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Newsletter

INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE DRIVERS ASSOCIATION – FEBRUARY 2026

DRIVERS CLUB

Hi {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},
We are well into 2026, and our first year has been a busy ICDA year and we are excited to see what the coming year will bring!

What have your ICDA Committee been doing?

Some highlights of the work that has been done for you as member:

- ICDA present at the Sports Forum in Exloo & the General Assembly in Hong Kong
- Transferring your wishes and requests into recommended changes (103!!) for the full rules revision 2026
- Active and ongoing communication with the FEI on calendar issues
- ICDA representation in the working groups on safety vests & rules

Curious? Have a closer look on our website!

More Information Here

From Manu to Molly



In December during the World Cup event in Geneva we said goodbye to Manuel Bandeira de Mello, who retired after 11 years as Director of Driving. Manu was one of the engines to get ICDA acknowledged as an official FEI stakeholder & he addressed some friendly words to ICDA: 'ICDA has already played a substantial role in the Driving Sport in the recent full Rules revision process and will continue play a major contribution in the sustainability of Driving in the equestrian sport. Please do not give up, pursue the enlargement of the institution and don't be afraid to speak out your views of the sport, you have now a voice that can be heard.'
The FEI appointed Molly Day (GBR) as Director of the Eventing & Driving Department, a newly created role reflecting the strategic merger of the two departments. In the February issue of the ICDA Newsletter Molly will tell you about her new role and ideas for driving.

Read more here

Meet your ICDA Representative



No less than 17 members are representing the driving world - in your class! - in the ICDA committee.
Who are they?
Check our website!!
Do you have questions or suggestions? Do not hesitate to contact them (or office@icda-driving.com).

Link to list of ICDA committee members

Working Group Scoring



A working group has been set up by the FEI to review the scoring system for competitions. This follows recommendations from both ICDA and a number of National Federations which were made at the General Assembly in Hong Kong.

The initial focus on dressage scoring has been broadened to include both marathon and cones.

ICDA is represented on this working group by Hugh Scott Barrett.

Do you have ideas on ways in which the scoring system can be improved? please let us know your thoughts.

Email Here

Safety Vest Working Group



Glenn Geerts is representing the driving community in the FEI Safety Vest Working. An update from Glenn below;

"I had a first meeting with the working group, and it was very positive. Serious

research is being conducted into injuries and how falls occurred. It is good that there is now also input from the driving discipline, as they had not previously considered that our sport works very differently and that we also have grooms on the carriage. I will therefore do my utmost to defend the interests of driving. If there are any ICDA members who have questions or ideas, they are always welcome to contact me by email."

We kindly ask you to complete the survey regarding this issue which will be sent in a separate email.

If you have other input: don't hesitate to let Glenn / us know!!!

Email Here

Date for your Diary - General Assembly 2026

The ICDA General Assembly in 2026 will take place in Munich (FEI World Driving Championship for Singles) September 1 - 6, 2026, we will inform you about the format the coming months!

New Look, New Logo, New Website

We are currently working on a new website so you if you notice the website in maintenance mode it is just that there is work being done at that particular time, check back later. In February we will reveal a new look and new Logo with an added addition to the logo! Are you curious?
With the launch of the new website the website will switch to a Subscription website to access the important ICDA information. ICDA is run by a committee of volunteers however there are costs associated with the organisation and we hope that you will support the subscription. It will be
€15.00 per year in line with other similar organisations in the equestrian world.
We will keep you informed!

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