.2.3 will apply.

2.4. All Cone-Driving outside a combined Competition starts with a draw.

### FEI Feedback

Please refer to the previous feedback.

### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
NED
Art. 948.2.2 Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships
<p>Because of a larger field of participants in the Single and Pair horses we propose to use blocks of 20 Athletes and then draw for the starting position within these blocks.</p>
Article 948 Starting Order 2.2. Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships
<p>A second draw will be done after the Dressage;</p> <p>a) For Horses Four-in-Hand, Pony and Para classes the Athletes are divided in two groups along the Dressage result with the group A (the worse placed 50%) and the group B (better placed 50%). If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A will be the bigger one.</p> <p>b) For Horse Single and Horse Pairs the Athletes are divided in four or five groups of max. 20 Athletes along the Dressage result with the group A (the worse placed) and the group D or E (best placed). If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A and B will be the bigger ones.</p> <p>c) The groups will be listed always A-B(-C-D-E).</p> <p><u>Procedure of the draw:</u> The names of the Athletes of one group are in one box and the starting numbers in another; the President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge takes one name out of the box and the relevant Chef d'équipe or Individual (or an Official) takes a number out of the other box.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>Please refer to the previous feedback.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>N/A.</p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
950.1. The Arena 950.2.
Explanation for Proposed Change
The ICDA Survey shows that all classes are comfortable with the 40x80 arena. Just for horse teams the consensus is to stay with 100 x 40 for all events, especially CAIOs and championships. For OCs who do not have the opportunity to layout an 40x100m arena, the option should be open for a 40x80m. More important is that a dressage test is designed which is suitable for 40x80 and 40x100m.
Proposed Wording
<p>1. The Driven Dressage arena must be 80mx40m for all classes, except for the Four-in-Hand Horse class, where an 80x40m or an 100x40m arena may be used.</p> <p>For FEI Driving Championships and CAIOs for Four-in-Hand Horse class, the Driven Dressage Arena must be <del>80x40m for all classes except for the Four in Hand Horse Class where the arena</del> 100x40m.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee wishes to retain the option of using both arena sizes for CAIOs, while keeping the use of the larger arena mandatory for Championships, in order to provide more flexibility for Organising Committees.</p> <p>The Driving Committee's objective is to introduce a new 100x40 dressage test for Four-in-Hand by 2027.</p> <p>A new Working Group will be established in 2026, in line with the Driven Dressage Modification Policy, to develop this new test.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
950.3. The Arena
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>To facilitate OCs it is not necessary to move the judges positions (houses) when change the size of the arena – time consuming.</p> <p>Position of judge box around the dressage arena, should be within a range of their letter but not automatically in line with their letter(see Annex 1 as well).</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>3. Arenas must be laid out in accordance with the Annex 1. <b>In case of changing the size of the arena between classes, it can be decided by the Technical Delegate in conjunction with the President of the Jury and OC not to move the judging positions.</b></p>
FEI Feedback
<p>Proposal to modify the positioning of the Judges as outlined below, with the requirement that this information be included in the FEI Approved Schedule to provide Athletes with advance notice.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>953.1 When there are five (5) Judges officiating they must be seated at CRSVP <u>or CMHEB</u>. If there are three (3) Judges the places must be CVP <u>or MCE or HCB</u>. The positions may be changed in case of extreme weather conditions. The President of the Ground Jury will decide the positions. For CAI1*, when there are two (2) Judges officiating, they may be seated at C and B or C and V.</p> <p><u>The position of the Judges must be stated in the FEI Approved Schedule.</u></p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
952.2. Conditions
Explanation for Proposed Change
Typo
Proposed Wording
<p>2. Memory</p> <p>The FEI Driven Dressage Test must be driven from memory. Speaking or indication given by a Groom will incur 10 penalties (10 <del>penalites</del>-penalties can only be given once per Test).</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>Thank you – modified.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>2. Memory</p> <p>The FEI Driven Dressage Test must be driven from memory. Speaking or indication given by a Groom will incur 10 penalties (10 penal<del>ites</del> can only be given once per Test).</p>



Rules Proposal Submitted By
NED ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Art. 953.1 Positions of Judges</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>NED:</b>Judges position along the dressage ring: Offer a flexible range of, for example, 10-15m around the letter where the judges can be positioned, with the exception of the judge at C. This way, the judges booths do not need to be moved when enlarging the ring, which saves time. It also gives the organization the possibility to set it up slightly differently if space is limited. An additional advantage: the judges get a better view of the exercises.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> See also Art. 950.3.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>NED:</b>  <b>Article 953 Judging</b>  <b>1. Positions of Judges</b>  When there are five (5) Judges officiating they must be seated at CRSVP. If there are three (3) Judges the places must be CVP. The jury members at RSVP/VP do not need to sit exactly at the letter; they may be positioned up to 15m to the left or right of the letter. The positions may be changed in case of extreme weather conditions. The President of the Ground Jury will decide the positions. For CAI1*, when there are two (2) Judges officiating, they may be seated at C and B or C and V.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b>  1. Positions of Judges  When there are five (5) Judges officiating they must be seated at CRSVP. If there are three (3) Judges the places must be CVP. The positions may be changed in case of extreme weather conditions <b>or change of arena size, see Art. 950.3</b>. The President of the Ground Jury will decide the positions. For CAI1*, when there are two (2) Judges officiating, they may be seated at C and B or C and V.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>Proposal to change the position of the Judges as per below but have it mentioned in the FEI Approved Schedule to give some information to Athletes ahead of time.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>953.1 When there are five (5) Judges officiating they must be seated at CRSVP <b><u>or CMHEB</u></b>. If there are three (3) Judges the places must be CVP <b><u>or MCE or HCB</u></b>. The positions may be changed in case of extreme weather conditions. The President of the Ground Jury will decide the positions. For CAI1*, when there are two (2) Judges officiating, they may be seated at C and B or C and V.  <b><u>The position of the Judges must be stated in the FEI Approved Schedule.</u></b></p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL
Article No.–Article Name
955 – General Impression
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Experience has learned that it is not easy or straight forward to give combined marks on the outcome of a turnout combined to a mark that is based on judging the test (harmony between horse(s) and athlete)</p> <p>This harmony combines lightness, obedience, bending, pace.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Proposal is to go (partially) back to the system of giving general marks on judging and keep the presentation completely separate as mark, this will result in being clearer for the athlete, and for the judges, resulting in more equal marks per topic.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee wishes to retain both marks but aims to clarify and further differentiate the criteria for each.</p> <p>The reference to "harmony" will be removed from the General Impression mark and incorporated into the Athlete mark instead.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>3. Athlete</p> <p>3.1. Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions. <u>Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete.</u></p> <p>3.2. Para Driving Athletes in able-bodies competitions</p> <p>Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute so that the contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.</p> <p>3.3. Para Driving Athletes are allowed to do one handed movements with two hands, when mentioned in the Classification Master List of active Para Driving Athletes following the classification of the Athlete. The maximal points attributed to the Athlete shall be 4, if the movement is correctly executed.</p> <p>4. General impression &amp; Presentation</p> <p>Appearance of <del>driver</del> Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness. <del>H</del>harmonisizing <del>with</del>-of harness and carriage. Fitness, matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout <del>and</del>. <del>Clearance and</del> <del>and the</del> -fit of harness. <del>Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete</del></p>

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

NED  
ICDA

## Article No.–Article Name

### CHAPTER XI DRIVEN DRESSAGE

#### Art. 958 Classification – Total Marks

## Explanation for Proposed Change

### NED:

Use percentages in Dressage and calculate from the percentages to penalty points (similar to eventing).

By introducing percentages it reduces the influence of Driven Dressage. This way it is also easier for the public to understand.

### ICDA:

As set out in the explanation for 900.4 the balance in scoring the suggestion is to have the scoring for dressage set to percentage: to percentages. Furthermore this will be easier to understand for spectators and for calculation office as no issues with coefficients etc.

## Proposed Wording

### NED:

1.3. In order to adjust the influence of Driven Dressage on the whole Event, where the total possible marks for the Test are greater than 160, the average score will be multiplied by ~~the coefficient printed on the score sheet~~ **160 and divided by the total possible marks for the Test** to obtain the adjusted average score to be used in the results

Rounding the result to two decimals includes any score of "x.xx5" and above is round up and any score less than "x.xx5" in rounded down.

#### 1.4 Penalties Judge at C

Penalties in the Dressage test are only awarded by the President of the Ground Jury at C. Any penalties will be added to the total penalty points.

#### 1.5 Athletes Percentage

Athlete's percentage is calculated on the average good marks obtained by adding together the total good marks for each Judge and dividing by the number of Judges. The Athletes percentage will always be rounded to two decimal digits.

#### 1.6 Penalty points

In order to convert Athletes percentage into penalty points, the average score and the Penalties awarded by the President of the Ground Jury at C, must be subtracted from 100 with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal digit. Penalties awarded by the President of the Ground Jury at C will be added to the total penalty points. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

Rounding the result to one decimal includes any score of "x.x5" and above is round up and any score less than "x.x5" is rounded down.

Driving test error penalties (Judge in C):

1st incident	Five (5) points
2nd incident	Ten (10) points
3rd time	Elimination

1.7. The Athlete with the lowest score in penalties will be the winner of Driven Dressage

**ICDA:**

1.3. In order to adjust the influence of Driven Dressage on the whole Event, where the total possible marks for the Test are greater than 160, the average score will be ~~multiplied by the coefficient printed expressed in percentages~~ on the score sheet to obtain the adjusted average score to be used in the results.

Penalties are only awarded by the President of the Ground Jury at C. Any penalties will be deducted from the ~~adjusted-obtained~~ average ~~percentage~~ score and the final total will be deducted from ~~160-100 (per cent)~~ to obtain the penalties for the Test.

**FEI Feedback**

Feedback from the Driving Community during the Driving Forum on this topic was highly divided.

In the view of the Driving Committee, reducing the influence of Dressage within the overall event could raise welfare concerns, as it would shift the focus of training for Horses and Ponies.

The Committee believes that the core issue does not lie with the scoring system itself, but rather with the formats of Dressage, Marathon, and Cones.

**FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)**

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
GBR NF
Article No.–Article Name
Article 958 1.3 Classification
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>This is a correction of an error, to resolve small arithmetical inconsistencies in dressage scores.</p> <p>Currently dressage scores are calculated by “the average score will be multiplied by the coefficient printed on the score sheet”. However, these coefficients are rounded to two or three decimal places, so a fractionally incorrect score is produced. For example, for any dressage test scoring entirely 5s, the result should be 80. The rounded coefficients produce a range of fractional results near 80. That confuses people looking hard at the system and they suspect an error.</p> <p>For example: CAI3*-HP4, coefficient 0.615:  scoring all 10s gives a score of 0.10 (it should be 0.00)  scoring all 5s gives a score of 80.05 (it should be 80.00)</p> <p>That is because the total possible score of this test is 260, so the true coefficient is <math>160/260 = 0.615384615384615384615 \dots</math> with the 153846 recurring.</p> <p>The proposed change is to calculate all dressage scores by using a coefficient of “160/total possible marks”, not an approximate coefficient specified to a particular number of decimal places. This will correct the anomaly. It will also simplify this area and the dressage sheets (no compromised slightly incorrect coefficient will be needed on the dressage sheets). If it is still required to duplicate the information from the rules about the calculation onto the dressage sheets, the coefficient could be stated as, eg 160/260, not a decimal.</p> <p>Note that Article 902 requires the score to be calculated to two decimal places. That need not be changed. That rounding must still be applied to the dressage score as the last step in the calculation.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>1.3. In order to adjust the influence of Driven Dressage on the whole Event, where the total possible marks for the Test are greater than 160, the average score will be multiplied by <del>the coefficient printed on the score sheet</del> <b>160 and divided by the total possible marks for the Test</b> to obtain the adjusted average score to be used in the results</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Driving Committee believes that the current system and wording works and should remain as it currently is.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>N/A.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Chapter XII Marathon</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>We support changing the current warm up concept which is a section itself with penalties involved to a “free” warm up similar as practised in Eventing.</p> <p>The size and quality of footing must be a competition footing (grass-sand) to provide safe and fair conditions to all.</p> <p>The access to the warm up should be controlled by a steward to avoid overcrowded area.</p> <p>In case of need, there should be no penalties but a driving recorded warning or yellow warning card in the same way as it is in place on other training times while on the show ground.</p> <p>This new type of free warm up preceding the B section should be the to be used for FEI Championships.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40min before start on B section : access allowed in the warm up area. Free training of maximum 30min.</li> <li>• 10min before start on B section : in harness inspection and safety check</li> </ul> <p>5min before start on B section : access to training marathon obstacle. Obstacle training of maximum 3min</p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The Committee proposes to remove the Warm Up and Section A altogether and not mention any timings in warm up as the aim of the change is to give more freedom to the Athletes.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Chapter XII Marathon</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
In addition to the preceding change proposed we would like to maintain the possibility for an OC to organize a A Section, when exceptional circumstances apply with a showground which is not providing the area fulfilling the ground quality and consistency for a free warm up.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon. Please refer to the wording <a href="#">on Marathon proposed by the FEI.</a>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

**FRA NF**

## Article No.–Article Name

**Chapter XII Marathon**

## Comment and Rationale

Quality of tracks (A& B Sections) and marathon obstacles are essential for safe competition. Asphalt has to be avoided as much as possible, despite the fact that we recognize that it must remain tolerated due to local specific constraints.

When the tracks of the section are also composed of asphalt portions, the speed must not be at the maximum allowed by the rules to provide a safe regulatory framework, allowing drivers to reduce the speeds of their horses, especially on turns or road crossing.

## Proposed Wording

When the tracks of the section are also composed of asphalt portions, the speed must be -1 or 2 km/h from the maximum speed allowed upon decision of FEI Officials in the best interest of horse welfare.

## FEI Feedback

While it is understood that local constraints may occasionally require the inclusion of asphalt surfaces, the welfare of the Horse must remain the top priority.

In this respect, the Committee agrees that flexibility in speed regulation is necessary to adapt to varying course conditions. Rather than imposing a fixed reduction, the Committee proposes to introduce a speed range, similar to what is already applied for lower-level events. This allows the Course Designer, President of the Ground Jury, and Technical Delegate to determine the most appropriate speed based on the actual terrain and safety considerations at each event.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

Distance km	Speed H	Speed P	# OBST
7-9	<u>12-14</u>	<u>11-13</u>	8
<u>7-9</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>11-13</u>	<u>7-8</u>
5-9	<u>12-14</u>	<u>11-13</u>	6-8
5-9	12-14	11-13	5-7
4-8	12-14	11-13	5-6
4-8		11-13	4-5
4-8	12-14	11-13	5-6



## Rules Proposal Submitted By

GER NF  
ICDA

## Article No.–Article Name

CHAPTER XII MARATHON  
Article 959 General

## Explanation for Proposed Change

### GER:

Delete Phase A totally, no special restrictions/rules on the warm-up/preparation for the Marathon; adequate facilities with proper Stewarding to be provided by the OC (as for Dressage and Cones). Controlled Warm-Up with no further restrictions, as individually preferred by the Athlete. Under special circumstances (and to be announced in the Schedule) a Phase A should be permitted under former Rules. The Rules for the Cool Down Phase should be changed to "as simple as possible", especially under Veterinary and Horse Welfare aspects.

