



# International Carriage Drivers Association

## DRIVERS MEETING TOPICS

Date : February 6, 2026 – World Cup Final Bordeaux (FRA)

### World Cup matters (alphabetical order)

Additional competitors	Suggestion is to make proposal to all WC OCs to introduce a similar additional competition to an event.	minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Additional show block	At the end of the prize-giving ceremony, organize a planned show or presentation featuring the 6–7 carriages, to create a high-quality and impressive presentation.	suggested by Jerome V
Adjustments course	Proposal to add in the rules the possibility to have a meeting with the PoJ, CD and athletes in case the course needs to be adjusted after the first day (more horse friendly / driveable / length).	suggested by ICDA
Body protectors	The wording in the rules will not be changed from “back protector” to “body protector.” Body protectors are not considered appropriate, as they are too hot and bulky for indoor use, where temperatures are approximately 20°C.	minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Competition schedule	First day very late, then next day rest day.	minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Costs tack boxes	Proposal is max. equivalent to 1 stable.	minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Course design & length	Course design should be horse-friendly and appropriately paced. Regardless of arena size, courses should aim for an average duration of no less than 130 seconds and no more than 160 seconds, calculated across all athletes.	See minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Drive-Off format	Removing gates in the Marathon Type obstacle during Drive-Off 1 may confuse the public. As an alternative, removing cones at the end of the course was suggested, although this could advantage drivers qualifying for the drive-off. The rules could be amended to allow either no course changes in Drive-Off 1 or only the removal of cones at the end.	minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Education officials	Thoughts should be given how to educate officials for World Cup events.	suggested by ICDA
Final format	First day – final: 25% of result if 2 rounds, 50% if 1 round.	minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Presentation competitors	Proposal to put in rules the procedure for the presentation before the competition: the first competitor to compete should enter first and also leave first, in order to have sufficient time to prepare and to ensure equal preparation opportunities for all competitors.	suggested by Jerome V
Qualification System	Concerns were raised that CAIO4* events are disadvantaging CAI3* World Cup Qualifiers, leading to their removal from the calendar. Proposals included removing the 5-point allocation from CAIO4* events, increasing counted World Cup results from 10 to 15, or reallocating 5 points to the World Championships (from +5 to +10). Further consideration is required.	minutes meeting Geneva 2025
Qualifiers – prize money	Proposal increase in prize money for CAIOs. This could raise the threshold for obtaining “O” status, encouraging OCs to opt for 3* events instead, while keeping the “O” more exclusive.	suggested by Koos de R / Bram C
Speedbox	Suggestions are welcome on how errors made in the speed box can best be described in the rules. It should be clear to the officials as well as to the spectators (now any party dislodged = driven).	suggested by ICDA

### General matters

Helmet in dressage	Petition / survey (ICDA)	Topic suggested by Bram C
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