View in browser

May Newsletter

MAY 2025



Hi {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},
It has been a while since our last newsletter and we wanted to give you around up of what has been happening.
Have you seen the ICDA survey results? Did you know ICDA was represented at the recent FEI Driving Forum in Exloo? Have you seen the recent rule changes and communications with the FEI about that? Read on to get all the news!

FEI Rule Update - Heart Check on Arrival at FEI Competition

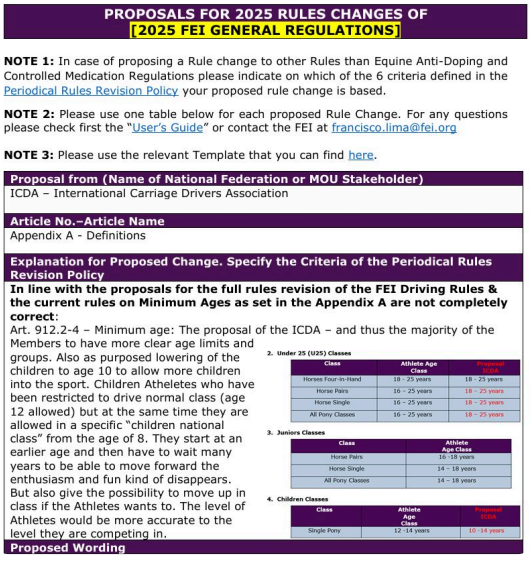
Following the recent FEI Competition at Kronenberg ICDA raised a concern regarding the way the new Veterinary Rules on heart rate checks are being implemented upon arrival at competitions. This has resulted in an addition to the guidelines - you can read about it and see the correspondence here



FEI Measuring Device for the control of noseband tightness at FEI events.

Since 1st May officials at FEI events will check horses for noseband tightness. You can find the various demonstration videos HERE. Have you had a noseband check? Do you have feedback? We would like to hear it - you can email us to office@icda-driving.com - or send us a facebook message.





PROPOSALS FOR 2025 RULES CHANGES OF [2025 FEI GENERAL REGULATIONS]

NOTE 1: In case of proposing a Rule change to other Rules than Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations please indicate on which of the 6 criteria defined in the Periodical Rules Revision Policy your proposed rule change is based.

NOTE 2: Please use one table below for each proposed Rule Change. For any questions please check first the "User's Guide" or contact the FEI at francisco.lima@fei.org

NOTE 3: Please use the relevant Template that you can find here.

Proposal from (Name of National Federation or MOU Stakeholder)
ICDA – International Carriage Drivers Association

Article No.–Article Name
Appendix A - Definitions

Explanation for Proposed Change. Specify the Criteria of the Periodical Rules Revision Policy
In line with the proposals for the full rules revision of the FEI Driving Rules & the current rules on Minimum Ages as set in the Appendix A are not completely correct:
Art. 912.2-4 – Minimum age: The proposal of the ICDA – and thus the majority of the Members to have more clear age limits and groups. Also as purposed lowering of the children to age 10 to allow more children into the sport. Children Atheletes who have been restricted to drive normal class (age 12 allowed) but at the same time they are allowed in a specific "children national class" from the age of 8. They start at an earlier age and then have to wait many years to be able to move forward the enthusiasm and fun kind of disappears. But also give the possibility to move up in class if the Athletes wants to. The level of Athletes would be more accurate to the level they are competing in.

2. 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

3. Juniors Classes

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

4. Children Classes

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

Proposed Wording

ICDA working for you!

ICDA has recommended a number of rules changes which are designed to help reduce costs, improve accessibility and fairness and simplify the rulebook by removing rules which do not serve any meaningful purpose, click on the button below to be brought to our correspondence with FEI.

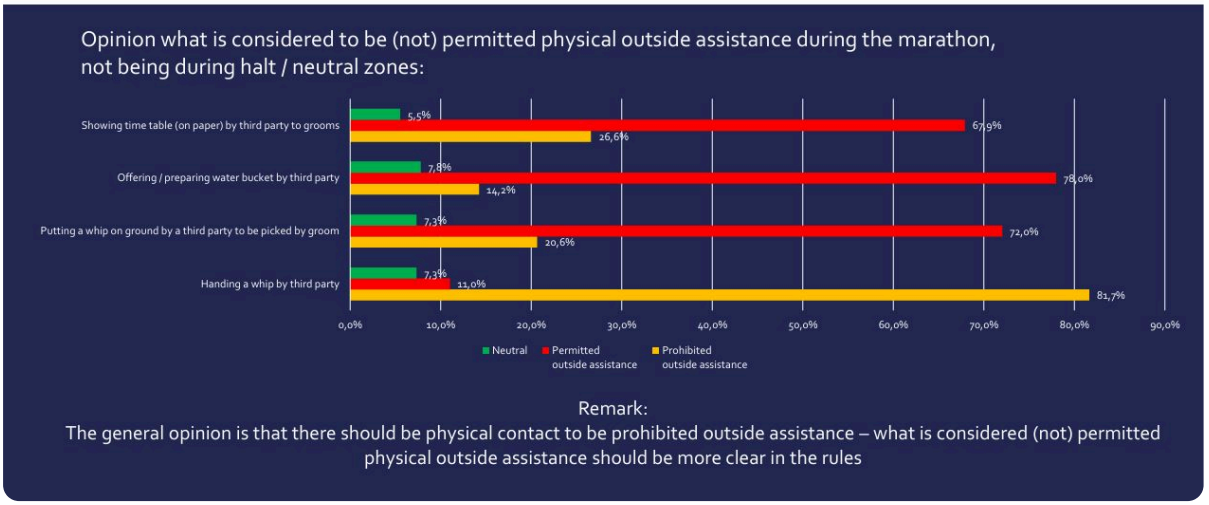
Read More Here

ICDA Survey Results

Following the participation in the ICDA Survey the results have been put together in an easy to read presentation - accessible via THIS LINK

SUMMARY ICDA SURVEY

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE



Remark:
The general opinion is that there should be physical contact to be prohibited outside assistance – what is considered (not) permitted physical outside assistance should be more clear in the rules

Correspondence between ICDA and FEI

Did you know we upload all of the correspondence between ICDA and FEI on the website in the Members Zone under the category ICDA Actions/Rules Revision.

From: Office - ICDA
Sent: Tuesday, 22 April, 2025 18:46
To: Manuel Bandeira de Mello

Topic: Review first shows - Cones competitions at Exloo & Kronenberg

Dear Manu,

We are writing to express athlete concerns about the cones course design, based on the first two major competitions of the European season at Exloo and Kronenberg. Course Designers are continuing to prioritise technically difficult cones courses over courses that flow.

ICDA Annual General Meeting - AGM - **Le Pin au Haras (FRA)**



Date for your diary - The 2025 AGM of International Carriage Drivers Association will be held at the **FEI Driving World Championship for Combined Ponies Le Pin au Haras (FRA)** in the week of 17-21 September. Will you be there? Details on exact location at the event and time will be announced in our next newsletter.

International Carriage Drivers Association

Meeldijk 3, 3238LC Zwartewaal

This email was sent to {{ contact.EMAIL }}.
You've received this email because you've subscribed to our newsletter.

Unsubscribe