### ICDA:

Marathon - choice of either:

- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or Section A.
- No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)
- No cool down section: stay for approximately 10 minutes and leave after check by vet/judge
- Vet check before start B – like dressage & cones during the warming -> presenting to vet for inspection / check – see Art. 935.3 – proposal

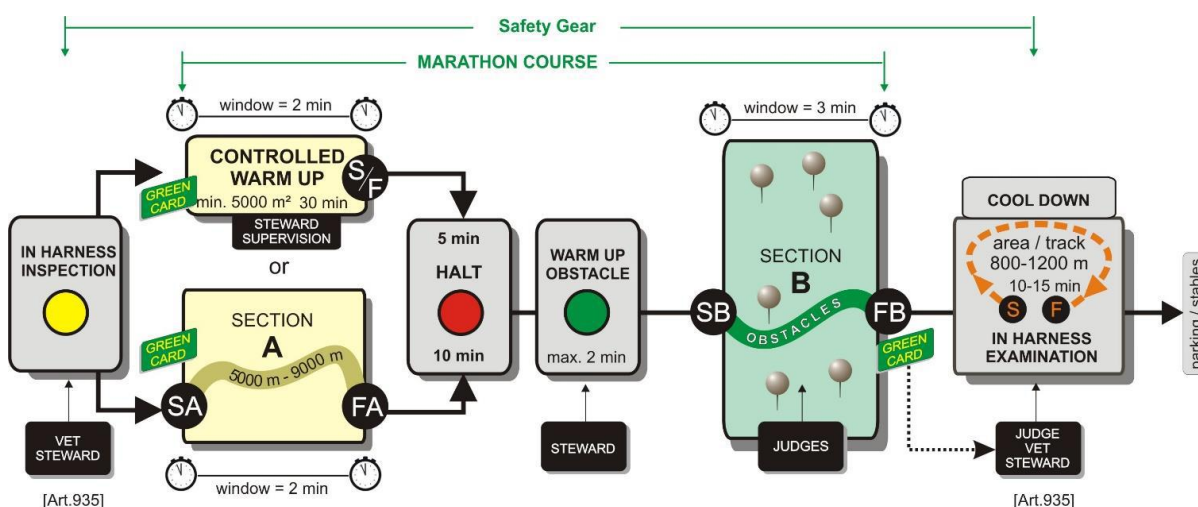
Warm up marathon – should not be a controlled warm up for any event. Section A should be optional. Where there is no section A, there should be a (sand) arena available for warm up

## Proposed Wording

### GER:

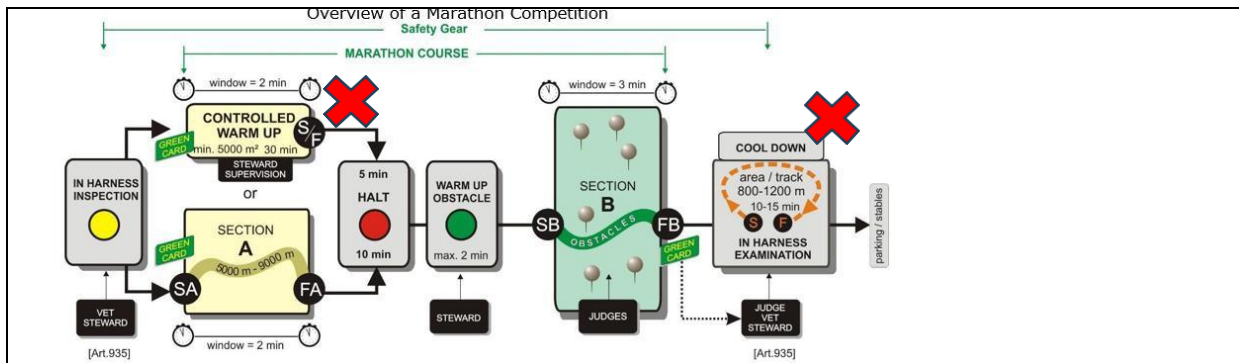
The objective of Marathon is to test the fitness, stamina and training of the Horses, and the driving skill and general Horsemanship of the Athlete.

Overview of a Marathon Competition



- To be revised after discussion on new Marathon format without Section A-

### ICDA:



### FEI Feedback

The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.

Please refer to the wording [on Marathon proposed by the FEI.](#)

### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL NF NED NF USA NF ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
960 – The course
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>BEL:</b> We like to raise the question if the existence of a controlled warm up still is wanted. Prior to a marathon, properly warming up equines is the aim. The controlled warm up has become a section as a part of the marathon course, which is obligated, the intended goal is often not met, turnouts standing still is not properly warming up prior to a marathon with 6 or + obstacles. Code of conduct is desired if controlled warm up is still being used, standing still should not be allowed and can result in very dangerous situations when a lot of carriages are bunched together in a small area</p> <p><b>NED:</b> Cancel the A route. Let the marathon start at the warm-up obstacle. Allow the athlete to decide how to organize the warm-up before proceeding to the veterinary inspection and the warm-up obstacle. Provide a field of 5000m<sup>2</sup> or a training track without timekeeping and start and finish for the warm-up. An additional advantage is that the organization possibly could manage with less steward(s) and/or volunteer(s).</p> <p><b>USA:</b> The current setup of Section A/Controlled Warm-Up does not allow the driver to prepare their equine using their typical routine. Furthermore, the Controlled Warm-Up can often be a mix of turnouts as well as horses and ponies together leading to a chaotic, small environment. We propose the elimination of the Controlled Warm-Up and replacing it with a Stewarded Open Warm-Up area.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> Marathon - choice of either:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or Section A.</li> <li>- No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)</li> </ul> No cool down section: stay for approximately 10 minutes and leave after check by vet/judge</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>NED:</b>  <b>1. General</b>  1.1. Maximum distances and speeds must not be exceeded.  1.2. The speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in the case of adverse weather or ground conditions.  1.3. The Marathon Course consists of one Section and a Cool Down in all classes and levels.  1.4. The total distance should be approximately one (1) km per Obstacle and preferably not less than 700 m between two consecutive Obstacles. The total distance must include the distances through the Obstacles.  The designated warm-up arena is a field of minimum 5000 square metres or training track.</p>

1.6. Before the Start of the Marathon a Marathon-type warm-up Obstacle made of any material and situated in a separated area, must be provided. Each Athlete may use the Warm-Up Obstacle for a maximum time of 2 minutes. Grooms must be on the Carriage during the Warm-Up Obstacle, failure to comply will incur a Yellow Warning Card. Grooms may dismount when the turnout is standing still.

#### USA:

1.1. Maximum Distances and speeds must not be exceeded.  
 1.2. The speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in the case of adverse weather or ground conditions.  
 1.3. The Marathon Course must consist of two Sections (A and B or **Stewarded Open Warm-Up** ~~Controlled Warm-Up~~ and B) and a Cool Down in all classes and levels.  
 1.4. The total distance in Section B should be approximately one (1) km per Obstacle and preferably not less than 700 m between two consecutive Obstacles. The total distance in Section B must include the distances through the Obstacles.  
 1.5. The distances between the end of one Section and the start of the next must not be included in the total length and time of the course.  
 1.6. As an alternative option to the Section A there can be used a ~~Controlled~~ **Stewarded Open** Warm-Up ~~with a maximum Time Allowed of 30 minutes in a designated warm-up arena with minimum 5000 square metres, properly stewarded, with a judge in attendance, with no time requirements.~~  
 Before the Start of Section B, a Marathon-type warm-up Obstacle made of any material and situated in a separated area, must be provided. Each Athlete may use the Warm-Up Obstacle for a maximum time of 2 minutes. Grooms must be on the Carriage during the Warm-Up Obstacle, failure to comply will incur a Yellow Warning Card. Grooms may dismount when the turnout is standing still.

#### ICDA:

1.3. The Marathon Course ~~must~~ **may** consist of two Sections (A and B or ~~Controlled Warm-Up and B~~) ~~and a Cool Down~~ in all classes and levels.

#### FEI Feedback

The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.  
 Please refer to the wording [on Marathon proposed by the FEI](#).

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
960.2. The Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Marathon - choice of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or Section A.</li> <li>- No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)</li> </ul> <p>No cool down section: stay for approximately 10 minutes and leave after check by vet/judge</p>
Proposed Wording
The pace in Section A, B <del>and Controlled Warm-Up and Cool-Down Area</del> is free.
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.</p> <p>Please refer to the wording <a href="#">on Marathon proposed by the FEI.</a></p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

### Rules Proposal Submitted By

ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

### Article No.–Article Name






960.2. The Course

### Explanation for Proposed Change

The number of obstacles for Championships is set: 8 obstacles. The proposal is to set this: 7 – 8 for Single Horses and Pony classes.

Section A option (**max. 12 km/h horses, 11 km/h ponies**) – to allow a part of walking as well – horse welfare!

### Proposed Wording

LEVEL	Section A			Controlled warm-up	Section B			
	Distance km	Speed H 	Speed P 	Time	Distance km	Speed H	Speed P	# OBST 
Championships	7-9	12-14	11-13	25 to 30 minutes	7-9	14	13	8
3* / 4*	5-9	12-14	11-13	25 to 30 minutes	5-9	14	13	6-8
2*	5-9	11-13	10-12	25 to 30 minutes	5-9	12-14	11-13	5-7
J + U25	4-6	11-13	10-12	25 to 30 minutes	4-8	12-14	11-13	5-6
CHILDREN	4-6		10-12	25 to 30 minutes	4-8		11-13	4-5
PARA	4-7	11-13	10-12	25 to 30 minutes	4-8	12-14	11-13	5-6

### FEI Feedback

The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.

Please refer to the wording [on Marathon proposed by the FEI.](#)

### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
USA NF ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
960.7 The Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>USA:</b> For safety of all participants and welfare of the horse, we propose an addition to specifically outline the gaits allowed in the Cool Down Area.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> The restrictions of the Cool Down are not needed, only a check by the vet / steward after the end of section B are compulsory.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>USA</b> 960.7 Cool Down Area At the end of the Section B, a Cool Down area (Arena, Loop or track) of between 800 m and 1200 m in size must be installed. The In-Harness examination, as per Art 935.4 must be performed between ten and fifteen minutes after the Athlete has entered the cool down area. <b>The Athlete may only walk, trot, or stand in the Cool Down Area.</b> Groom(s) may walk besides the Carriage, and additional support personnel may be present in this area. The only penalty that can be incurred in the Cool Down Area is Elimination, if the Athlete leaves the area before presenting their Horses. Brushing boots and bandages may be removed from the Horses. After the Horses have been examined and cleared by the Veterinarians, turnouts must leave the Cool Down Area.</p> <p><b>ICDA</b>  7. <del>Cool-Down-Area-Finish B</del> At the end of the Section B, <del>a Cool-Down area (Arena, Loop or track) of between 800 m and 1200 m in size must be installed. The the</del> In-Harness examination, as per Art 935.4 must be performed between ten and fifteen minutes after the <del>Athlete has entered the cool down area after the end of the Section B. The Groom(s) may walk besides the Carriage, and additional support personnel may be present in this area. The only penalty that can be incurred in the Cool-Down Area is Elimination, if</del> the Athlete leaves <del>the area</del> before presenting their Horses, <del>the Athlete is eliminated.</del> Brushing boots and bandages may be removed from the Horses. After the Horses have been examined and cleared by the Veterinarians, turnouts <del>must can</del> leave <del>the Cool-Down Area.</del></p>
FEI Feedback
The FEI Driving Committee proposes to remove the cool down area altogether. <a href="#">Please refer to the FEI proposals.</a>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>GER NF</b> <b>NED NF</b> <b>ICDA</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 961 Obstacles in Section B</b> <b>1. Number of Obstacles</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p><b>FRA:</b> Number of obstacles for Single Horse and Pony classes to be reduced to 7 for CAIs and CHs for Horse Welfare reasons; increasing the Penalty Points per Second in each obstacle to 0,28? 0,3? (Art. 968.1.1.) in order to keep the current balance amongst the 3 tests.</p> <p>In general we encourage FEI to consider applying different penalties/second spent in marathon obstacles, depending on the number of obstacles (ex : 8 obstacles : 0,25pts/s, 7 obstacles : 0,28pts..). This would facilitate organisation of shows, decrease the physical impact on horses from the marathon without affecting the balance amongst the 3 tests which is often an argument coming at the table.</p> <p>To be discussed during the FEI Driving Forum and backed with scoring office simulation.</p> <p><b>GER:</b></p> <p>Number of obstacles for Singles to be reduced to 7 for CAIs and CHs for Horse Welfare reasons; eventually increasing the Penalty Points per Second in each obstacle to 0,3? (Art. 968.1.1.).</p> <p>New Proposal for all classes to be discussed during the FEI Driving Forum:  The overall distance in the Obstacles should be taken into account when determining the amount of Time Penalties, i.e. a shorter distance leads to a higher scale of penalties on the Marathon Phase</p> <p><b>NED:</b></p> <p>To safeguard welfare, reduce the maximum number of Obstacles for Horse and Pony Singles to seven (7).</p> <p><b>Marathon</b>  If the age category for Children becomes 12-16 years, the obstacles can be driven up to and including gate E (instead of up to and including gate D).</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b></p> <p>The number of obstacles for Championships is set: 8 obstacles. The proposal is to set this: 7 – 8 for Single Horses and Pony classes (Art. 960.2.) to balance the scores in marathon.</p> <p>When the number of obstacles is reduced - equal balance:  - marathon with 8 obstacles: 0.25 penalty point per second  - marathon with 7 obstacles: 0.3 penalty point per second  marathon with 6 obstacles: 0.35 penalty point per second</p>
Proposed Wording



## FRA and GER

### 1. Number of Obstacles

1.1. The maximum number of Obstacles, natural or artificial, is eight (8) in CAI3\* and CAIO and seven (7) in CAI2\*. The minimum number of Obstacles is six (6) in CAI3\* and CAIO and the minimum is five (5) in CAI2\*. **For Singles (Horse and Pony), the number of obstacles is reduced by one (1).**

1.2. For Senior Championships there must be eight (8) Obstacles, **for Singles (Horse and Pony) seven (7).**

1.3. When both lower and higher-level Events are organised during the same Show, there must be at least one less Obstacle in the lower-level Event.

1.4. For Junior and U25 Championships, the maximum number of Obstacles is six (6).

1.5. For Children, the maximum number of Obstacles allowed is five (5) with four (4) gates each (A,B,C,D only).

1.6. For Para Driving, the maximum number of Obstacles is six (6).

*Tbd: wording re. new proposal on time penalties in the Marathon obstacles*

## NED:

### Article 961 Obstacles in Section B

#### 1. Number of Obstacles

1.1. The maximum number of Obstacles, natural or artificial, is eight (8) in CAI3\* and CAIO with the exception of Horse and Pony Single were the maximum number of Obstacles, natural or artificial, is seven (7). The maximum number of Obstacles, natural or artificial, is seven (7) and six (6) for Horse and Pony Single in CAI2\*. The minimum number of Obstacles is six (6) in CAI3\* and CAIO and the minimum is five (5) in CAI2\*.

1.2. For Senior Championships there must be eight (8) Obstacles and seven (7) for Horse and Pony Single.

1.3. When both lower and higher-level Events are organised during the same Show, there must be at least one less Obstacle in the lower-level Event.

1.4. For Junior and U25 Championships, the maximum number of Obstacles is six (6).

1.5. For Children, the maximum number of Obstacles allowed is five (5) with four (4) gates each (A,B,C,D only).

For Para Driving, the maximum number of Obstacles is six (6).

### Article 961 Obstacles in Section B

#### 1. Number of Obstacles

1.5. For Children, the maximum number of Obstacles allowed is five (5) with five (5) gates each (A,B,C,D,E only).

## ICDA:

**1.2.** For Senior Championships there must be eight (8) Obstacles. **For Pony and Single Horse Championships there can be seven (7) Obstacles.**

FEI Feedback	
The Committee believes that, depending on the design of the Marathon course, the obstacles may be more suitable for single turnouts. Therefore, it proposes to give Organising Committees the option of including either 7 or 8 obstacles.	
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)	
1.2	For Senior Championships there must be eight (8) Obstacles, <u>except for Single Horse and Single Pony Championships where the number of Obstacles must be between seven (7) and eight (8).</u>

Rules Proposal Submitted By	
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association	
Article No.–Article Name	
961.1. Obstacles in Section B 969 <b>968.1.1.</b>	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>ICDA suggests to increase weighting of times as number of marathon obstacles reduces to have an equal balance of scoring.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- marathon with 8 obstacles: 0.25 penalty point per second</li> <li>- marathon with 7 obstacles: 0.3 penalty point per second</li> <li>- marathon with 6 obstacles: 0.35 penalty point per second</li> </ul> <p>Art. 969 – Only in the summary the 0.25 penalty point per second is mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>no reference to 968.1.1.</b></li> </ul>	
Proposed Wording	
<p>1.1. The total time taken by the Athlete in the Obstacles will be recorded to hundredths second, and penalties will be calculated to two decimal places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>marathon with 8 obstacles: 0.25 penalty point per second</b></li> <li>- <b>marathon with 7 obstacles: 0.3 penalty point per second</b></li> <li>- <b>marathon with 6 obstacles: 0.35 penalty point per second</b></li> </ul> <p>Any time over the Time Allowed in each of the Sections, will be multiplied by 0.25. Any time under the Minimum Time in Sections A and B will be multiplied by 0.25. There shall be no rounding of times. The penalties for under Minimum Time plus penalties for over Time Allowed and the total Obstacle times shall be added to any other driving penalties received to determine the final score for each Athlete in Marathon.</p>	
FEI Feedback	
The committee doesn't want to change this point as we believe that it will not change the results substantially.	
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)	
N/A.	

