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PARA DRIVING

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Para Driving

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Para Driving

“What does the future look
like?”



Para Driving



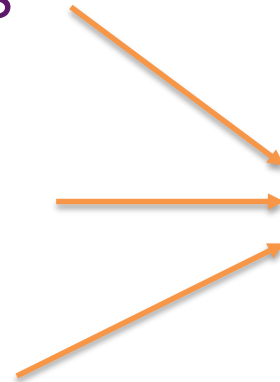
The principles



The present



The future



for Para Driving

The principles : combined Driving competition



Dressage

Marathon



Cones

The principles

- Para Driving rules included in FEI Driving rules
- All rules and regulations with regards to competition venues and testing are governed by the same principles as other disciplines
- The FEI General Regulations, FEI Statutes and FEI Discipline rules apply

The principles

- Classification in CD I or CD II
- Competitors must use the appropriate equipment as stipulated in the FEI Driving Rules, and are only permitted the use of compensating aids when this has been formally documented and approved
- All compensating aids are noticed on the Master list for Para Drivers

History



International Para Driving events

1989 Lilford Park (GBR)

1990 Assen (NED)

1994 Hartpury (GBR)

1996 Westerbork (NED)

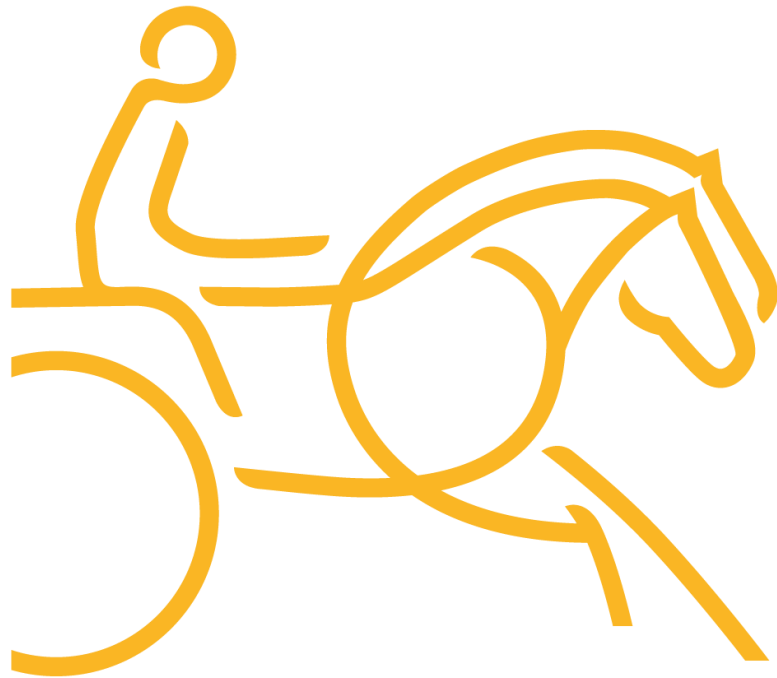
World Championships Para Driving

1998	Wolfsburg (GER)
2000	Stadl Paura (AUT)
2002	Greven (GER)
2004	Hopetoun (GBR))
2006	Hellendoorn (NED)
2008	Greven (GER)
2010	Breda (NED)
2012	Breda (NED)
2014	Sandringham (GBR)
2016	Beesd (NED)
2018	Kronenberg (NED)

Governance

In 2006, the FEI took over the governance for Para Driving

National and international competitions in Driving for individuals with a disability





But how does it look like ?





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The present situation

- FEI Body : The FEI Driving Technical Committee
- FEI Board Member: Mr. Karoly Fugli (HUN) (Chair)
- FEI Headquarters: Aude Barby, Chloe Harty
- FEI Website: Driving and Para Driving
- Para Driving Working Group

Para Driving Working Group

Settled in 2018 by the Driving technical Committee to assist and advise the Committee in Para Driving matters.

