

**THE
FEI World Cup™ Driving Rules
In effect for the season 2016-2017**

1. Introduction / General

- 1.1. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI Rules and Regulations such as but not only 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.
- 1.2. The present Rules shall apply to the category of Horses Four-in-Hand.
- 1.3. The FEI World Cup™ Driving (hereinafter the "Series") is divided into 2 phases: the FEI World Cup™ Driving Legs (hereinafter the "Legs") and the FEI World Cup™ Driving Final (hereinafter the "Final").

FEI World Cup™ Driving Legs:

- 1.3.1. If there are a total of six or eight FEI World Cup™ Driving Legs, the top ten qualified Athletes at the end of the Qualification Period (as set forth in these Rules) (the "Qualified Athletes") shall compete in three (in case of six) or four (in case of eight) Legs. In the event of Athletes attending four Legs, it is the score from the best three Legs that will count.
- 1.3.2. If there are a total of seven or nine FEI World Cup™ Driving Legs, the Qualified Athletes (as set forth in these Rules) shall compete in three (in case of seven) or four (in case of nine) Legs. In the event of Athletes attending four Legs, it is the score from the best three that will count.
- 1.3.3 The Final is open to the top 6 Athletes as at the end of the last Leg.
- 1.4. In the event that two or more Athletes are placed in 6th position, having equal points, the available position in the Final will be given to the Athlete with the highest number of first places achieved at the FEI World Cup™ Legs. If the Athletes are still tied with equal first places then the number of second places will decide, and so on until the tie is broken.
- 1.5. At each Leg, two competitions are held:
 - Competition 1 with a Drive-Off (Drive-Off 1)
 - Competition 2 with a Drive-Off (Drive-Off 2).
- 1.6. Competition 1 will determine the starting order of Competition 2. If there is a preliminary Competition before Competition 1, the preliminary Competition will determine the starting order in Competition 1.
- 1.7. The Final can be held over 2 or 3 days
 - 1.7.1. The Final consists of 2 competitions: Competition 1 (without Drive-Off) and Competition 2 with Drive Off.

2. The Qualification for the Series

- 2.1. The qualification for the Series takes place at approved CAI3*, CAIOs and CH-M-A4 (hereinafter "Outdoor Qualifiers").
 - 2.1.1. The qualification period for the Series season starts on 1st October and ends on 30 September, preceding the relevant FEI World Cup™ Driving season.
- 2.2. Five bonus points are awarded for CAIOs and FEI World Driving Championships.
- 2.3. Points are awarded for a place at the Series. Only best four results to count.
- 2.4. There is no maximum number of Outdoor Qualifiers.
- 2.5. There is no restriction on the number of Outdoor Qualifiers per country.
- 2.6. Only those Outdoor Qualifiers in which Four-in-Hand Athletes from 3 or more National Federations (hereinafter "NFs") compete can be submitted by an Athlete in support of qualifying for the Series.
- 2.7. No more than two Outdoor Qualifying Competitions from the Athletes' own NF can be submitted by an Athlete in support of qualifying for the Series.
- 2.8. The top Athletes from the Outdoor Qualifiers list qualify to compete in the Series. The Athletes qualify and not the Athlete-horse combinations.
- 2.9. A maximum of three Athletes per NF can take part in the Series. In the event that more than three Athletes from one NF finish in the top ten of the ranking list, that NF's Athletes with the highest points qualify for the Series.
- 2.10. If one of the qualified Athletes withdraws from the Series it must be communicated to the FEI, at the latest, 14 days after the last Outdoor Qualifiers. The next Athlete in the ranking shall replace the Athlete that has withdrawn subject to the limitation on the maximum number of Athletes per NF as set forth in these rules.
- 2.11. At each Leg, five of the 10 Qualified Athletes may compete, plus one to three Wild Cards.
- 2.12. The Athletes may choose which Legs they want to enter, based on their placings in the FEI World Cup™ Driving ranking.
- 2.13. After the last Outdoor Qualifier the top ten Athletes are asked to select the Legs of the Series as follows:
 - The winner of the FEI World Cup™ Driving ranking may select his 1st Leg.
 - Then the 2nd placed may select one Leg, and then the 3rd placed, then the 4th and so on down to the last qualified Athlete.
 - Then the 1st placed may select his second Leg and the same rule applies down to the last qualified Athlete.
 - In case two Legs are on the same date, each Leg will get five of the qualified top ten Athletes. Athletes from the NF where the Legs are organised have priority to select to what Leg they want to compete in.