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
961.2.2. Obstacles in Section B
Explanation for Proposed Change
This should be achieved by fencing, not by double lines on the ground. In case of a mistake of driving the Athlete will be severely punished.
Proposed Wording
<del>2.2. In order to avoid Athletes driving a dangerous and unsafe route through an Obstacle, the Course Designer may draw a double line of any color on the course map and on the ground to indicate a track which cannot be crossed at any time by an Athlete. If the Athlete crosses the area of the course marked by the double line, they will incur 20 penalty points. A Course Designer cannot draw more than 8 double lines on the course map in total. The double lines to be used in the course must be drawn on the ground at least 48 hours before the first start of the Marathon competition.</del>
FEI Feedback
The committee agreed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<del>2.2.—In order to avoid Athletes driving a dangerous and unsafe route through an Obstacle, the Course Designer may draw a double line of any color on the course map and on the ground to indicate a track which cannot be crossed at any time by an Athlete. If the Athlete crosses the area of the course marked by the double line, they will incur 20 penalty points. A Course Designer cannot draw more than 8 double lines on the course map in total. The double lines to be used in the course must be drawn on the ground at least 48 hours before the first start of the Marathon competition.</del>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
SUI ICDA
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 961 3.9
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>SUI:</b>20cm water depth in the marathon is enough. It still puts on a show for the spectators, but is friendlier for the horses.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> The proposal is to further limit the depth of water crossings. More horse friendly and more attractive for spectators.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>SUI:</b> 3.9. Where a constructed water crossing is included in an Obstacle, the depth of the water must not be more than <del>30</del> 20 cm. Where natural water is used the Technical Delegate may allow a maximum depth of 50 cm. The bed of any water crossing must be firm. Where water depth exceeds 50 cm a substantial fence, firmly fixed, must be constructed, to prevent Horses going into deep water.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b> 3.9. Where a constructed water crossing is included in an Obstacle, the depth of the water must not be more than <del>30-20</del> cm. Where natural water is used the Technical Delegate may allow a maximum depth of <del>50-40</del> cm. The bed of any water crossing must be firm. Where water depth exceeds <del>50-40</del> cm a substantial fence, firmly fixed, must be constructed, to prevent Horses going into deep water.</p>
FEI Feedback
The depth of the water has not proven to be problematic for the welfare of Horses, and since 30 cm is a maximum, the water depth can already be set at 20 cm if desired.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
961.5.4. Obstacles in Section B
Explanation for Proposed Change
If the heavy mobile elements are properly fixed in the ground (min. 50 cm in ground), no need for dislodgeable elements on every element, only where needed. Balance needs to be struck between safety/welfare and risk of errors where there are multiple balls falling.
Proposed Wording
5.4. The number of dislodgeable/detachable elements must not exceed 24 in total on fixed Obstacles. Each Heavy Mobile Obstacle element <del>must</del> —may have one dislodgeable/detachable element each, not counting in the 24. Athletes will incur two penalties for each element dislodged. <b>Elements connected to each other are counted as one element.</b>
FEI Feedback
The Committee believes that the current wording sufficiently protects horse welfare. However, we agree that connected elements should be considered as a single element and therefore should only require one ball.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
The number of dislodgeable/detachable elements must not exceed 24 in total on fixed Obstacles. Each Heavy Mobile Obstacle element must have one dislodgeable/detachable element each, not counting in the 24. Athletes will incur two penalties for each element dislodged. <u>Elements connected to each other are counted as one element.</u>

Rules Proposal Submitted By	
FRA NF GER NF	
Article No.–Article Name	
Article 962 Inspection of the Course	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p><b>FRA AND GER:</b>First sentence of 3.3. to be deleted, this rule is causing too much discussions in view of Art. 945 (Outside Assistance) and a contradiction to its philosophy. There is no possibility for effective control of this rule.</p>	
Proposed Wording	
<p><b>FRA AND GER:</b></p> <p>3.3. The section(s) and obstacles have to be “closed” for the public and Athletes and any other personnel from the start of the Marathon competition.  Only one person per turnout is allowed to follow/accompany the turnout on the ground, in between obstacles using the same track as the turnout. The use of bicycles for this purpose is allowed and may only be restricted by the OC in case of extreme weather conditions.  <del>The course is closed for inspection from the time the first Athlete starts Section A or Controlled Warm-Up.</del> The Obstacles in Section B may be left open until the first Athlete starts Section B.</p>	
FEI Feedback	
<p>Agreed and modified.</p>	
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)	
3.3	<p>The course is closed for inspection from the time the first Athlete starts <del>Section A or Controlled Warm-Up.</del> <u>The Marathon.</u> <del>The Obstacles in Section B may be left open until the first Athlete starts Section B.</del></p>
3.4	<p><u>Only one person per turnout is allowed to follow/accompany the turnout on the ground, in between obstacles using the same track as the turnout. The use of bicycles for this purpose is allowed. The use of bicycles on the track may be restricted by the OC.</u></p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
962.2.3. Inspection of the Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
Nowadays more and more whatsapp-groups are used for distributing information. Therefore it is recommended to set a time for sending this kind of information.
Proposed Wording
2.3. Copies of maps of the entire Course must be available at the briefing , for those requiring them <del>or electronically at least 48 hours before the first Athlete is due to start Marathon</del> . The maps must show each Section, the location of all the Obstacles and numbered compulsory turning flags, <del>kilometre</del> -kilometer markers, and any areas of the Course which are closed to motor vehicles.
FEI Feedback
Agreed, with the addition that all copies must be dated and time-stamped.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<u>Dated and timed</u> <del>€</del> copies of maps of the entire Course must be available at the briefing, for those requiring them <u>or electronically at least 48 hours before the first Athlete is due to start Marathon</u> . The maps must show <del>each Section</del> <u>the course</u> , the location of all the Obstacles and numbered compulsory turning flags, kilometre markers, and any areas of the Course which are closed to motor vehicles.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
962.3.3. Inspection of the Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
As the proposal is to not have a Controlled Warm-Up and at the same time allowing Trainers, Athletes and Grooms in the Sections to follow turnouts, the course should not be closed anymore, just the Obstacles.
Proposed Wording
3.3. <del>The course is closed for inspection from the time the first Athlete starts Section A or Controlled Warm-Up.</del> The Obstacles in Section B may be left open until the first Athlete starts Section B. Chefs d'équipe, Trainers, Athletes and Grooms may follow turnouts. Routes to be agreed with the TD and OC.
FEI Feedback
Please refer to the previous feedback.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
963.1. Times
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Marathon - choice of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or Section A.</li> <li>- No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)</li> </ul> <p>No cool down section: stay for approximately 10 minutes and leave after check by vet/judge,</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>1. Timetable</p> <p>A timetable showing the start of Section A <del>or Controlled Warm-Up or Section B when no Section A is offered</del> and the timetable of each Section, including the halt, must be drawn up by the OC for the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate. It must be adjusted in the event of unforeseen circumstances and redistributed.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.</p> <p>Please refer to the wording <a href="#">on Marathon proposed by the FEI.</a></p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
963.1.2. Times
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Art. number not correct</p> <p>Marathon - choice of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or</li> <li>- Section A.</li> </ul> <p>No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><del>3.6.1–1.2.</del> A timetable showing the starting time for each Athlete on Section A <del>or Controlled Warm-Up or Section B when no Section A is offered</del> must be provided to the Athletes and the timekeeper at the start of Section A. Running order lists must be provided to all other timekeepers, ground observers and Obstacle observers.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.</p> <p>Please refer to the wording <a href="#">on Marathon proposed by the FEI.</a></p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.



Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
963.2. Times
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Marathon - choice of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or</li> <li>- Section A.</li> </ul> <p>No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2.2. The Minimum Time in Section A is two minutes less than the Time Allowed. <del>2.3. The Minimum Time in a Controlled Warm-Up is two minutes less than the Time Allowed.</del></p> <p>2.4. The Minimum Time for Section B is three minutes less than the Time Allowed.</p> <p>2.5. The Time Limit for Section <del>A and Controlled Warm-Up</del> is the Time Allowed plus 20%. The Time Limit for Section B is twice the Time Allowed.</p> <p><del>The Time Limit in the Cool Down area is minimum 10 minutes and maximum 15 minutes.</del></p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.</p> <p>Please refer to the wording <a href="#">on Marathon proposed by the FEI</a>.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
963.4. Times
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Marathon - choice of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or Section A.</li> </ul> <p>No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>4. Start and finish (Section A, <del>Controlled Warm-Up, B and Cool-Down</del>)</p> <p>4.1. Athletes should be at the start of Section A or <del>the Controlled Warm-up-B</del> at least 10 minutes before their published Start Time.</p> <p>If an Athlete is not ready to start Section A or <del>the Controlled Warm-up-B</del> at their scheduled time, the Timekeeper will start the Athlete at the earliest available time at their discretion, and record the actual starting time, which must be reported to the Technical Delegate and President of Jury, for onward transmission to the Scorer, at the earliest opportunity. The Athlete will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty per second of the time elapsed between their scheduled start time and the time the Athlete was ready to start, and the Athlete must not be allowed to start less than two minutes before the next Athlete's starting time. For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes will not be penalised where the start of Section A <del>or B</del> is delayed for organisational reasons.</p>
FEI Feedback

The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.

Please refer to the wording [on Marathon proposed by the FEI.](#)

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

#### Rules Proposal Submitted By

ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

#### Article No.–Article Name

963.5. Times

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Marathon - choice of either:  
 - Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or Section A. No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)

#### Proposed Wording

5. Time Penalties in Section A, ~~Controlled Warm-Up~~ and Section B  
 5.1. In Section A, ~~Controlled Warm-Up~~ and Section B, Athletes will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty per second for exceeding the Time Allowed.  
 5.2. Athletes completing Section A, ~~Controlled Warm-Up~~ and B in less than the minimum time will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty point for each second they are early.

#### FEI Feedback

The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.

Please refer to the wording [on Marathon proposed by the FEI.](#)

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
964.5. Penalties on the Marathon Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Marathon - choice of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free warm up – start only possible after vet check - or Section A. No controlled warm-up. (Just like dressage/cones warm-up)</li> </ul>
Proposed Wording
<p>5. Dismounting in the sections</p> <p>5.1. During Section A, <del>Controlled Warm-Up</del> and Section B (except inside the Obstacles), Grooms and Athletes are not allowed to dismount unless the Carriage is stationary. If the carriage is not stationary, either or both Groom(s) dismounting will incur five penalties. The Athlete dismounting will incur 20 penalties.</p> <p><del>5.2. In the Cool Down area, only Grooms may walk besides the Carriage.</del></p> <p>The Athlete and all Grooms must be on the carriage as it crosses the Start and Finish Line and passes through the compulsory turning flags in each Section (Section A, <del>Controlled Warm-Up</del> and Section B). Failure to do so incurs 5 penalty points for Grooms and 20 penalty points for the Athlete on each occasion.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee proposes to remove the Section A and Controlled Warm Up altogether but will keep the option to have a Warm-Up Track which would be similar to Section A but without it being the start of the Marathon.</p> <p>Please refer to the wording <a href="#">on Marathon proposed by the FEI</a>.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
964.6.3. Penalties on the Marathon Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
As it is sometimes hard for an Athlete to see if repairs need to be done, a check should to be possible within the 30 meters without incurring penalty.
Proposed Wording
6.3. If an Obstacle is situated within 300m of the finish line, an Athlete is allowed to stop to <del>check the harness or carriage and/or</del> carry out necessary repairs to the harness or carriage (missing or disconnected trace, pole strap or reins) without penalty as long as the Athlete stops within the signed 30 metres after leaving the last Obstacle, as per art. 964.7.1. Stopping for any other reason between the last Obstacle or the 300 metres sign, whichever is closer to the finish line in Section B, will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.
FEI Feedback
The Committee does not agree with this proposed modification and considers that this Article does not require any changes.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
965.2.7. Obstacle penalties
Explanation for Proposed Change
See proposal Art. 961.2.2. The use of double line should be avoided. Better to have a barrier in place, not to have any doubts and issues. Furthermore, since the existence of this rule, no added value is created.
Proposed Wording
<del>2.7. An Athlete is not considered as having have crossed a double line as per the Article 961.2.2 until the whole turnout has crossed the double line.</del>
FEI Feedback
The double line has been removed, and consequently, this Article is also deleted.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<del>An Athlete is not considered as having have crossed a double line as per the Article 961.2.2 until the whole turnout has crossed the double line.</del>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
<b>GER NF</b> <b>NED NF</b> <b>USA NF</b>
Article No.–Article Name
Article 965.2.4 Obstacle Penalties; Error of Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><b>GER:</b> Error of Course: Reduce Penalties to 10 instead of 20 The actual number of penalties is too influential.</p> <p><b>NED:</b> The current description is not sufficiently clear. It must be clear that even without an instruction by a member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle observer the athlete must stop immediately and put a Groom or Grooms down whenever a Horse has its leg over a pole, shaft, when a wheeler has a leg over the lead bar or the leader's trace, or when a Horse is down and remains down. No extra five (5) penalty points for the groom dismounting to resolve an unsafe situation. The competitor is already penalised as the time continues.</p> <p><b>USA:</b> When the athlete is Driving in the obstacle they may not notice an issue occurs instantaneously, especially with multiples. The onus should be on the obstacle observer to see and report issues to the athlete and record them for the Ground Jury.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>GER:</b> 2.4. In order to correct an Error of Course, the Athlete must return to and drive the compulsory gate the Athlete missed before continuing through the next compulsory gate in the correct sequence. For example: An Athlete drives through compulsory gates A and B and then goes through D (missing gate C). In order to correct this error of course, the Athlete must go back and drive through gate C before going on to gate D etc; all gates are neutralized until the Athlete reaches this gate. Each Error corrected shall incur <del>20</del> 10 penalties.</p> <p><b>NED:</b></p> <p><b>Article 965 Obstacle Penalties</b>  3. Dismounting in the Obstacles  3.1. Each time either or both Grooms put both feet on the ground in an Obstacle, the Athlete will incur five penalties. Except in the situation described in 6.1 and 6.2.</p> <p>6. Welfare of the Horse  6.1. It is the responsibility of the Athlete to stop immediately and put a Groom or Grooms down whenever a Horse has its leg over a pole, shaft, when a wheeler has a leg over the lead bar or the leader's trace, or when a Horse is down and remains down. Failure to stop and put the Groom down to correct the situation before leaving the Obstacle will incur 30 penalties. The time will continue to run. If the groom dismounts to correct the situation no five penalty seconds (965 3.1) will be given. Also The Athlete must stop when instructed to make necessary repairs by a member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle observer. Failure to stop, in response to this instruction, and put the Groom down to correct the situation before leaving the Obstacle will incur Elimination.  However a trace down or a pole strap disconnected needs no repair inside an Obstacle.</p>

It is the responsibility of the Athlete to stop immediately and put a Groom or Grooms down whenever a Horse has a leg over a Trace. Failure to stop and put the Groom down to correct the situation before leaving the Obstacle will incur 30 penalties. The time will continue to run. If the groom dismounts to correct the situation no five penalty seconds (965 3.1) will be given.

#### USA:

6.1. It is the responsibility of the Athlete to stop immediately **after being informed by the Obstacle Observer or Ground Jury member** and put a Groom or Grooms down whenever a Horse has its leg over a pole, shaft, when a wheeler has a leg over the lead bar or the leader's trace, or when a Horse is down and remains down. Also, the Athlete must stop when instructed to make necessary repairs ~~by a member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle observer~~. However a trace down or a pole strap disconnected needs no repair inside an Obstacle. The time will continue to run.

6.2. Failure to stop and put the Groom down to correct the situation before leaving the Obstacle will incur Elimination.

It is the responsibility of the Athlete to stop immediately **after being informed by the Obstacle Observer or Ground Jury member** and put a Groom or Grooms down whenever a Horse has a leg over a Trace. Also, the Athlete must stop when instructed to correct the situation ~~by a member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle observer~~. Failure to stop and put the Groom down to correct the situation before leaving the Obstacle will incur 30 penalties. The time will continue to run.

#### FEI Feedback

##### Corrected Error of Course:

The Committee believes that the current penalty for a corrected error of course is appropriate; therefore, no modification to the wording is proposed.

##### Response to NED and USA:

The Committee considers that the responsibility should remain with the Athlete to stop and act accordingly in the event of an issue. As such, no change to the wording is proposed.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
965.6.4. Obstacle penalties
Explanation for Proposed Change
When an Athlete is stopped in the marathon by Ground Jury or Vet – this should come with a time allowance 2 minutes – horse welfare by allowing the Ground Jury or Vet to have a proper examination.
Proposed Wording
965.6.4. (new) It is the responsibility of the Athlete to stop immediately in the Section when requested by a member of the Ground Jury or a Vet on order to have a Horse / Horses inspected. A maximum time allowance of 2 minutes will be granted by the Ground Jury if needed and the time adjusted for this inspection if the Athlete is allowed to continue.
FEI Feedback
The Committee believes that the current rule is effective and provides sufficient flexibility to address each specific case; therefore, no modification is necessary.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
965.7.3. Obstacle penalties
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal no Cool Down Area
Proposed Wording
7.3. The Time Limit for Athletes in Obstacles is five minutes. If Athletes fail to complete the whole obstacle and pass the exit flags within the time limit, the Obstacle Observer is to blow two blasts on a whistle indicating to the Athlete that the time limit has been reached. The Athlete is eliminated, must then vacate the obstacle as quickly as possible with assistance if necessary, and the Horses must be checked by the Veterinarian at the end of the <del>Cool-Down-Area-Marathon</del> or in the stables if they have been given the authorisation to go directly back to the Stables by the Veterinarian. The Athlete may not continue in the Marathon Competition.
FEI Feedback
As per the feedback from the FEI Driving Forum 2025, it was agreed to remove the Cool Down area and its related regulations, while retaining the In-Harness Examination. <a href="#">Please refer to the FEI proposal for full details.</a>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.



