

FEI World Driving Championships for Young Horses

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1. Introduction / General

These Rules should be read in conjunction with the FEI Rules and Regulations, such as, but not limited to, the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Driving Rules, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes.

2. Event categories available in FEI Calendar (separate classes):

CAI YH 5yo	CAI YH 6yo	CAI YH 7yo
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3. References to the Rules:

1. Carriages and harness (Art. 936-942)

Dressage or Marathon carriages* are permitted for all classes except for the Finals 6 and 7 years old Horses where Marathon Carriage is compulsory in the combined Marathon.

* with correct dressage width

2. Grooms:

Refer to the FEI Driving Rules.

3. Entries

Number of entries per NF: up to ~~3-5~~ 5 entries par age category

Number of entries per Athlete: ~~maximum two~~ One Horses per age category

Open to all star rated levels of Athletes.

4. Size of the arena:

Class	Size arena		Nbr of Cones
CAI YH 5 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage and cones arena all in one	7
CAI YH 6 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage and cones arena all in one	8
CAI YH 7 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage and cones arena all in one	8
<u>Championship YH 5 yo</u>	<u>40 x 80m</u>	<u>Dressage and cones arena all in one</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Championship YH 6 yo</u>	<u>40 x 80m</u>	<u>Dressage (Part A)*</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Championship YH 7 yo</u>	<u>40 x 80m</u>	<u>Dressage (Part A)*</u>	<u>N/A</u>

*Part B is the combined Marathon – see below

5. Cones:

Ref. to Article 974.

Young Horses: 20cm clearance in the cones.

6. Final combined Marathon (6 and 7 year old classes)

- Applicable distances:
- 6 year old Horses: 1000m to 1200m
- 7 year old Horses: 1300m to 1500m

~~6 year old and 7 year old Horses:~~

- Time/speed in Cones
 - 6 year old Horses: 230-240 M/min
 - 7 year old Horses: 250 M/min
- Clearance in the Cones: 145cm
- Marathon Obstacles: see FEI Driving Rules

7. Specifications (Bits):

Bits: no kinton, no bit lifters and no second nosebands will be allowed

4. Officials:

1. Judges:

Class	Nbr of Judges	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 2, two Nationals (or above)
CAI YH 6 yo	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 3, two Nationals (or above)
CAI YH 7 yo	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 3, two Nationals (or above)
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 4 and two Level 3

2. Course Designer:

Class	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 6 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 7 yo	Min Level 2
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Min Level 4

3. Technical Delegate:

Class	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 6 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 7 yo	Min Level 2
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Min Level 4

4. Chief Steward:

Class	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 6 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 7 yo	Min Level 2
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Min Level 3

5. Judgment:

To be judged

1. The basic paces

Walk

Trot: Collected, working, medium and extended Trot as specified in the different tests

Canter: Collected, working, medium (for 6-and 7 year old only)

2. Demonstration of the level of training appropriate to the age of the Horse.
3. Overall impression to include character and education of the driving Horse in the dressage and the cones.

The most influential point is the character of the Horse and the Horse's drivability.

6. Requirements and evaluation:

1. Athletes will drive one of the tests for Young Horses YH 1 or YH 2 followed immediately by the Cones Driving in the same arena.
2. The judges will award their marks in accordance with the guidelines laid out below –full and half marks can be used.
3. In the event of incidents, penalties equal to 1/10 of the points shown in the FEI Driving Rules for Dressage and Cones will be deducted from the average result (example: 0,3 for a ball down, 0,5 for a groom down, etc..). The penalty for exceeding the Time Allowed in the Cones Driving is 0.1 penalty per second.

7. Qualification:

~~Can be held in each country~~ must be obtained at a CAI YH with a score of min. 7.0 in the ~~different-relevant age~~ classes; the assessment criteria are laid down in the guidelines below.