3. The Wild Cards

A) FEI World Cup™ Legs

- 3.1. Any Athlete who competes in a Leg with a Wild Card entry cannot earn FEI World Cup™ points from his result from that Leg.
- 3.2. All Athletes who may be invited to compete with a Wild Card entry must have completed at least one Outdoor Qualifier (without Disqualification, Elimination or retirement) in the relevant Qualification Period.
- 3.3. One Wild Card may be allocated by the Organising Committee (hereinafter "OC") of the country in which the Leg is held, in agreement with the NF. This Wild Card is reserved for an Athlete administered by the NF where the Leg is held.
- 3.4. Two additional Wild Cards may be allocated by the OC in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations.
- 3.5. All Athletes who have been granted a Wild Card to compete are required to start first in order in Competition 1. If there is more than one Wild Card, the starting order for Wild Card entries in Competition 1 shall be decided by draw as per the schedule.
- 3.6. All Athletes entered to compete in Legs must compete in Competition 1, unless an exception is granted by the FEI. In such case the Athlete has to go first in the Competition 2.

B) FEI World Cup™ Final

- 3.7. At the Final, one Wild Card may be allocated by the OC of the country in which the Final is held, in agreement with the NF. This Wild Card is reserved for an Athlete administered by the NF where the Final is held.
- 3.8. An Athlete who may be invited to compete with a Wild Card entry must have completed at least one Outdoor Qualifier (without Disqualification, Elimination or Retirement) in the relevant Qualification Period and must start first in order in Competition 1.

4. The Course

4.1. The Series is held over courses with:

- A maximum of Four Marathon type obstacles;
- A Bridge (optional). The bridge may not be shorter than 6 m. or higher than 20 cm. There must be wings and they must clearly be an aid to guide the horses and safe for the horses;
- The Bridge can only be crossed in a straight line direction with no turns or knockdowns applicable;
- 8 - 12 cone-type obstacles (depending on the size of the arena).

4.2. A Marathon type obstacle may have up to a maximum of 5 gates.

4.3. The Bridge may be used from both sides as a single obstacle, also, as part of a combination with a Marathon type obstacle.

4.3.1 One pair of cones must be part of the bridge, their width must be minimum 1.90 m and maximum 2.00m.

4.3.2 As an option there may be a double bridge, i.e. with passages from all four sides.

4.4. The distance between the last cone and the finish line should be at least 15m.

5. The FEI World Cup™ Legs

5.1. In principle both Competition 1 and Competition 2 are run as time competitions, with penalties converted to seconds.

5.1.1. In principle the course is the same for Competitions 1 and 2.

Competition 1:

5.2. In principle, a second round to Competition 1, called Drive-Off 1, shall be open to all Athletes. At the option of the Course Designer, the Drive-Off 1 may be on an altered or shortened Course.

5.2.1. The Athletes will have to receive the course plan in advance. There will be no course walk.

5.2.2 The time of the Drive-Off is added to the time of the first round.

Competition 2:

5.3. A second round to Competition 2, called Drive-Off 2, shall be open to the best three Athletes from Competition 2. The Drive-Off 2 shall be on an altered or shortened course, and will have to be different from Drive-Off 1.

5.3.1. The Athletes will have to receive the course plan in advance. There will be no course walk.

5.3.2. The Time of the Drive off is added to the time of the first round. The remaining Athletes are classified according to their time in the initial round.