<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SUI
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
Art. 965 8.2
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The indication in whole minutes makes it easier for the drivers and grooms for the calculation
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
8.2. One of the Assistant Obstacle Observers is to stop the Athlete at that point and start their stopwatch. As soon as the previous Athlete is clear of the obstacle and the Obstacle Observer approves a re-start, the Assistant Obstacle Observer will re-start the Athlete and inform the Athlete of the duration of time the Athlete was held. This time must be recorded in whole <del>or half</del> minutes next to the Athletes Identification Number on the Obstacle Observation Sheets.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
To simplify matters for Athletes and Officials, the Committee agrees with the proposal.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
One of the Assistant Obstacle Observers is to stop the Athlete at that point and start their stopwatch. As soon as the previous Athlete is clear of the obstacle and the Obstacle Observer approves a re-start, the Assistant Obstacle Observer will re-start the Athlete and inform the Athlete of the duration of time the Athlete was held. This time must be recorded in whole <del>or half</del> minutes next to the Athletes Identification Number on the Obstacle Observation Sheets.

<b>Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)</b>
FIN
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Article 968 Classification</b>
1. Conversion of time to penalties
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Article is missing multiplication of obstacle times by 0.25 Only time over and maximum and and under minimum are mentioned in this Article
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
1.1. The total time taken by the Athlete in the Obstacles will be recorded to hundredths second, and penalties will be calculated to two decimal places. Any time over the Time Allowed in each of the Sections, will be multiplied by 0.25. Any time under the Minimum Time in Sections A and B will be multiplied by 0.25. There shall be no rounding of times. The penalties for under Minimum Time plus penalties for over Time Allowed and the total Obstacle times <b>multiplied by 0.25</b> shall be added to any other driving penalties received to determine the final score for each Athlete in Marathon
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Agreed.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
1.1. The total time taken by the Athlete in the Obstacles will be recorded to hundredths second, and penalties will be calculated to two decimal places. Any time over the Time Allowed in each of the Sections, will be multiplied by 0.25. Any time under the Minimum Time in Sections A and B will be multiplied by 0.25. There shall be no rounding of times. The penalties for under Minimum Time plus penalties for over Time Allowed and the total Obstacle times <b>multiplied by 0.25</b> shall be added to any other driving penalties received to determine the final score for each Athlete in Marathon

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
973.7.1. Obstacles
Explanation for Proposed Change
Nowadays the majority of the Athletes has a smart watch or other electronic device to measure the course. The proposal is to delete the paragraph on measuring wheels incl. punishment.
Proposed Wording
7.1. The Course must be open for inspection at least one hour and forty five minutes before the start of the Competition. A 15 minute window must be observed between the end of the inspection and the first start. Only Chefs D'Equipe (when applicable), Athletes and one accompanying person per Athlete at a time are allowed to inspect the Course on foot and they must be correctly and smartly dressed. <del>Athletes and their accompanying person and Chef d'equipe are not permitted to use measuring wheels when inspecting the Course. At an Event, a warning will be issued for the first offence and a Yellow Warning Card from the President of the Ground Jury for subsequent offences</del>
FEI Feedback
The use of electronic devices by Athletes to measure the course is permitted. However, for practical reasons, the Committee does not support allowing the use of measuring wheels.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
<b>FRA NF</b> <b>NED NF</b> <b>ICDA</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 974 Cones competition summary</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p><b>FRA:</b></p> <p>We expect that FEI Driving Forum will lead to meaning full discussion on cones competition.</p> <p>When the format would still be based on distance/speed/time allowed, we would support different speed depending of sand/grass ground.</p> <p>As a matter of fact, driving cones on sand gives more confidence to the driver and horses who have less fear to slide when the course is on grass, so the speed observed on sand is usually higher than on grass.</p> <p>Defining maximum speed instead of compulsory speed would help Officials to better adapt the speed applied when the conditions required it.</p> <p>We support FEI research on implementing a change to counter lack of ball down when the course is on sand</p> <p><b>NED:</b></p> <p>Bring the speed of the single horse class to 260 m/min, similar to single ponies. Pony and horse classes can be equal in speed because of their manoeuvrability, a single horse can turn shorter than a pair.</p> <p>Make a difference in speed in Cones for Grade I and Grade II.</p> <p><b>ICDA:</b></p> <p>The majority of respondents of the ICDA Survey has the opinion that the speed in the cones for the Single Ponies is too fast – safety! The proposal is to lower this to 250 meters per minute and maybe minimize the cones width to 155 cm.</p>
Proposed wording

NED:

	Division Class	Speed M /min	Cones Width (cm)	Serpentine (m)	Zig-Zag (m)	Wave	Distance between obstacles (m)
Horse	Four-in-hand	240	185	10-12	11-13	10-12	15
	Pair	250	170	6-8	10-12	8-10	12
	Single	260	160				
	Para Driving	230					
Pony	Four-in-hand	240	160	8-10	9-11	8-10	12
	Pair	250	160 (Children: 20m clearance)	6-8			
	Single	260					
	Children	220					
	Para Driving	230					

PARA:

## Annex 8

### Article. 14. Cones

The Time Allowed will be calculated for a speed of 230 m/min for Grade I and 240 m/min for Grade II for both Horses and ponies. For Drive-offs a speed of 240 m/min for Grade I and 250 m/min for Grade II may be used.

	Division Class	Speed M /min	Cones Width (cm)	Serpentine (m)	Zig-Zag (m)	Wave	Distance between obstacles (m)
Horse	Four-in-hand	240	185	10-12	11-13	10-12	15
	Pair	250	170	6-8	10-12	8-10	12
	Single	260	160				
	Para Driving Grade I	230					
	Para Driving Grade II	240					
Pony	Four-in-hand	240	160	8-10	9-11	8-10	12
	Pair	250	160 (Children: 20m clearance)	6-8			
	Single	260					
	Children	220					
	Para Driving Grade I	230					
	Para Driving Grade II	240					

There is no logical progression in the required speed in cones. Our proposal is as follows:

Age category	Discipline	Current speed	Proposed wording
Children	Single pony	220 m/min	230 m/min
Juniors	Single pony	260 m/min	250 m/min
Junior	Pony pair	250 m/min	240 m/min
U25	Single pony	260 m/min	260 m/min (unchanged)
U25	Pony pair	250 m/min	250 m/min (unchanged)
U25 (+ Juniors)	Single Horse	250 m/min	250 m/min (unchanged)

#### ICDA:

	Division	Speed	Cones Width	Serpen-tine	Zig-zag	Wave	Distance between Obstacles (m)
	class	M/min	(cm)	(m)	(m)		
Horse	Four-in-Hand	240	185	10-12	11-13	10-12	15
	Pair	250	170	6-8	10-12	8-10	12
	Single	250					
	Para Driving	230	160				
Pony	Four-in-Hand	240	160	8-10	9-11	8-10	12
	Pair	250	160 ❌ (Children: 20cm clearance)	6-8			
	Single	260 ❌					
	Children	220					
	Para Driving	230					

Cones Width: 155 cm for pony singles

Speed: 250 m/min for pony singles

#### FEI feedback

The Committee, based on the new Cones proposal presented in Annex 7, believes that adjusting the width is necessary.

Regarding the speed, the Committee considers the current speeds appropriate, provided that the width adjustments are implemented.

Additionally, the Committee proposes further offsetting the zigzag in order to increase the level of difficulty.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

	Division	Speed	Cones Width	Serpen-tine	Zig-zag	Wave	Distance between Obstacles (m)
	class	M/min	(cm)	(m)	(m)		
Horse	Four-in-Hand	240	185	10-12	11-13	10-12	15
	Pair	250	170	6-8	10-12	8-10	12

	Single	250	<del>160</del> <u>155 for single cones</u> <u>160 for multiple</u>				
	Para Driving	230	<u>160</u>				
Pony	Four-in-Hand	240	160	8-10	9-11	8-10	12
	Pair	250	160 (Children: 20cm clearance)	6-8			
	Single	260	<u>155 for single cones</u> <u>160 for multiple</u>				
	Children	220	<u>160</u> (Children: 20cm clearance)				
	Para Driving	230					

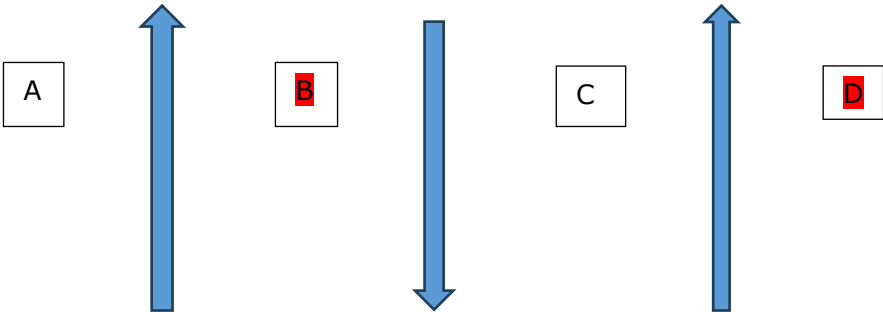
Measurements for Closed Multiple Obstacles, see Annexes.

Cones with reduced width: The width of up to ~~five~~ eight single Obstacles may be reduced by 5 cm for Pairs and Four-in-Hand classes, and up to ~~10~~ two single Obstacles may be reduced by 5 cm for Single classes. Such Obstacles will be marked differently (color of cones). Oxers may not be reduced for Single classes.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
NED
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Driving Dressage Tests CPEAI</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Start using two different dressage tests for Para Drivers, one dressage test for Grade I and a dressage test for Grade II. In Grade II the test can be more challenging with for example canter in the test.</p> <p>In the dressage tests, do not include 'position on the box' (nr. 19. in CPEAI test) of the driver in the scoring for para-driving (similar to Para Dressage).</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><a href="#">Driving Dressage Tests   FEI</a></p>
FEI Feedback
<p>This is not applicable for the rules but will be discussed for future modifications of the Dressage Tests for Para Driving.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>N/A.</p>



Rules Proposal Submitted By
GER NF
Article No.–Article Name
Article 975 Judging Cones Competition 4. Error of Course
Explanation for Proposed Change
Implement a Rule for Correcting an Error as in Marathon: 10 Penalties for each error, no elimination in case of further errors. No elimination for a minor mistake as in current Rules.
Proposed Wording
<p>4.1. An Athlete is considered to have passed through an Obstacle when the whole turnout has passed between the markers.</p> <p>4.2. If an Athlete attempts to pass through an Obstacle in the wrong sequence or direction, the President of the Ground Jury must wait until after the turnout has passed completely through the wrong Obstacle before ringing the bell <del>and stop the clock, 10 seconds will be added to their time. The Athlete is then Eliminated.</del> penalised with 10 points. The Athlete continues after the PoGJ has rung the bell to indicate the Athlete to do so. The clock will re-start when the Athlete reaches the next obstacle on the course in the correct sequence.</p> <p>4.3. If an Athlete knocks down or dislodges any part of an Obstacle, which has already been driven, the Athlete will incur three penalties.</p> <p>4.4. If any part of an Obstacle in advance of the one being driven is dislodged or knocked down, the President of the Ground Jury will ring the bell and stop the clock for the Obstacle to be re-built. The Athlete will incur three penalties and 10 seconds will be added to their time. The bell will be rung to indicate to the Athlete that the course is ready and the clock will re-start when the Athlete reaches the next Obstacle on course to continue their round.</p> <p>4.5. If the President of the Ground Jury sounds the whistle/bell while the Athlete is on the Course, the Athlete must halt immediately. If the Athlete does not halt, the President of Jury will blow the whistle/ bell a second time. If the Athlete continues without stopping, the Athlete is Eliminated. The Groom may advise the Athlete that the whistle/ bell has sounded.</p> <p>4.6. If the Jury is in doubt whether an Obstacle has been properly driven, the Athlete must be allowed to finish the Course. The Jury can then reach a decision.</p>
FEI Feedback
The Committee believes that this rule should remain unchanged, as it is fair and consistent with the dynamic of the Cones competition.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL NF
Article No.–Article Name
Article 975.3.9 Judging Cones Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
An athlete can only pass between elements of the following open multiple obstacles: zig zag and wave. NOT the serpentine
Proposed Wording
An athlete may pass between the elements of an Open multiple obstacle, <b>except the serpentine as described in annex 3.</b>
FEI Feedback
Agreement to add the clarification that was sent in 2024 to the Serpentine annex.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>Annex 3 Cones – Open Multiple Obstacles.</p> <p>1. Serpentine</p> <p>Notes.</p> <p>The serpentine is made up of 4 elements A, B, C, D. the 4 elements create 3 clear gates.</p> <p>Gates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between A and B</li> <li>Between B and C</li> <li>Between C and D</li> </ol> <p>On completion, in the correct sequence, the obstacle is completed once the athlete passes between the C/D gate.</p> <p>Article 975.4.2 Error of course. Taking an obstacle out of sequence. Elimination.</p> <p>Article 973.2.8 All balls down are 3 penalties giving a possible total of 12 penalties.</p> 

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
975.10.7. Judging Cones Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Measurement cones course – the outcome of the ICDA Survey is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop a mobile device to help improve accuracy of measuring the driving lines (4 wheeled maybe)</li> <li>- Bring back the possibility changing time after 3 Athletes to ensure a correct balance of the Cones as a element of the total results.</li> </ul> <p>Should the timing be adjusted by the Ground Jury, this will be announced by the Commentator</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>10.7. After 3 Athletes there is the possibility to alter the Allowed Time in such a way that the Athletes who already finish the Cones Course do not incur additional penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee believes that assessing the fairness of the time allowed based on the performance of the first Athletes competing in the Cones is not accurate, as their level is not always consistent with that of the highest-ranked Athletes.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>N/A.</p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
975.10.6. Judging Cones Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Incorrect Art. number
Proposed Wording
<del>1.1.</del> 10.6. Penalty for exceeding the Time Allowed: any time over the Time Allowed in hundredths of a seconds, multiplied by 0.5. Penalties will be calculated to two decimal places.
FEI Feedback
Modified accordingly.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
975.3.3. Judging Cones Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
As this Article causes some unclarity/confusion, this should be reworded to make clear that it is not allowed to pass through an Obstacle without wording 'starting'.
Proposed Wording
3.3. Athletes <del>starting and</del> passing through an Obstacle (whole turnout) before the starting signal will be penalised 10 penalty points <del>and must restart</del> . <u>After the starting signal the Athlete will be allowed to start.</u>
FEI Feedback
Agreed.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
Athletes <del>starting and</del> passing through an Obstacle before the starting signal will be penalised 10 penalty points and must restart. <u>After the starting signal the Athlete will be allowed to start.</u>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SUI
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
Art. 975 3.11 (NEW)
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
this reduces the speed and increases the value of the reduced cones.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
3.11 Knocking down one or both balls of a Cones Obstacle with reduced width incurs 6 penalties in each case.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The Committee believes that, with the new Cones adaptations and adjusted widths, there is no need to modify the penalties.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
975.10.7. Judging Cones Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Measurement cones course – the outcome of the ICDA Survey is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop a mobile device to help improve accuracy of measuring the driving lines (4 wheeled maybe)</li> <li>- PoJ has the responsibility for measurement of the cones course (Art. 972.1.1.) in conjunction with the TD and CD.</li> <li>- Bring back the possibility changing time after 3 Athletes to ensure a correct balance of the Cones as a element of the total results.</li> </ul> <p>Should the timing be adjusted by the Ground Jury, this will be announced by the Commentator and communicated at entrance Arena (notice board) and electronically (whatsapp).</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>10.7. After 3 Athletes there is the possibility for the President of the Ground Jury in conjunction with the Technical Delegate and Course Designer to alter the Allowed Time in such a way that the Athletes who already finish the Cones Course do not incur more penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The Committee believes that, with the new Cones adaptations and adjusted widths, there is no need to modify further.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>N/A.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>Article 982 Expenses</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
The per diem allowance must be offered for the days of officiating only. Transport days, and potential on site days without Official duty are not compensated. This would give more clarity and harmonize.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
2. ... this per diem is exclusively offered for the officiating days.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
This is not regulated through the FEI Rules. In Driving, we have not received any reports of travel days being paid to Driving Officials.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
<b>FRA NF</b>
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 990 Chief Steward</b>
Comment and Rationale
<p>The evolution of the rules lead to have more stewards on shows to provide a better monitoring. Like for any Officials function, recruitment is a big challenge.</p> <p>We believe FEI driving would benefit from applying a similar approach from FEI Eventing, with an equivalence rules between FEI Judge, TD status and FEI Steward status.</p> <p>We recommend to liaise this with the condition of following an online course emphasising on steward function.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>All FEI Driving listed Judges and Technical Delegates Level 2 and above following the FEI Online course for Driving stewards will automatically be listed as FEI Driving Stewards Level 2.</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>As these functions are very different, the Committee believes that this change is not necessary. This topic will be further discussed as part of the revision of the FEI Driving Education System.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p>N/A.</p>