1. 5 year old Horses:

Test YH 1 consisting of part 1 dressage and part 2 cones together in one arena

2. 6 year old Horses:

Test YH 2 consisting of part 1 dressage and part 2 cones together in one arena

Or: Have completed a combined CAI 2* or above as Single or Pair with maximum 65 pts in dressage

3. 7 year old Horses:

Test YH 2 consisting of part 1 dressage and part 2 cones together in one arena

Or: Have one placing in a combined CAI 2* or above as Single or Pair with maximum 65 pts in dressage

8. Championship:

1. At the championship the horses have to do first a qualification in their relevant tests like in the qualification period

5-year old Test YH 1 (dressage + cones)

6- and 7- year old Test YH 2 (dressage + cones)

50% of the competing Horses qualify for the Final, with a minimum score of 6.0

2. If the number of starters permits, the OC together with the PGJ and the TD may decide to add a second qualification competition for the Horses who are not qualified for the Final after the first qualification test. The number of additional Horses that can qualify at the second qualification competition is decided by the PGJ, TD and OC before the second qualification– depending on the total number in each class. Each qualified Horse must have reached a minimum score of 6.0.

9. Final

5. 5 year old horses:

Test YH 3 (dressage + cones)

Calculated score including deductions for penalty points = **Final result**

6. 6 year old horses:

1. Dressage: Test YH 4 (Final dressage test) judged along the same guidelines with one final mark.
2. Special Combined Marathon with 2 Marathon obstacles (gates A-E) and 6-8 cones and in addition a water crossing.

Assessment criteria: Attitude, obedience, agility, productive efficiency, potential, speed; judged with one final mark (decimals possible).

Mark 1 + mark 2 = Final **result**

7. 7 year old horses:

1. Dressage: Test YH 4 (Final dressage test) judged along the same guidelines with one final mark.
2. Special Combined Marathon with 2 Marathon obstacles (gates A-F) and 6-10 cones and in addition a water crossing.

Assessment criteria and penalty points the same as above.

Mark 1 + mark 2 = **Final result**

10. Guidelines for judging Young Horses Aptitude Test YH 1 (5 year old horses)

Only full and half marks allowed

- A. Dressage:
- a) Basic paces
 - 1. Walk
(Rhythm, purpose, covering ground, active hindquarters, freedom in the shoulder, stretching forward and downward, relaxation) x 2
 - 2. Working trot
(Rhythm, impulsion, activity, swinging back) x 1
 - 3. Medium Trot
(Rhythm, impulsion, lengthening of frame and steps, swinging back, covering ground, balance) x 1
 - b) Education of the Horse referring to the Training Scale
(Contact, elasticity, willing to stretch, bending, obedience, suppleness) x 2
- B. Cones and Overall impression :
(Quality of natural movements, Obedience, suppleness, appearance, harmony of the performance, potential as a driving horse) x 1

All scores are added and divided by 7 = score for the performance
Penalties will be deducted from this score (see 36.3)

All incidents are calculated with 1/10 of the penalty points published in the current FEI Driving Rules referring to dressage or cones competitions.

11. Guidelines for judging Young Horses Aptitude (6 and 7 years old horses)

Only full and half marks allowed

A. Dressage:

- a) Basic paces
 - 1. Walk
(Rhythm, purpose, covering ground, active hindquarters, freedom in the shoulder, stretching forward and downward, relaxation) x 2
 - 2. Collected Trot and Working Trot
(Rhythm, impulsion, activity, swinging back) x 1
 - 3. Medium and Extended Trot
(Rhythm, impulsion, lengthening of frame and steps, balance, uphill) x 1
 - 4. Canter (Rhythm, suppleness, balance, impulsion, covering ground, uphill) x 1
- b) Education of the Horse referring to the Training Scale
(Contact, elasticity, willing to stretch, bending, obedience, suppleness) x 2

B. Cones and overall impression

- (Quality of Natural movements, obedience, suppleness, willing for collection, appearance, harmony of the performance, potential as Driving horse) x 1

All marks are added and divided by 8 = score for the performance

Penalties will be deducted from this score (see [36.3](#))

All incidents are calculated with 1/10 of the penalty points published in the current FEI Driving Rules referring to dressage or cones competitions