- Chair: FEI Driving Director : Manuel Bandeira de Mello (POR)
- Members:
 - Para Driving 4* Judge: Gun Hagring (SWE)
 - Member of the Driving Technical Committee: Richard Papens (BEL)
 - Para Driving classifier: Fredy Versluys (NED)

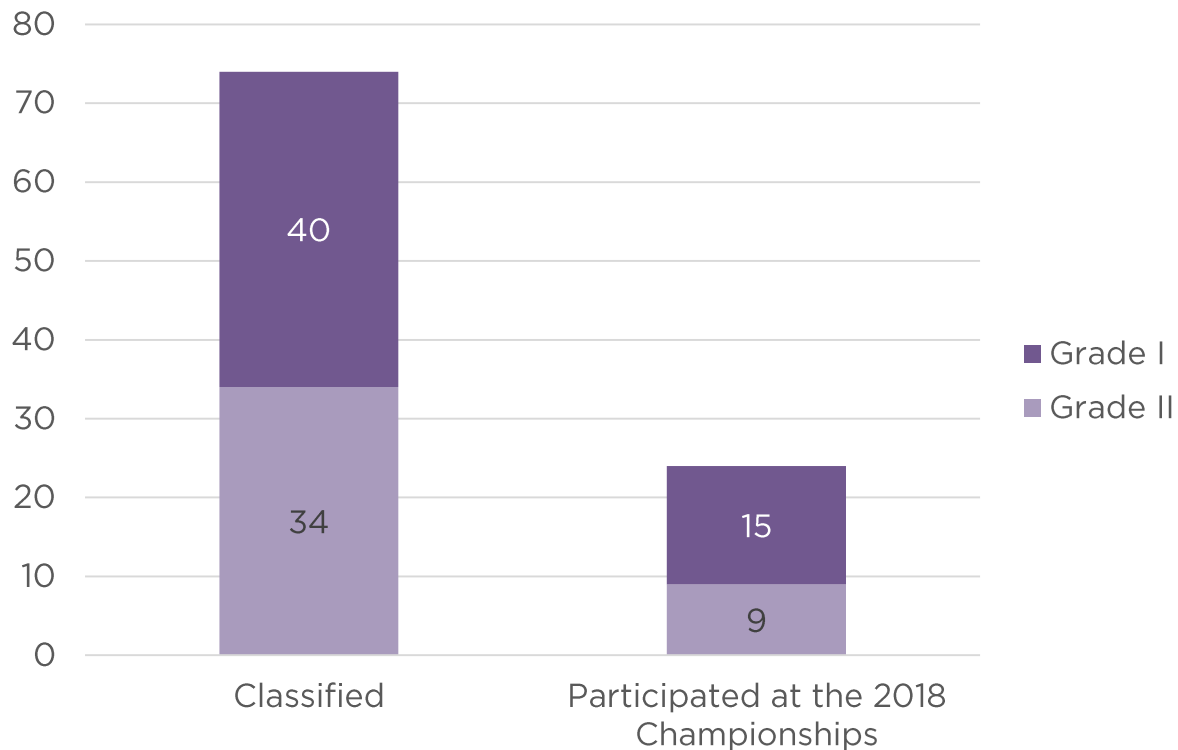
Para Driving Working Group duties

- Act as Panel for Non Standard Compensating Aids
- Update the Rules 2020 and Annex for Para Driving
- Topic at this moment :
 - Permission for Para Driver to drive with two hands in able bodied competition when one handed movement is requested.
- Communication by conference call, meeting and email