Rules Proposal Submitted By
NED (Fredy Versluys, FEI classifier)
Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 993 Para Driving Classifiers</b> 1. Classification is carried out in line with the IPC Classification Code. For all CPEAIs and FEI Championships, a Classification Panel as defined in the FEI Para Equestrian Classification Rules must be present. The Classifiers must remain until the first appearance is completed of all Classified Athletes.
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>During observation, classifiers assess whether the outcomes of classification tests are consistent with the athlete's performance in the sport. The driver's posture varies across different phases of the competition, with greater demands on arm, hand, and trunk movement and coordination during obstacle driving, particularly due to increased speed. Many para drivers employ additional or different compensating aids during the marathon compared to driven dressage.</p> <p>Therefore it is crucial to adapt the rules to allow classifiers to observe athletes during both driven dressage and obstacles. We are aware that this results in additional costs for the organiser and we would like to see a solution for this.</p>
Proposed Wording
<b>Article 993 Para Driving Classifiers</b> 1. Classification is carried out in line with the IPC Classification Code. For all CPEAIs and FEI Championships, a Classification Panel as defined in the FEI Para Equestrian Classification Rules must be present. The Classifiers must remain until the appearance is completed of all Classified Athletes during driven dressage and marathon.
FEI Feedback
<p>Agreed. It is proposed to add that Classifiers are no longer required to be present during a CPEAI, provided that all participating Athletes have completed the full assessment process, including both classification and observation.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<b>Article 993 Para Driving Classifiers</b> 1. Classification is carried out in line with the IPC Classification Code. For all CPEAIs and FEI Championships, a Classification Panel as defined in the FEI Para Equestrian Classification Rules must be present. The Classifiers <u>must remain on site until all Classified Athletes have completed their appearances in both Driven Dressage and Marathon.</u> <del>must remain until the first appearance is completed of all Classified Athletes.</del> 2. Championships 2.1. At least one (1) level 4 Chief Classifier and one (1) level 2 or above Classifier from different nations shall be appointed by FEI. 3. CPEAIs 3.1. For International Competitions the OC, in consultation with FEI, shall appoint at least one (1) level 3 Chief Classifier and one (1) level 2 or above Classifier. <u>Events may be held without Classifiers if all participating Para Driving Athletes have already completed their classification and observation.</u>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
994 Rotation of Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change
Course builder of a CAIO4* should be rotated just like other officials, maybe not sequel after 3 years, maybe after 5 years to give other Course builders a chance to build a 4*
Proposed Wording
<p>Article 994 Rotation of Officials</p> <p>Rotation of Officials: a Judge/Technical Delegate may not have been the Judge/Technical Delegate at the same venue for more than three consecutive years without taking at least one year break.</p> <p><b>A Course Designer may not have been the Course Designer at the same venue for more than five consecutive years without at least one year break.</b></p>
FEI Feedback
The Committee agrees to reintroduce the rotation system for Course Designers, extending the period to four years, and to include Chief Stewards in the rotation as well.
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<p><b>Article 994 Rotation of Officials</b></p> <p>Rotation of Officials: a Judge/Technical Delegate may not have been the Judge/Technical Delegate at the same venue for more than three consecutive years without taking at least one year break. <u>A Course Designer and Chief Steward may not have been the Course Designer or Chief Steward at the same venue for more than four consecutive years without at least one year break.</u></p>

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FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
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<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>CD &amp; TD status maintenance : FEI Course attendance</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>Not directly included in the FEI Driving Rules</p> <p>For officials who have both status at any FEI level, the same course should deliver the maintenance for both status.</p> <p>We are missing officials, the length, number and cost of courses should be optimised especially for both status which have lots of common ground.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p></p>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>This concerns the FEI Driving Education System and therefore cannot be modified in the Rules. This will be reviewed with the Education System.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>N/A.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>FEI Alternative scoring system</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>An alternative scoring system might come back on the table this year. Again, for such structural shifts, we emphasize that FEI deserves to get concrete feedback coming from real situations, the system must be tested on real class from an FEI show. We can help to find an OC.</p> <p>We believe this system(s) might be interesting but we do not support future implementation without real testing at shows.</p> <p>In general, we support maintaining a similar balance amongst the 3 competitions as currently experienced when there are enough obstacle marathon and when cones are playing a sufficient role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dressage to go to % and give the result (penalties). Ex 70% = 30pts.</li> <li>- Apply different penalties by seconds depending on number of marathon obstacles.</li> <li>- Cones ball penalty to go from 3pts to 4pts or adopt a barema which is not leading to useless last day of competition from a sportive interest.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Feedback from the Driving Community during the Driving Forum on this topic was highly divided.</p> <p>In the view of the Driving Committee, reducing the influence of Dressage within the overall event would raise Welfare concerns, as it would shift the focus of training for Horses and Ponies.</p> <p>The Committee believes the core issue lies not in the scoring system itself, but in the formats of Dressage, Marathon, and Cones.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>FEI Young Horses class during CAIs &amp; Championships</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>We strongly support the FEI initiative of creating a working group to set new framework for FEI YH classes.</p> <p>The current regulatory framework of this FEI Championship, makes it very unattractive from OCs perspective.</p> <p>Moreover and also as sort of result of the rules, there is a limited interest from drivers and nearly no interest possibility from sponsors.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>Some suggestions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow a horse of 5, 6, 7yo to compete in a FEI YH class and FEI 2* class on the same show.</li> <li>• Same cones position for the courses of the 3 age categories, with possibilities of converting single/oxer gates, changing the way to</li> <li>• Integration of Young Ponies classes</li> <li>• Shorten the championship format to 3 days of competitions. The 2 first competition including the combined marathon open to all starters, qualifying to a final competition open to a limited %/number.</li> <li>• Judge the championship (collective judging) with 2 instead of 4 judges.</li> <li>• 1 veterinary delegate instead of 3</li> </ul>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>Refer to the proposal for the Young Horses.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>N/A.</p>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
<b>FRA NF</b>
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
<b>FEI Driving Calendar</b>
<b>Comment and Rationale</b>
<p>This is from major importance to find processes to better frame the FEI Driving Calendar. The current absence of management because of lack of rules for this matter is leading to several clashes and lots of shows affecting others, when in the same time there are long period without shows in some part of europe.</p> <p>The current situation is very detrimental, leading to decrease of athlete participation at shows. It affects very much shows up to get several unusual cancellations.</p> <p>FEI should at least manage the CAI3*WCup and CAIO4* dates to never have 2 shows the same week and beyond the case of 2 shows separated by very long distance (ex : FRA/HUN) there should be 1 free week between 2 dates.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The FEI Calendar is managed and approved by the FEI Secretary General, as per the General Regulations. The FEI is also dependent on applications being submitted by OCs/NFs and the FEI will deal with dates on a case-by-case basis.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
<p>N/A.</p>

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

GER NF

### Article No.–Article Name

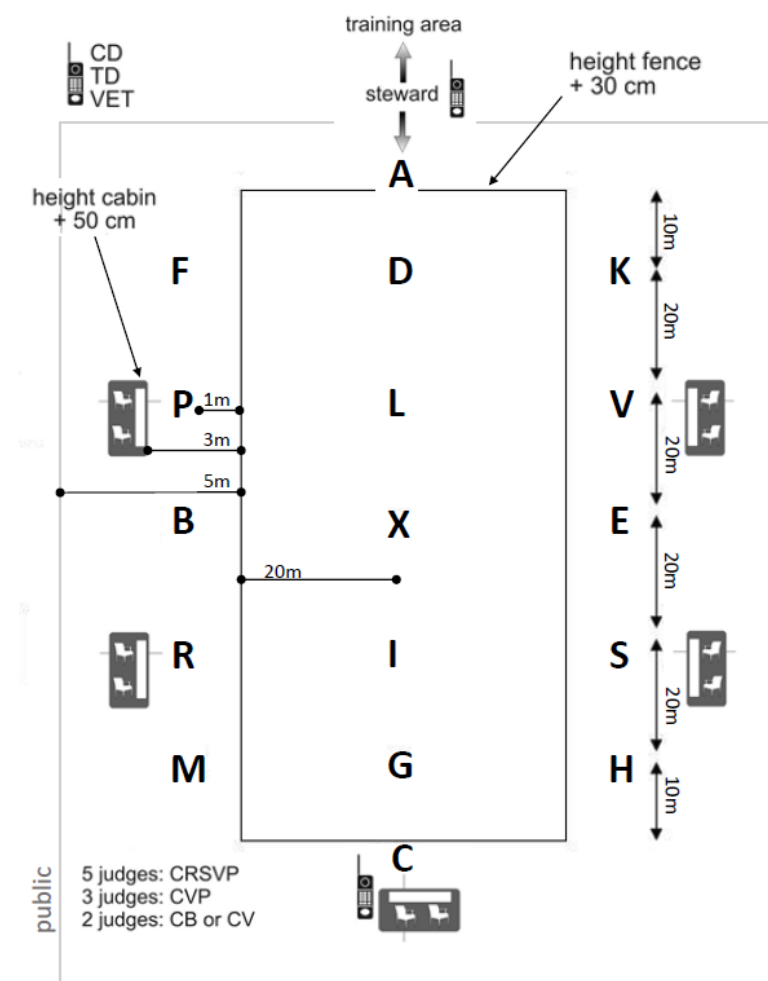
## ANNEX 1 Diagram of the Driven Dressage Arenas

### Explanation for Proposed Change

In view of the different (especially new) Dressage Tests, the Judges positions at C,M,H should be included as acceptable.

### Proposed Wording

Diagram of the Driven Dressage arena - 100m X 40 m – For Four-in-Hand Horses



5 judges: CRSVP or CMHEB  
3 judges: CVP or CMH  
2 judges: no changes

Diagram of the Driven Dressage arena - 80m X 40m – Applicable for all classes



<p>training area</p> <p>steward</p> <p>height fence + 30 cm</p> <p>height cabin + 50 cm</p> <p>public</p> <p>CD TD VET</p> <p>A</p> <p>F</p> <p>D</p> <p>K</p> <p>10m</p> <p>15m</p> <p>15m</p> <p>40m</p> <p>20m</p> <p>3m</p> <p>1m</p> <p>5m</p> <p>89.4 m</p> <p>B</p> <p>L</p> <p>E</p> <p>R</p> <p>I</p> <p>S</p> <p>M</p> <p>G</p> <p>H</p> <p>C</p> <p>5 judges: CRSVP 3 judges: CVP 2 judges: CB or CV</p>
<p>5 judges: CRSVP or CMHEB 3 judges: CVP or CMH 2 judges: no changes</p>
<p><b>FEI Feedback</b></p>
<p>Proposal to modify as below:</p>
<p><b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b></p>
<p>5 judges: CRSVP or CMHEB 3 judges: CVP or MCE or HCB</p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association
Article No.–Article Name
Annex 10 Definitions
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>This definitions of Heavy / Light Mobile Obstacle were introduced as a further clarification of the Rules. We believe that this should be further reviewed as part of the Full Rules Revision as the impact in terms of number of balls has been very significant (more than 100 balls in certain events).</p> <p>Definition of light mobile obstacle: The majority of mobile elements used in a Light Mobile Obstacle in the marathon should be at least 3x2m (or &gt; 6 m<sup>2</sup>) – horse welfare.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>- Heavy Mobile Obstacles:</b> outdoor Obstacles composed of mainly heavy mobile elements, placed on the ground, strongly fixed. They could be strengthened with concrete blocks, sandbags, water, big metal screws and/or chains. <b>Elements with screws Screws</b> or pins or other similar means of anchoring longer than 50 cm are <b>still considered as Heavy Mobile Obstacle are considered a Fixed Obstacle.</b></p> <p><b>- Light Mobile Obstacles:</b> indoor Obstacles composed mainly of light mobile elements, placed on the ground, not fixed into the ground. These Obstacle elements are used during the indoor competition, and can be used as an outdoor training Obstacle.</p> <p><b>The measurement of the majority of the Light Mobile Elements in the marathon should be at least 3x2m (or &gt; 6 m<sup>2</sup>).</b></p>
FEI Feedback
<p>For both Heavy and Light Obstacles, the Committee agrees to enter a recommendation to the rules, as per below.</p>
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Heavy Mobile Obstacles:</u> outdoor Obstacles composed of mainly heavy mobile elements, placed on the ground, strongly fixed They could be strengthened with concrete blocks, sandbags, water, big metal screws and/or chains. Screws or pins or other similar means of anchoring longer than 50 cm are still considered as Heavy Mobile Obstacle. <u>The recommended measurement of the heavy mobile elements in the marathon should be at least 3x2m (or &gt; 6 m2).</u></li> <li>- <u>Light Mobile Obstacles:</u> indoor Obstacles composed mainly of light mobile elements, placed on the ground, not fixed into the ground. These Obstacle elements are used during the indoor competition, and can be used as an outdoor training Obstacle. <u>The recommended measurement of the light mobile elements in the marathon should be at least 3x2m (or &gt; 6 m2).</u></li> </ul>

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
GER NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
FEI Tack App
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The FEI Tack App: should be in line with the current wording of the Driving Rules and not postulate own interpretations, what is actually unfortunately the case. For example: The use of side-reins when lungeing is a worldwide accepted training device, but is actually not allowed.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Side reins are allowed as per the FEI Tack App.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
SWE NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
Calendar Management
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Measures needs to be taken against those organisers cancelling events after definite entries as Athletes suffers financial loss when organisers cancel events close to start of the event.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
While the Committee acknowledges the concerns, it does not support the implementation of systematic sanctions or fines against Organisers, as most event cancellations are due to force majeure circumstances. The General Regulations already provide the FEI with the flexibility to take appropriate action in cases of unfair cancellations.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A.

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
USA NF
<b>Article No.–Article Name</b>
Young Horse Rules
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The US believes to support the growth of Combined Driving and the efforts of Organizers, Ponies should be added into the Young Horse Program, Rulebook, and Championship.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
FEI Driving Rules for Young Equines
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Agreed.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
Refer to proposals for the Young Horses.

**Rules Proposal Submitted By**

Equestrian Australia  
ICDA

**Article No.–Article Name**

Annex 11

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**AUS:**

Measurement always on the same surface as the competition – Suggestion: blocks, focus on cones design rather than changes on the carriages / wheels. We do not support any changes in measurement that require adjustments to carriages. No actions should be taken which require carriages to rebuilt. Focus should be on design of cones.

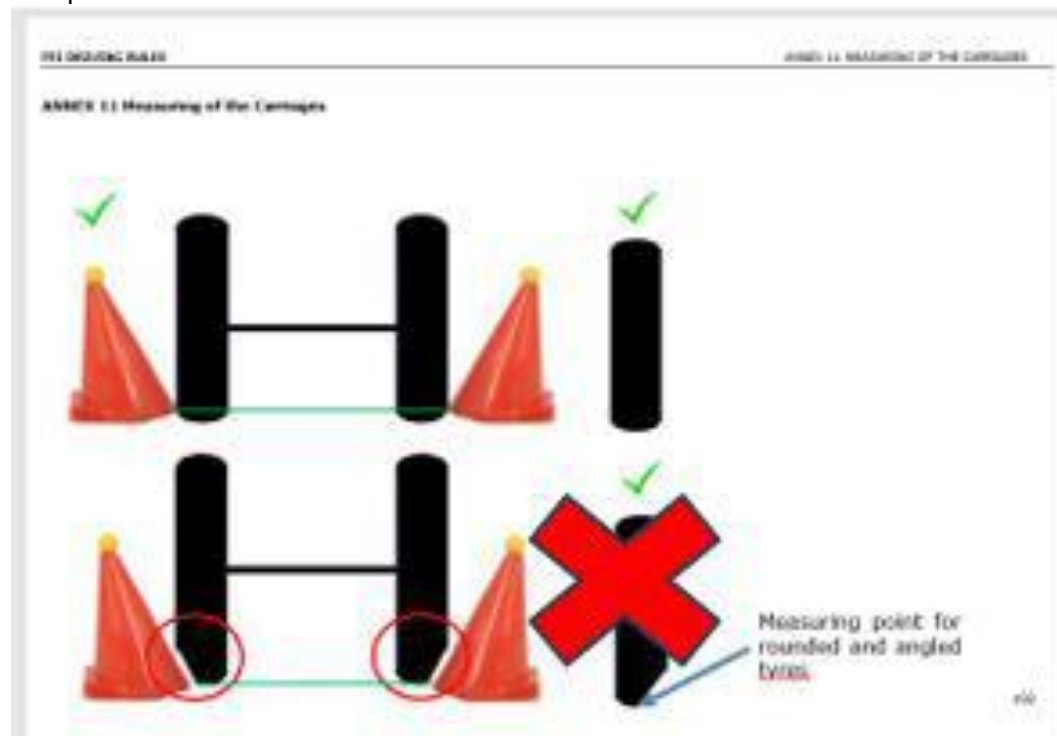
**ICDA:**

Measurement always on the same surface as the competition – Suggestion: blocks, focus on cones design rather than changes on the carriages / wheels.

ICDA does not support any changes in measurement that require adjustments to carriages. No actions should be taken which require carriages to rebuilt. Focus should be on design of cones.

**Proposed Wording**

**AUS & ICDA:** Annex 11 should be more clear before publication – same surface as competition arena. With blocks.



## FEI Feedback

Following the Board's emergency resolution on 17 December 2024, the implementation of Annexes 11 and 12 was suspended pending this year's full rule revision. The Driving Committee conducted on-site surveys at five events across the USA and Europe (Ocala (USA), Weirsdale (USA), Exloo (NED), Kronenberg (NED), and Kladruby (CZE)) to assess the applicability of Annex 11.

Of the 440 carriages measured, only 18 were found to be too narrow, all in Horse categories.

Two potential solutions emerged from these tests:

- Use the current cones: The back of the standard cones measures between 3 and 4 cm in height, allowing for accurate and consistent measurement.
- Use 4 cm high wooden blocks.






The FEI invites National Federations to provide their feedback on the preferred solution. An example using the cone method is provided below.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

### ANNEX 11 Measuring of the Carriages

To be considered compliant with the requirements set out in Articles 937.3 and 937.4, carriages must be measured as indicated below, using the back of the cones.

The measurement must be taken at a height between 3 and 4 cm from the ground.

<p>Height of the backside of the cone – 3,5 cm</p> 	
<p>Measuring dressage carriage</p> 	
<p>Measuring marathon carriage</p> 	

## Rules Proposal Submitted By

Equestrian Australia  
ICDA

## Article No.–Article Name

Annex 12

## Explanation for Proposed Change

### AUS & ICDA:

Delete – see also Art. 938.2. and 938.3 – evolution of the driving sport – allow all kind of profiles

## Proposed Wording

### AUS & ICDA:

#### ANNEX 12 Permitted types

This annex is to be enforced as of 01.07.2025

## Tyres



#### 1. Permitted types must either:

- 1.1. Be a single Rib containing 1 completely smooth Tread Block that runs the 360° circumference of the wheel and contains no Grooves, Sipes or Cross Slots (x) or;
- 1.2. Contain two or more Rib(s) each containing 1 completely smooth Tread Block of any width. Each Rib may only contain 1 single smooth Tread Block that runs the 360° circumference of the wheel and contains no Sipes or Cross Slots (x).

#### 2. Permitted types must not:

- 2.1. Have Rib(s) that contain multiple Tread Blocks (x)
- 2.2. Have Rib(s) that contain any Cross Slots (x), Sipes (x), or any combination of Sipes and Cross Slots (x).



## FEI Feedback

The Driving Committee agrees to remove this Annex.

## FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

Annex deleted.



## B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
Art 901.8 Dressage Test (new article)
Explanation for Proposed Change
In order to reflect current practice, where the Dressage Phase is often split over two days due to the number of participants, the FEI proposes to formally include this provision in the rules.
Proposed Wording
<p><b><u>8. Dressage Phase</u></b></p> <p><u>The Dressage phase in the above referenced formats may be split over two days depending on the number of participants. This must be stated in the FEI Approved Schedule”</u></p>

Article No.–Article Name	
Art 913 Minimum Eligibility Requirements	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>With the inclusion of the Young Horse Rules in the FEI Driving Rulebook, we propose to explicitly clarify that no qualification is required for these events.</p> <p>This proposal also presents an opportunity to streamline the wording of the corresponding table for improved clarity and consistency.</p>	
Proposed Wording	
<p><u>2.</u> Star qualification of <del>Senior</del> Athletes are obtained for life and apply across all classes.</p>	
Category	Qualification criteria
1* Athletes	<del>No minimum qualification criteria</del> <del>no minimum qualification criteria required</del>
2* Athletes	Athletes who have successfully completed two CAI1* at different shows- Format 1, 2 (with Dressage) or 3 only - without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-B (under the previous Rules) or three CANs with Dressage, Marathon and Cones
3* Athletes	Athletes who have successfully completed <del>three</del> <u>two</u> CAI2*, and/or CAI U25/J at different shows and/or CH EU J/CH EU U25 (Format 1, 2 or 3 only) without Elimination, Retirement or Disqualification or alternatively, have successfully completed one CAI-A or three CAI-Bs under the previous FEI Driving Rules
<del>Youth</del> Children, Junior, U25	<del>No criteria for Children, Junior and U25.</del> <del>No minimum qualification criteria</del>
Young Horses/Ponies	<del>No minimum qualification criteria</del>
Para Driving	<del>No minimum qualification criteria</del> <del>no criteria</del>

## Article No.–Article Name

Art 920 and following

## Explanation for Proposed Change

Further to the removal of the Additional Individual Entries, the below wording is proposed.

## Proposed Wording

### Article 920 Entries - World and Continental Four-in-Hand Championship for Horses

1. Each NF may enter a maximum of ~~ninesix~~ Four-in-Hand Athletes with a maximum of ten Horses per Four-in-Hand on the ~~N~~ominated ~~E~~entry list ~~and a maximum of three Four in hand Athletes with a maximum of five Horses per Four in hand on the definite entry list.~~
2. The maximum number of Individual Entries shall be specified in the Schedule. The OC will confirm to the FEI the number of Individual Entries within 5 days of the Nominated Entries date. If the OC confirms that it will accept Individual Entries, the exact number of Individual Entries will be confirmed by the FEI to the NFs up to 7 days after the Nominated Entries date.
3. The number of Athletes that each NF may enter on the Definite Entry list is between 3 and 9, as per the above process. Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team. An entry from a nation able to send only one entry shall be classified as an Individual Entry as set out in Art 919.
4. The number of Horses that an Athlete may enter in the Definite Entry list is as mentioned in Art 916.
- ~~1. Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team.~~
- ~~2.5. In addition, each NF is entitled to send a Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.~~
- ~~3. A NF which cannot send a team may enter one Athlete as an individual under the conditions set out in Article 919.~~

### Article 921 Entries World Pair Championship for Horses

1. Each NF may enter a maximum of ~~six-nine~~ Pair Athletes with a maximum of six Horses per Pair on the ~~N~~ominated ~~E~~entry list ~~and a maximum of three Pair Athletes with a maximum of three Horses per Pair on the definite entry list.~~
2. The maximum number of Individual Entries shall be specified in the Schedule. The OC will confirm to the FEI the number of Individual Entries within 5 days of the Nominated Entries date. If the OC confirms that it will accept Individual Entries, the exact number of Individual Entries will be confirmed by the FEI to the NFs up to 7 days after the Nominated Entries date.
3. The number of Athletes that each NF may enter on the Definite Entry list is between 1 and 9, as per the above process. Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team. An entry from a nation able to send only one entry shall be classified as an Individual Entry as set out in Art 919.
4. The number of Horses that an Athlete may enter in the Definite Entry list is as mentioned in Art 916.
- ~~1. Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team.~~
- ~~2.5. Each NF is entitled to send a Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.~~

~~3.- A NF which cannot send a team may enter one Athlete as an individual entry under the conditions set out in Article 919.~~

## **Article 922 Entries World Singles Championship for Horses**

- ~~1. Each NF may enter a maximum of six/nine Single Athletes with a maximum of two Horses per entry on the Nominated eEntry list, and three Single Athletes with a maximum of one Horse per Athlete on the definite entry list.~~
- ~~2. The maximum number of Individual Entries shall be specified in the Schedule. The OC will confirm to the FEI the number of Individual Entries within 5 days of the Nominated Entries date. If the OC confirms that it will accept Individual Entries, the exact number of Individual Entries will be confirmed by the FEI to the NFs up to 7 days after the Nominated Entries date.~~
- ~~3. The number of Athletes that each NF may enter on the Definite Entry list is between 3 and 9, as per the above process. Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team. An entry from a nation able to send only one entry shall be classified as an Individual Entry as set out in Art 919.~~
- ~~4. The number of Horses that an Athlete may enter in the Definite Entry list is as mentioned in Art 916.~~
  - ~~1.- Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team.~~
- ~~2.-5. Each NF is entitled to send a Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.~~
- ~~3.- A NF which cannot send a team may enter one Athlete as an individual under the conditions set out in Article 919.~~
- ~~4.- A spare Horse from the nominated list may be entered by each national team. The Athlete who uses the spare Horse will be eligible for the individual classification, as well as for the team classification. The spare Horse can only be substituted once, not later than one hour before the start of Dressage, the Organiser being notified in writing.~~

## **Article 923 Entries World Pony Driving Championships**

- ~~1. Each NF may enter a maximum of six Single Athletes with a maximum of two Ponies per entry, six Pairs Athletes with a maximum of six Ponies per entry and six Four-in-Hand Athletes with a maximum of ten Ponies per entry on the Nominated Entry list.~~
- ~~2. A Nnational Tteam shall consist of one or two Singles, one or two Pairs and one or two Four-in-Hands. Each nation is entitled to send up to a maximum of six Athletes.~~
- ~~3. The maximum number of Individual Entries shall be specified in the Schedule. The OC will confirm to the FEI the number of Individual Entries within 5 days of the Nominated Entries date. If the OC confirms that it will accept Individual Entries, the exact number of Individual Entries will be confirmed by the FEI to the NFs up to 7 days after the Nominated Entries date.~~
- ~~4. The number of Athletes that each NF may enter on the Definite Entry list is between 3 and 18, as per the above process. An entry from a nation not able to send minimum one Single, one Pair and one Four-in-hand shall be classified as Individual Entries.~~
  - ~~1.-5. The number of Ponies that an Athlete may enter in the Definite Entry list is as mentioned in Art 916.~~
  - ~~2.- For NFs which cannot send a team, please refer to Art. 927.~~

~~A spare Pony may be entered for the single Class. The Athlete who uses the spare Pony will be eligible for the individual classification as well as for the team classification. The spare Pony can only be substituted once not later than one hour before the start of Dressage and must be notified in writing to the Organiser.~~
- ~~3.-6. Each NF is entitled to send a Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.~~

## Article 924 Entries Youth Driving Championships

1. Each NF may enter a maximum of six Children Athletes, six Junior Athletes and six U25 Athletes, with twice the number allowed of Horses/Ponies in the Nominated Entry List as per Art. 916.
2. A National Team shall consist of at least one Child, one Junior and one U25, ~~and each Nation is entitled to send up to a maximum of six Athletes, maximum two per age category.~~
3. The maximum number of Individual Entries shall be specified in the Schedule. The OC will confirm to the FEI the number of Individual Entries within 5 days of the Nominated Entries date. If the OC confirms that it will accept Individual Entries, the exact number of Individual Entries will be confirmed by the FEI to the NFs up to 7 days after the Nominated Entries date.
4. The number of Athletes that each NF may enter on the Definite Entry list is between 3 and 18, as per the above process. An entry from a nation not able to send minimum one Child, one Junior and one U25 shall be classified as Individual Entries.
5. The number of Horses/Ponies that an Athlete may enter in the Definite Entry list is as mentioned in Art 916.

~~For NFs which cannot send a team, please refer to Art. 927.~~

~~A spare Pony/Horse may be entered for the single Class. The Athlete who uses the spare Pony/Horse will be eligible for the individual classification as well as for the team classification. The spare Pony/Horse can only be substituted once and no later than one hour before the start of Dressage and must be notified in writing to the Organiser.~~

- ~~1.6.~~ Each NF is entitled to send a Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.

## Article 925 Entries World Driving Singles Championship for Para Driving

1. Each NF may enter a maximum of ~~six~~ nine Single Para Driving Athletes with a maximum of two Horses per entry on the ~~N~~ominated ~~E~~entry list.
2. The maximum number of Individual Entries shall be specified in the Schedule. The OC will confirm to the FEI the number of Individual Entries within 5 days of the Nominated Entries date. If the OC confirms that it will accept Individual Entries, the exact number of Individual Entries will be confirmed by the FEI to the NFs up to 7 days after the Nominated Entries date.
3. The number of Athletes that each NF may enter on the Definite Entry list is between 3 and 9, as per the above process. Should a NF only be able to send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team. An entry from a nation able to send only one entry shall be classified as an Individual Entry as set out in Art 919.
- ~~1.4.~~ The number of Horses that an Athlete may enter in the Definite Entry list is as mentioned in Art 916, ~~and three Single Para Driving Athletes with a maximum of one Horse per Para Driving Athlete on the definite entry list.~~
- ~~2.5.~~ Each team must include at least one (1) Athlete from Grade I. ~~Teams should not include more than 2 Athletes from any one Grade.~~
- ~~3.~~ Should a NF only be able to send two Para Driving Athletes, they must be entered as a team.
- ~~4.6.~~ Each NF is entitled to send a Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Para Driving Athletes.
- ~~5.~~ A NF which cannot send a team may enter one Para Driving Athlete as an individual entry under the conditions set out in Article 919.
- ~~6.~~ A spare Horse from the nominated list may be entered per national team. The Para Driving Athlete who uses the spare Horse will be eligible for the individual

~~classification as well as for the team classification. The spare Horse can only be substituted once, not later than one hour before the start of Dressage, through the FEI Entry System.~~

7. At least four (4) NFs must have been entered in the Definite Entries of the Championship for it to be considered a Championship.

## Article No.–Article Name

### Article 928 Dress, safety and whips

## Explanation for Proposed Change

In line with the recommendations of the FEI Medical Committee, the FEI Driving Committee proposes to amend the rules regarding the use of Protective Headgear during Dressage, Marathon and Cones.

## Proposed Wording

### Article 928 Dress, safety and whips

#### **1. Headgear requirements**

1.1. While riding on a carriage anywhere on the show grounds, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear is strongly recommended.

#### **1.2. Dress in Dressage and Cones on a Dressage Carriage**

1.1.2.1. The dress of Athletes and Grooms must conform to the style of the Carriage and harness used.

1.2.2.2. Jackets or national dress, driving aprons, hats and gloves are obligatory for Athletes.

Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with no gloves or adapted gloves but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.

1.3.2.3. Grooms must wear jackets or national dress, hats and gloves.

1.4.2.4. In Cones, Grooms must remain seated on their dedicated seat (please refer to Art 937.3). First breach of this Article will incur 5 penalty, second breach will incur 10 penalties and the third breach will incur Elimination.

1.5.2.5. The President of the Ground Jury may decide that:

1.6.2.6. Jackets may be removed in excessively hot and humid weather;

1.7.2.7. Cooling vests may be worn in excessively hot weather except at the times when body protectors are mandatory;

1.8.2.8. Wet weather clothing may be worn and aprons not required in wet weather.

1.9.2.9. Penalties for improper dress are stated under Articles 957 and 981.

2.10. During Cones, it is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fastened protective Headgear. Failure to comply results in immediate Elimination from the Cones competition. Such Protective headgear must comply with the list of the applicable international testing standards published on the FEI website. An Athlete and/or Groom who loses their Headgear or whose retention harness becomes unfastened during the course of their round must recover and replace it, or immediately refasten it. In such case, the Jury will sound the whistle/bell and stop the time. The Athlete will receive 5 penalties and must halt to retrieve their Headgear and/or refasten the retention harness. An Athlete who continues with a retention harness incorrectly fastened or unfastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the Athlete to immediately stop in order to correct the issue.

2.11. During Dressage, it is strongly recommended for Athletes and Grooms to wear securely fastened Protective Headgear.

#### **2.3. Dress in Marathon and Combined Marathon**

2.1.3.1. Less formal dress is acceptable in Marathon for the Athlete and Grooms. Shorts are not permitted; Infringement will incur 10 penalties per person.

3.2. During Marathon, fFrom the In-Harness Horse Inspection, including the Warm-Up Obstacle until the end of the Cool Down, Athletes and Grooms must wear

securely fastened Protective Headgear, such Protective headgear must comply with the list of the applicable international testing standards published on the FEI website and a body protector\*. Failure to wear such Protective Headgear and body protector\* where and when required after being notified by an Official to do so, will result in Elimination.