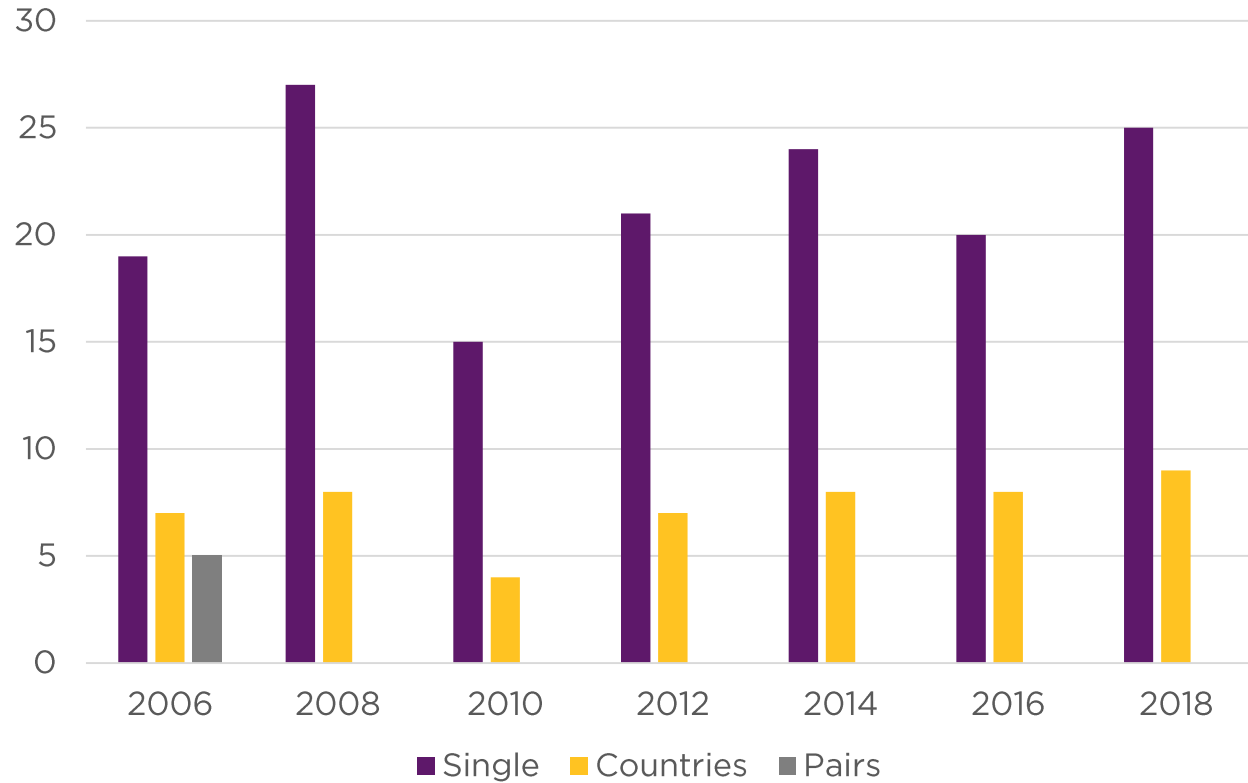
Athletes on the Para Driving Master List

- About 74 Athletes from 17 countries:
AUS, AUT, BEL, CAN, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, HUN, IRL, ITA, LAT, NED, NOR, SWE, USA
- 74 Athletes, but about 47 international active Para Drivers
- 7 countries have only 1 Athlete:
AUS, AUT, ESP, FRA, HUN, LAT, NOR

Para Driving Athletes



Competitors WC Para Driving 2006-2018



Differences Athletes Para Driving and Para Dressage

- Profiles: NE for Para Driving: 20, 23, 36, 37a.
- Average age of competitor
- Competitions
 - Every 2 years: World Championship Para Driving
 - If possible in the year between: CPEAI
 - National Para Driving competition (only in a few countries)
 - Competing in able bodied driving competition

Competitions



Para Driving World Cup Integrated in able bodied competition

Competitions

- During national or international able bodied events
 - Category Para Driving is added. (1)
- National :
 - Events for Para Drivers only (2)
 - Para Drivers compete during events in single classes for able bodied drivers (3)