~~2.2. During the Section A, Controlled Warm-Up, Warm-Up Obstacle and Section B, failure to wear such Protective Headgear and body protector\* will result in Elimination.~~

~~2.3. During the In-Harness Inspection, Halt area and Cool-Down area, failure to wear such Protective Headgear and body protector\* where and when required after being notified by an Official to do so, will result in a Yellow Warning Card being issued to the Athlete.~~

3.3. When a body protector\* is required, if an air vest is used it must be worn over the body protector\*, and cannot replace it.

Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 935 Examinations and Inspections of Horses</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
The Driving Committee proposes to modify the part of the HI regarding the whip, to align with the VRs. The Committee also proposes to remove the Cool Down area, and therefore modify Art 935.5.
Proposed Wording
<p><b>Article 935 Examinations and Inspections of Horses</b></p> <p>2.7 <del>For the use of whips during the First Horse Inspection, please refer to Article 1035.8 of the Veterinary Regulations. One FEI Steward carrying a Whip must be present. The FEI Steward is the only person who may assist if a Horse refuses to trot. Handlers may not carry a whip while presenting the Horse. The use of a short whip for restraint of stallions and difficult Horses may be permitted by the Inspection Panel upon request (See Veterinary Regulations, Article 1043).</del></p> <p>(...)</p> <p><b>3. In-Harness Examination</b></p> <p>3.1. The Examination must take <del>after the turnout finishes the Marathon. place between 10 and 15 minutes after the Athlete has entered the Cool Down area at all Events.</del> The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete. It must be performed under the supervision of a Treating Veterinarian in case any Horse needs immediate treatment. The Veterinarian has no authority to Disqualify a Horse. The veterinarian must report their findings to the Veterinary Delegate and President of Jury as soon as possible.</p>

Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 940.12 Shoes</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Under the current wording of the rules, it appears that Hoof Boots would not be permitted, as they do not fall under the definition of a "conventional type of shoe." Considering the increasing use of Hoof Boots as a recognised alternative to traditional shoeing, it is proposed that the rule be reviewed to explicitly consider their inclusion.</p> <p>"12. Shoes 12.1. Any conventional type of shoe is permitted; double shoes or additional weight (lead) are not allowed"</p> <p>The committee proposes the below wording.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>12.1 <u>Horses that are competing wearing hoof boots must present at the Horse Inspection wearing hoof boots. Hoof boots must be removed at the request of the Horse Inspection Panel to allow for evaluation of the Horse's hooves, where required.</u></p>



## Article No.–Article Name

Chapter XII Marathon – Sections

## Explanation for Proposed Change

The FEI Driving Committee proposes to remove Section A entirely and allow Organising Committees to provide a dedicated track if space permits, or a standard Warm Up Arena. The warm-up should be open and separate from the competition. All related Articles are amended accordingly.

As a result, any Article referring to Sections, Controlled Warm-Up, or Section B has been updated to reference "the Marathon" instead, as there are no longer distinct sections unless specifically necessary. Please note that not all changes are shown below; for the complete amendments, refer to the Mark-Up version of the Rulebook.

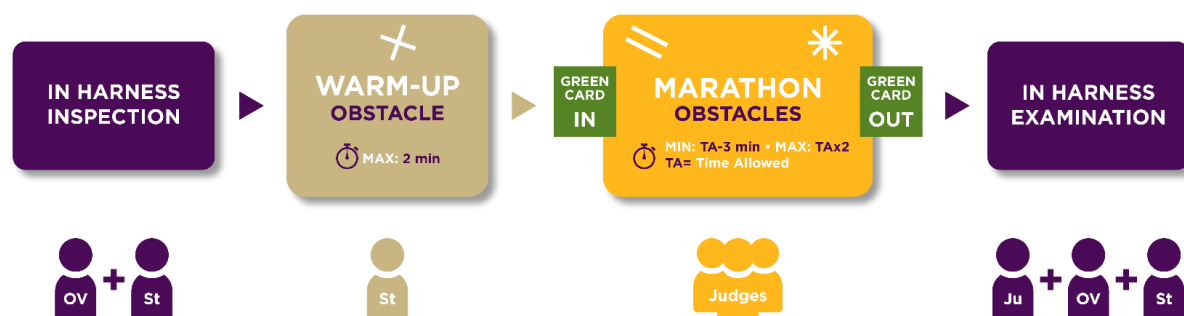
## Proposed Wording

### CHAPTER XII MARATHON

#### Article 959 General

The objective of Marathon is to test the fitness, stamina and training of the Horses, and the driving skill and general Horsemanship of the Athlete.

#### Overview of a Marathon Competition



#### Article 960 The Course

##### 1. General

1.1. Maximum Distances and speeds must not be exceeded.

1.2. The speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in the case of adverse weather or ground conditions.

~~1.3. The Marathon Course must consist of two Sections (A and B or Controlled Warm-Up and B) and a Cool-Down in all classes and levels.~~

~~1.4.~~ 1.3. The total distance in Section B the Marathon should be approximately one (1) km per Obstacle and preferably not less than 700 m between two consecutive Obstacles. The total distance ~~in Section B~~ must include the distances through the Obstacles.

~~1.5. The distances between the end of one Section and the start of the next must not be included in the total length and time of the course.~~

~~1.4.~~ As an alternative option to the Section A there can be used a Controlled Warm-Up with a maximum Time Allowed of 30 minutes in a designated warm-up arena with minimum 5000 square metres, properly stewarded, with a judge in attendance.

1.5. There must be at least one suitable warm-up area which must be at least 3200 m<sup>2</sup> and/or a suitable warm-up track.

~~1.6.~~

1.6. Before the Start of Section B, Aa Marathon-type warm-up Obstacle made of any material and situated in a separated area, must be provided. After the In-Harness Horse Inspection and safety check and before the Start of the Marathon, Eeach Athlete may use the Warm-Up Obstacle for a maximum time of 2 minutes. Grooms must be on the Carriage during

the Warm-Up Obstacle, failure to comply will incur a Yellow Warning Card. Grooms may dismount when the turnout is standing still.

## 2. The Marathon sectionscourse:

LEVEL	Section <del>A</del>			Controlled warm-up	Section <del>B</del>			
	Distance km	Speed H	Speed P	Time	Distance km	Speed H	Speed P	# OBST
Championships	<del>7-9</del>	<del>12-14</del>	<del>11-13</del>	<del>25 to 30 minutes</del>	7-9	<u>12-14</u>	<u>11-13</u>	8
<u>Championships singles</u>					<u>7-9</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>11-13</u>	<u>7-8</u>
3* / 4*	<del>5-9</del>	<del>12-14</del>	<del>11-13</del>	<del>25 to 30 minutes</del>	5-9	<u>12-14</u>	<u>11-13</u>	6-8
2*	<del>5-9</del>	<del>11-13</del>	<del>10-12</del>	<del>25 to 30 minutes</del>	5-9	12-14	11-13	5-7
J + U25	<del>4-6</del>	<del>11-13</del>	<del>10-12</del>	<del>25 to 30 minutes</del>	4-8	12-14	11-13	5-6
CHILDREN	<del>4-6</del>		<del>10-12</del>	<del>25 to 30 minutes</del>	4-8		11-13	4-5
PARA	<del>4-7</del>	<del>11-13</del>	<del>10-12</del>	<del>25 to 30 minutes</del>	4-8	12-14	11-13	5-6

The pace in ~~Section A, B and Controlled Warm-Up and Cool-Down Area~~ the Marathon is free.

### 2.1. Format of the Combined Marathon - CAI2\*

A maximum of two Marathon-type Obstacles and 8-12 cone-type Obstacles.

Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace
800 m	600 m	free

A 2\* Combined Marathon-Cones Competition is run as a Time competition (ref Article 969.2 and 971.2.1). The Time Allowed will be calculated with a speed of 240 m/min.

### 2.2. Format of the Combined Marathon – CAI1\*

A maximum of two Marathon-type Obstacles and 8-12 cone-type Obstacles.

Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace
800 m	600 m	free

A 1\* combined Marathon-Cones Competition is run as Fault Competition (penalties for Obstacles knocked down) with a Time Allowed. Classification is according to penalties and driven time. The speed is 230 m/min.

For Penalties, please refer to Article 969.2.

- The In-Harness Inspection ~~and Safety Check~~ must be performed as described in Art 935.3, before the start of the Marathon and before entering the Warm-up Obstacle. ~~as described in Art 935.3.~~

A safety check of the turnout must be made by the Steward before the start of Marathon and before entering the Warm-up Obstacle.

- ~~3.1. There must be a halt of 10 minutes in the designated neutral area prior to the start of Section B. When Section A is a "controlled Warm-Up", the halt must be reduced to 5 minutes.~~

~~3.2. The neutral area of the halt should, if possible, provide some shade and must be large enough to accommodate three turnouts at once and have room for additional motor vehicles.~~

~~3.3. Water must be provided at the neutral area for the Horses.~~

~~3.4.3.1.~~ A farrier must be available at the Start of the Marathon.

~~3.5.3.2.~~ Para Driving: quick release systems to secure a wheelchair and lap belts or 4 points belts with a quick release system must be checked by the Technical Delegate and /or the Chief Steward before the start of the Marathon

~~3.6. In exceptional circumstances, the time required for the halt may be increased by the President of the Ground Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate.~~

~~3.7. Turnouts may stand still, walk or trot within the neutral area.~~

#### 4. Section Course and direction signs

4.1. The beginning and end ~~of each Section of the Marathon~~ must be marked with a pair of Red and White flags.

4.2. The entire Course must be clearly marked with yellow direction markers placed, wherever possible, on the right hand side of the track to be clearly visible to the approaching Athlete. A confirmation directional arrow must be placed after every significant turn.

4.3. ~~Sections A and B~~ The Course must have a marker at every kilometer. ~~In Section B~~ The measurement of the kilometers must include the distances through the Obstacles.

4.4. The marker for a kilometer occurring within an Obstacle should be placed on the post supporting the red exit flag.

#### 5. Compulsory turning flags

5.1. Sufficient red and white compulsory turning flags must be positioned on the Course to ensure that all Athletes follow the designated track. Athletes must leave the red flags on their right and the white flags on their left. These compulsory turning flags must be numbered consecutively ~~in each Section~~ and they must be placed so they are clearly visible to Athletes from a reasonable distance.

5.2. The location and number of the Flags must be marked on the map of the Course to clearly indicate the correct route to be driven between the compulsory turning flags before and after each Obstacle. In addition, a list showing the order for driving compulsory turning flags and Obstacles must be provided for Athletes and Officials.

5.3. Ground Observers must record the Athlete's track through the compulsory turning flags; If any compulsory turning flags are missed out or passed in the wrong sequence, the details must be reported to the member of the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate as soon as possible.

#### 6. Paces

6.1. The finish of ~~Section B~~ the Marathon must not be more than 300 m from the exit of the last Obstacle unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. If the last Obstacle is situated within 300 m of the finish, the Athletes may stop within 30 m of the out gate of the Obstacle to repair a broken or detached harness without penalty. A 30 m marker will be placed on the track to indicate this point if the last Obstacle is within 300 m of the finish.

6.2. Between the 30 meter sign of the last Obstacle (or 300 m) and finish, pace must be trot or walk only. The Athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each five seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.

### Article 963 Times

#### 1. Timetable

1.1. A timetable ~~showing the start of the Marathon~~ Section A or Controlled Warm-Up and the timetable of each Section, including the halt, must be drawn up and distributed by the

~~OC for the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate.~~ It must be adjusted in the event of unforeseen circumstances and redistributed.

~~1.1.1. A timetable showing the starting time for each Athlete on Section A or Controlled Warm-Up must be provided to the Athletes and the timekeeper at the start of Section A. Running order lists must be provided to all other timekeepers, ground observers and Obstacle observers.~~

## 2. Times in Section the Marathon

2.1. The Time Allowed ~~in all Sections~~ is calculated according to the average speed selected for that Section.

~~2.2. The Minimum Time in Section A is two minutes less than the Time Allowed.~~

~~2.3. The Minimum Time in a Controlled Warm-Up is two minutes less than the Time Allowed.~~

~~2.4.2.2. \_\_\_\_\_~~ The Minimum Time ~~for Section B~~ is three minutes less than the Time Allowed.

~~2.5.2.3. \_\_\_\_\_~~ The Time Limit for Section A and Controlled Warm-Up is the Time Allowed plus 20%. The Time Limit ~~for Section B~~ is twice the Time Allowed.

~~2.6. The Time Limit in the Cool-Down area is minimum 10 minutes and maximum 15 minutes.~~

~~2.7.2.4. \_\_\_\_\_~~ An Athlete who exceeds the Time Limit ~~in any section~~ will be Eliminated.

## 3. Timing

3.1. Electronic timing equipment should be used for the timing of Athletes in each Section the Marathon and the Obstacles, whenever possible.

3.2. Time Keepers at the start and finish of each Section must record the start and finishing times for each Athlete on the Section Timer Record and enter the time on the Athlete's Marathon (Green) Time Card.

## 4. Start and finish ~~(Section A, Controlled Warm-Up, B and Cool-Down)~~

~~4.1. Athletes should be at the start of Section A or the Controlled Warm-up at least 10 minutes before their published Start Time.~~

~~4.2.4.1. \_\_\_\_\_~~ If an Athlete is not ready ~~to at the start of the Marathon start Section A or the Controlled Warm-Up~~ at their scheduled time, the Timekeeper will start the Athlete at the earliest available time at their discretion, and record the actual starting time, which must be reported to the Technical Delegate and President of Jury, for onward transmission to the Scorer, at the earliest opportunity. The Athlete will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty per second of the time elapsed between their scheduled start time and the time the Athlete was ready to start, and the Athlete must not be allowed to start less than two minutes before the next Athlete's starting time. For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes will not be penalised where the start ~~of Section A~~ is delayed for organisational reasons.

~~4.3.4.2. \_\_\_\_\_~~ Athletes must start ~~each Section~~ from the halt, with the leading Horse behind the start line. The Timekeeper will count down to the Start time. If an Athlete starts before the Timekeeper has given the authorisation, the Athlete will be recalled, a new start time will be given and the Marathon Time Card will be amended. If the Athlete fails to stop when recalled, the Athlete may be Eliminated. A member of the Ground Jury must be made aware of the circumstances as soon as possible.

~~4.4.4.3. \_\_\_\_\_~~ The timing of the Marathon the section ends when the nose of the leading Horse has passed the finish line. ~~Section P~~ penalties will apply until the whole turnout has passed the finish line.

## 5. Time Penalties ~~in Section A, Controlled Warm-Up and Section B~~

5.1. ~~In Section A, Controlled Warm-Up and Section B,~~ Athletes will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty per second for exceeding the Time Allowed.

5.2. Athletes completing ~~Section A, Controlled Warm-Up and B in the Marathon in~~ less than the minimum time will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty point for each second they are early.

## Article No.–Article Name

Cool Down Area

## Explanation for Proposed Change

The FEI Driving Committee proposes reverting to the previous system, where Horses are checked at the end of the Marathon without a specifically regulated cool down area.

The provisions regarding the In-Harness Examination have also been amended accordingly.

As a result, all related Articles concerning the Cool Down area have been updated. Please note that not all changes are detailed below; for the complete amendments, refer to the Mark-Up version of the Rulebook.

## Proposed Wording

### Article 960 The Course

#### ~~7.— Cool Down Area~~

~~At the end of the Section B, a Cool Down area (Arena, Loop or track) of between 800 m and 1200 m in size must be installed. The In-Harness examination, as per Art 935.4 must be performed between ten and fifteen minutes after the Athlete has entered the cool down area. The Groom(s) may walk besides the Carriage, and additional support personnel may be present in this area. The only penalty that can be incurred in the Cool Down Area is Elimination, if the Athlete leaves the area before presenting their Horses. Brushing boots and bandages may be removed from the Horses. After the Horses have been examined and cleared by the Veterinarians, turnouts must leave the Cool Down Area.~~

### Article 935 Examinations and Inspections of Horses

#### 5. In-Harness Examination

5.1 The Examination must take place between 10-15 minutes after the turnout finishes the Marathon. ~~place between 10 and 15 minutes after the Athlete has entered the Cool Down area at all Events.~~ The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete. It must be performed under the supervision of a Treating Veterinarian in case any Horse needs immediate treatment. The Veterinarian has no authority to Disqualify a Horse. The veterinarian must report their findings to the Veterinary Delegate and President of Jury as soon as possible.

## Article No.–Article Name

961.3.2

## Explanation for Proposed Change

This Article has not been applied in an exceptional manner as originally intended. To better safeguard Horse Welfare and prevent obstacles from becoming excessively long, the Committee proposes to remove the exception allowing the track to exceed 250 meters.

## Proposed Wording

961.3.2

3.2. The track through an Obstacle should not exceed 250 m on the shortest, 2.5 m drivable route that is not narrower than 2.5 m at any point, between the entry and exit flags. ~~The track may exceed 250 m in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.~~

Article No.–Article Name
Article 982 Expenses
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The Driving Technical Committee is proposing the introduction of a regulated minimum daily fee for Stewards. Currently, there are no provisions in the FEI Driving Rules concerning the remuneration of Stewards, despite the essential role they play in ensuring the smooth and safe running of competitions.</p> <p>To acknowledge their responsibilities and ensure a basic standard of compensation across all events, the Committee proposes to introduce a minimum daily fee of EUR 80 for all Stewards.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><b>Article 982 Expenses</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The OC is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodations expenses for the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission or FEI Veterinary Delegate, the Technical Delegate, the Chief Steward, the Course Designer and the FEI Para Equestrian Classifiers (only for Para Driving Competitions) (see Article 131 General Regulations).</li> <li>2. A per diem allowance must be offered to the FEI Officials mentioned in Art. 982.1 at Events (recommended minimum amount one hundred (100) Euros per day). For the FEI Veterinary Commission/Delegate, see FEI Veterinary Regulations.</li> <li><del>2.3.</del> <u>A per diem allowance of minimum eighty (80) Euros per day must be offered to the Stewards.</u></li> </ol>

Article No.–Article Name
Art 987 Composition of the Ground Jury
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>At some Championships, during the Marathon, Additional Obstacle Judges have been used for accuracy of the results in each of the Obstacles. The FEI proposes to regulate this situation. The additional Judges remain optional, but must be at least Level 3 and indicated in the FEI Schedule to ensure consistency in the results.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>1.5 <u>For Championships, there may be additional Obstacle Judges during the Marathon, who must be minimum Level 3 and mentioned in the FEI Schedule.</u></p>

## Article No.–Article Name

Annex 7

## Explanation for Proposed Change

In recent seasons, issues have been observed with cones shifting on certain types of competition surfaces, particularly on sand. In some cases, cones are pushed outwards when hit, but the ball on top does not fall. This means that Athletes can pass through without getting a penalty, even though the obstacle has moved. On sand, we've also seen the surface shift, which can increase the distance between the cones.

To address this, various solutions were tested across different venues and surface types. After these tests, we found that placing small blocks under the cones helped keep them stable. The blocks help maintain cone placement and increase the likelihood of the ball falling when the obstacle is touched.

This solution was presented at the 2025 FEI Driving Forum and was positively received by the Driving community. There was general agreement that the proposed adjustment would contribute to a fairer and more consistent competition environment.

The technical specifications for the blocks are detailed in the annex. The implementation timeline is still under consideration, with a progressive rollout planned to allow Organising Committees sufficient time to adapt.

Phased approach: Begin with mandatory implementation at World Cup Qualifiers and Championships in 2026, followed by full implementation at all events in 2027.

Two implementation options are under consideration:

1. Mandatory implementation at World Cup Qualifiers and Championships in 2026, followed by full implementation at all events in 2027.
2. mandatory implementation for all Championships and Events starting in 2027.

Please find a video of the latests testings [here](#). The recording of the Cones session during the Driving Forum, which includes further information and videos, is available at this [page](#), along with the presentation at this [page](#).

## Proposed Wording

### Article 973 Obstacles

- Cones
  - The specifications for the Cones forming an Obstacle **must be exactly as shown in Annex 7.** ~~must be at least 30 cm high and made of indestructible plastic material.~~ A weighted ball must be placed in the hollow on top of the Cone, so that it falls down only if the Cone is touched.

### • ANNEX 7 Cone and markers Specifications

#### FEI approved Driving cones Indoor and Outdoor

##### Cones

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| • Material :    | Plastic, stable enough for use and indestructible |
| • Height:       | 30 – 50cm   |
| • The platform: | ca 400 X 425 mm                                   |
| • Angle:        | 60°   |

- Ball hollow on the top of the cone : 40mm diameter
- Color: no restriction. Reduced Cones ref. Art. 974.1.2
- <sup>1</sup>Weight of the cones: min. 2,5 kg

## Ball

- Size: 72mm diameter
- <sup>1</sup>Weight: 200gr

## Cone lifter

- Dimensions: 50 mm x 50 mm x 40 mm (refer to diagram)
- Material: PE LD60 40mm
- <sup>1</sup>Weight: 5.5 grams
- Placement: Once in place the lift devices need to be place as close the front as possible, as per diagram

## Red and white markers

- Outdoor: strongly recommended: stable enough for use
- Markers: dimension: 330 X 330 mm
- Indoor: Sleeves

<sup>1</sup>Weights: a tolerance of +/- 5% is acceptable

## Cones:

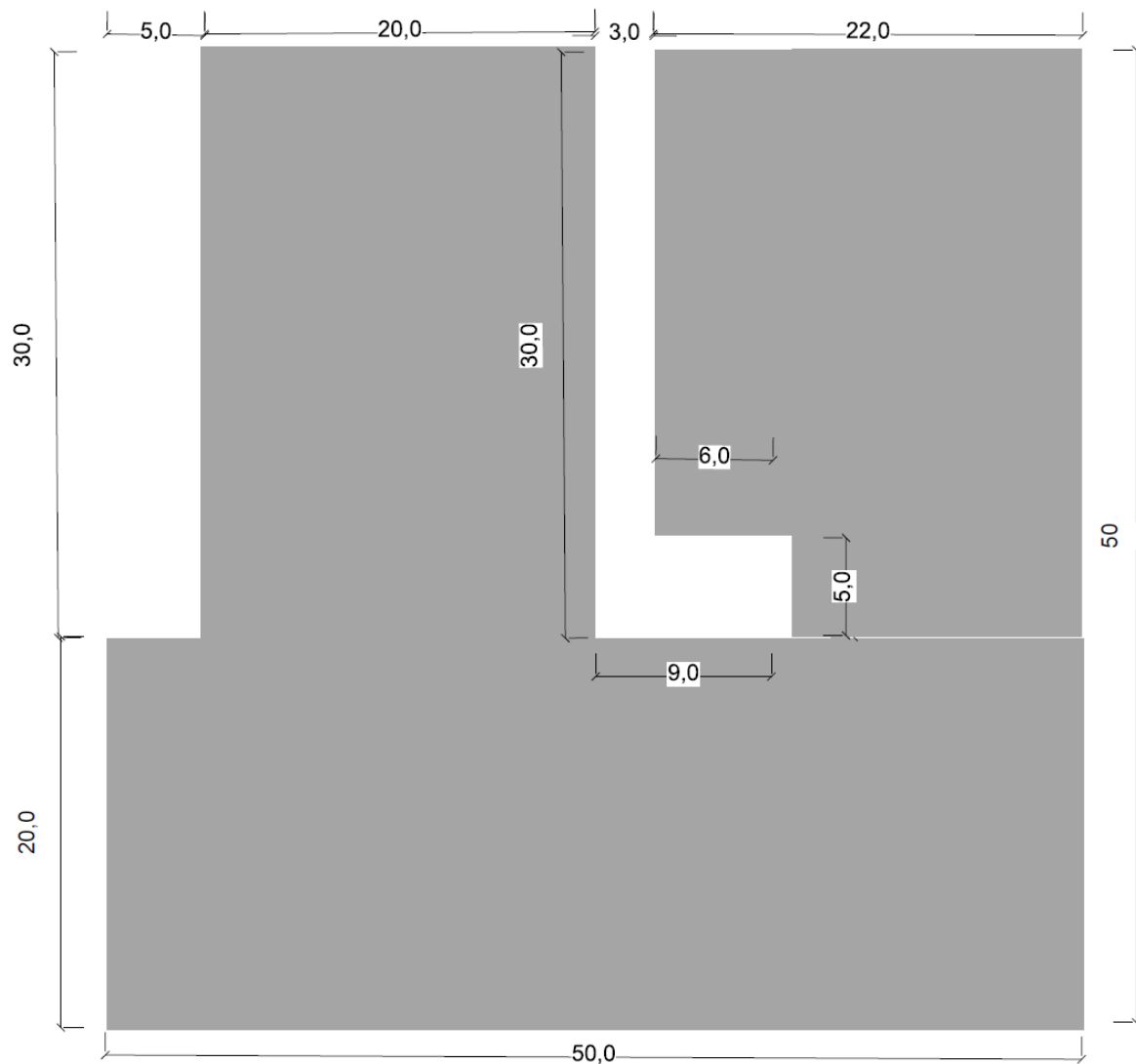


## Markers:





Cone lifter



## Article No.–Article Name

Annex 12 Other Competition Formats

## Explanation for Proposed Change

In order to regulate the additional formats that have been organised at some FEI Events, the Committee proposes the following additions to the Rule book.

## Proposed Wording

### **Annex 12 Other Competition Formats**

#### **The Head-to-Head Competition (Youth Cup – Art. 7)**

**Note:** Applies only to Single Horses or Single Ponies with a Marathon carriage.

1. This Competition takes place by pairs of Athletes against each other over rounds.
2. The two Athletes will compete against each other simultaneously over two identical courses as per Annex 1. The maximum round per Horse/Pony is four.
2. The distance between the pair of cones must be between 1.70 and 1.80 meters.
3. If one Athlete enters the other Athlete's course and it results in interference of the Athletes Competition round or course, the Athlete responsible for the interference will be eliminated.
4. The winners of each eliminating round are qualified to compete in groups of two in the next eliminating round and so on until the two finalists meet each other to decide the winner of the Competition.
5. In this Competition, each Athlete may only drive one Pony/Horse in the eliminating rounds. If an Athlete finds that their opponent has withdrawn from any round, the Athlete remaining in the Competition is deemed the winner and advances to the next round.
6. The Competition is run under the same scoring as Article 6, with the exception that every ball that falls is counted as 4 seconds penalty.
7. The Athlete who gets the least number of points and who in the event of equality of points has passed the finishing line first will be qualified for the next round and so on, until two finalists meet to decide the winner. Athletes defeated in the corresponding rounds are placed equal.
8. A member of the Ground Jury must be stationed at the starting line to give the starting signal and another at the finishing line to decide which Athlete crosses this line first.
9. If, at the end of the eliminating round, there is a dead heat between two Athletes, the round must be started again.
10. The starting order will be decided according to Annex 1 following the rankings of the Dressage Competition.

#### **Top Score Competition**

##### **Starting order:**

If dressage before this competition, the starting order will be the reversed order of the dressage.

If no dressage before, the starting order will be done as by art.948.1.1.1

##### **Carriage :**

See art. 937.3

##### **Dress :**

See art. 928.2 - Dress in Dressage and Cones on a Dressage Carriage

##### **Competition:**

Each obstacle is allotted 10 to 120 points according to difficulty.

The athlete is credited with the allotted number of points per obstacle that has been driven correctly.

In a maximum allowed time (3 minutes) the Athlete may pass all the obstacles in any order and in any direction but only twice.

When the bell to start is run the Athlete has 45 seconds to start.

He has to pass the starting line in either direction.  
During his round, the Athlete is permitted to cross the starting and finishing lines in either direction, as often as he wishes.

The bell is rung to declare the end of the fixed time during which points may be obtained.  
The athlete must then cross the finishing line in any direction to allow the time to be recorded, if he does not cross the finish line he is eliminated.

If the fixed time is reached at the moment the turnout with all four horses/ponies is already in the obstacle or has already passed the obstacle, this obstacle is included in the Athlete's Score if it is driven correctly.

Taking an obstacle more than twice does not cause elimination; however, the athlete does not score any points.

No points are awarded for an obstacle that is knocked down.  
Obstacles knocked down during the round will not be rebuilt; if they are driven again, no points will be credited to the athlete.

The same applies for knocking down an obstacle as a result of a disobedience. In the case of a disobedience without a knock-down, the Athlete may drive that obstacle or continue to another obstacle.

All disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Athlete.

Driving an obstacle more than 2 times, does not incur elimination, however, the Athlete does not score the points allotted to this obstacle.

An obstacle of the course, duly marked by flags is the "Joker". The Joker may also be driven twice; 200 points are awarded each time this obstacle is driven correctly, but if it is knocked down, 200 points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete.

The Athlete who has obtained the highest number of points will be declared the winner.

In the event of equality of points, the fastest time will decide. In the event of equality of points and time for first place, there will be a drive-off over the same course with a shortened time of 2 minutes

### **Extreme Driving**

Please refer to the World Cup Rules.

### Article No.–Article Name

Annex 13 - Rules for Young Horses / Young Ponies

### Explanation for Proposed Change

The FEI is incorporating the Young Horses Rules, previously a standalone document, into the Driving Rules to ensure they are formally included in the Rules Revision Process.

This integration introduces new concepts, including the addition of Young Ponies competitions and a revised championship format. All proposed modifications are detailed in the marked-up version of the Rule Book.

The FEI would also like to gather feedback from National Federations regarding the appropriate minimum age for Athletes participating in Young Horse events.

### Proposed Wording

Please refer to the Mark-Up Version of the Rule Book for full details.

### Article No.–Article Name

Articles TBC – FEI Driving European Combined Championship for Horses

### Explanation for Proposed Change

#### **Proposal for a European Combined Championship for Horse Classes**

Following the positive feedback received from stakeholders during the 2023 survey (296 respondents), the Driving Technical Committee is proposing the introduction of a new FEI Driving European Combined Championship for Horse Classes, which would unite the current European Four-in-Hand Horse Championship with new European Championships for Pair and Single Horses.

This initiative responds to the strong demand for more high-level Continental events and aims to increase visibility, competitiveness, and participation opportunities for all Horse classes within Europe.

In addition, the Committee proposes that the Para Driving **World** Championship be hosted at the same venue, to advance inclusivity, increase exposure, and support the continued development of the sport.

#### **Key Principles of the Proposal**

- One combined Championship for all Horse classes: Four-in-Hand (H4), Pair (H2), and Single (H1) Horses, under the title *FEI Driving European Combined Horse Championship*.
- National Teams: Each nation may enter up to two Athletes per class, resulting in teams composed of a maximum of six Athletes per country (2 H1, 2 H2, 2 H4).
- Championship Format: The team and individual classification system would follow a similar structure to the one used at the FEI Driving World Championship for Combined Ponies.
- Scheduling: This Championship would take place in even years, while the FEI World Championships for H1, H2, and H4 would be held in odd years:
  - Odd years: CH-M-A4, CH-M-A2, CH-M-A1, CH-M-YH
  - Even years: CH-EU-Youth, CH-EU-Combined Horses, CH-M-PEA, CH-M-Combined Ponies, CH-M-YH

## Format and Numbers

### 1. Athlete and Horse Participation

- With 2 Athletes per class per nation:  
→ Maximum of 76 Drivers and approximately 200 Horses.
- Plus approximately 20 Para Drivers with one Horse each.

### 2. Individual Entries

- Individual entries may be allowed at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Flexibility is proposed to allocate more individual entries to one class over another, with a maximum variation of one additional individual per class.
- An entry from a nation not able to send minimum one Single, one Pair and one Four-in-hand shall be classified as Individual Entries.

### 3. Team Scoring

- Preferred scoring format:
  - Best result from H4 counts.
  - Both results from H1 and H2 count.
- The team ranking would be determined using overall scores (combined total across the three tests), rather than separate scores per competition.

## Proposed Wording

TBC following consultation

## Article No.–Article Name

FEI Certified Service Provider

## Explanation for Proposed Change

In 2019, the FEI implemented a certification process for IT providers and software used to produce and submit results at FEI Events. This process (available [here](#)) was developed to ensure reliability, accuracy, and compliance with FEI standards.

Since its introduction, the certification procedure has proven effective. The FEI now proposes to formally incorporate the requirement for certified IT providers into the FEI Rules. A progressive implementation specific to the Driving discipline will be proposed.

## Proposed Wording

For the proposed wording, please refer to the memo for the General Regulations.

Article No.–Article Name
Multiple Articles – Alignment with the FEI General Regulations
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The use of the word “competition” throughout the Driving Rulebook was not always consistent with the FEI General Regulations.</p> <p>The definitions have now been clarified, and the rulebook has been updated throughout to ensure correct usage of the term.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Annex 10 – Definitions:</p> <p><b>Competition:</b> <u>A Driving Competition consists of three distinct tests during which an Athlete competes with the same Horse(s) throughout, namely: Driven Dressage, Marathon, Cones or Combined Marathon. A component of a Driving Event: Driven Dressage, Marathon, Cones and Combined Marathon-Cones.</u></p> <p><b>Phase:</b> <u>A component of a Driving Event: Driven Dressage, Marathon, Cones and Combined Marathon-Cones.</u></p>