The Events

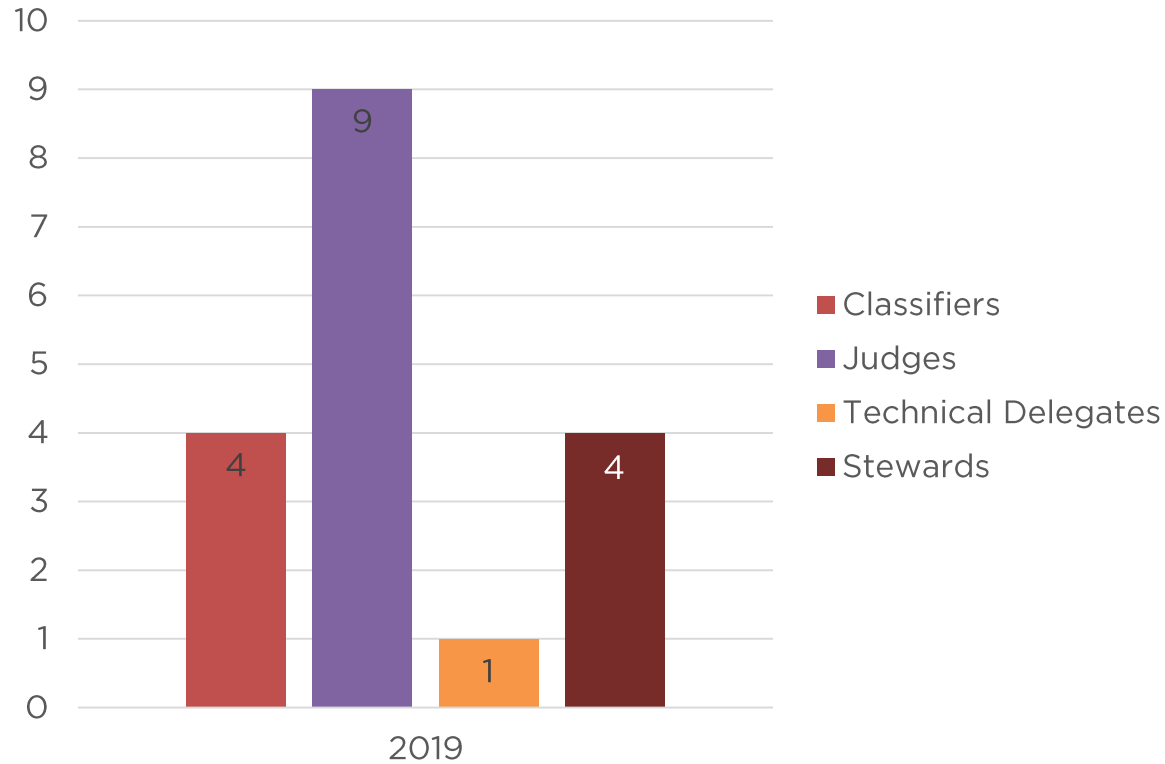
Championships	Nations	Nb nations	Nb Athletes
2018 Kronenberg (NED)	NED, GER, GBR, BEL, USA, IRL, DEN, SWE, ITA	10	24
2016 Beesd (NED)	BEL, GBR, GER, IRL, ITA, LAT, NED, USA	8	21
2014 Sandringham (GBR)	BEL, GBR, GER, IRL, NED, NOR, SWE, USA	8	24
2012 Breda (NED)	BEL, GBR, GER, IRL, NED, NOR, USA	7	22

Events	NE	Start Date	End Date	Shows
Sandringham, Norfolk	GBR	28/06/2013	30/06/2013	CPEAI 1
Conty	FRA	05/08/2009	09/08/2009	CPEAI 1, CPEAI 2
Sandringham, Norfolk	GBR	28/06/2013	30/06/2013	CPEAI 1

Officials

- Integrated events : same officials for Driving and Para Driving
 - 1 member of the Ground Jury: Para Driving judging qualification
 - TD with experience in Para Driving in order to check:
 - Equipment, Compensating aids and Safety

Officials



The future

- The FEI Driving Technical Committee, The FEI Driving Department and the Para Driving Working Group have the same goal:

Develop Para Driving in the coming years

- More communication with the Para Driving family;
- More athletes competing at FEI Level;
- More organisers involved in Para Driving events;

The future

Developing Para Driving :

- Learn about the Sport at National Level
- July 2019: survey by FEI to seek information from the NF involved with Para Driving

Para Driving Survey for NFs

- National Level:
 - Number of Athletes;
 - Number of Events;
 - Number of Officials;
 - Number of Classifiers;
 - National Rules.



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The future

The FEI needs to know more about the discipline and the Para Driving community.

- How can we make competitions more interesting for the public ?
- More differences between CD I and CD II, dressage tests?
- Adaptation classification system ?
- Officials, do they need information, courses?
- How can we interest the youth ?

The future

- In line with discussion on Sunday afternoon:
 - *developing Para Equestrian sports*
- To continue its work seeking the highest standards for the discipline, along with the Para Driving community
- High values like the Hand in Hand Trophy must prevail

The Hand in Hand Trophy

- The Hand-in-Hand Trophy was introduced in 2010 by HRH Princess Haya.
- Designed to promote the integration of Para Equestrian and able-bodied in equestrian sport.
- The scores of both competitors in dressage, marathon and cones are combined to decide the winners.
- The team with the least penalty points wins the Trophy.

The Hand in Hand Trophy



Saskia Siebers (NED) Single Driver and Francisca den Elzen (NED) Para Driver during the World Championships in Kronenberg 2018. Photo credit: Krisztina Horváth/hofnet.com



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