5.3.3. At the option of the OC, the Drive-Off 2 may start from zero. The remaining Athletes are classified according to their time in the initial round.

5.4. At the option of the Course Designer, the course for the Competition 2 may be different from Competition 1. In both cases there must be at least 15 minutes allowed for the Athletes to walk the course(s).

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5.5. Marathon-type obstacle: In the case of an altered or shortened course, the Course Designer has the option to remove a gate in a marathon obstacle, provided the sequence of the letters is kept (example: ABCDEF => removal of C and the sequence of the gate will become ABDEF).

5.6. In a Marathon type obstacle each gate becomes individually open once it has been passed. The parts without gates are free after the bell has rung and the Athlete crossed the start line.

5.7. If an obstacle (marathon-type bridge or cone) has been passed it is open and can be passed again. Dislodging or knocking down an element (including the obstacle structure, even if the dislodgeable element belonging to it has already been knocked down), however, count as penalties.

5.8. Equipment: Marathon harness and carriage are required as per Articles of the FEI Driving Rules.

5.9. Advertising - as per the FEI Driving Rules and FEI General Regulations.

5.10. A Carriage must carry three people, one Athlete and two grooms, while competing.

- 5.11. Each Athlete may enter five horses. Horses must be at least 6 years old.
 - 5.11.1. Two Athletes may enter a joint 5th horse, i.e. the two enter nine horses together.
 - 5.11.2. If an Athlete is left with only three horses, he may borrow the 5th horse from another Athlete. This borrowed horse may not have been driven yet in the Event.
 - 5.11.3. Such horse may only be driven by that one Athlete thereafter.
 - 5.11.4. All entries must be made through the FEI Entry system.
- 5.12. The Series is open for horses only.
- 5.13. If two Athletes have the same result, money and points shall be combined together and shared equally.
- 5.14. Subject to Rule 3.5 and Rule 5.15, the starting order in Competition 1 shall be decided by a draw as per the schedule. The starting order in the Competition 2 is according to the reverse order of merits from Competition 1.
- 5.15. Athletes who have been eliminated in Competition 1 may start in Competition 2 and will start in first positions.

6. The FEI World Cup™ Final

- 6.1. Subject to Rule 3.8, in the Final, the starting order for Competition 1 is in reverse order of standings after Phase 1 (Legs).
 - 6.1.1. Should there be a tie, the starting order of the tied Athletes will be decided by draw. The draw will be done by the PGJ.
- 6.2. 50% of the score differential between each Athlete and the leading Athlete from Competition 1 (converted into seconds) will be carried forward by that Athlete into Competition 2. Scores from Competition 2 will be carried forward by the top 3 Athletes into the Drive Off.
- 6.3. The starting order in Competition 2 and the Drive Off is in reverse order of standings after the previous relevant competition(s).
- 6.4. The Drive Off must be run on an altered or shortened course. The Athletes will have to receive the course plan in advance. There will be no course walk just before the Drive Off.
- 6.5. In the Final, Athletes who have been eliminated in Competition 1 may not start in Competition 2.

7. General

- 7.1. The time of the Horse Inspection should be in relation to the time of the first competition. The Horse Inspection has to be in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations and should be conducted on a safe and suitable surface as approved by the FEI. If the Competition 1 takes place in the evening, the Horse Inspection should not be held the previous day, but if possible, within three to four hours of Competition 1.
 - 7.1.1 In principle competitions should not start later than 10.30 pm to allow proper rest periods overnight for competing horses.

7.2. The meeting of the FEI officials, the OC and the Athletes should be held immediately after the Horse Inspection.

8. Penalties

8.1. Penalty points	Seconds
- Dislodging a ball in a single obstacle	5
- Knocking over or down any element of a Marathon type obstacle	5
- Causing an obstacle to be rebuilt (clock stops) The clock starts again when the Driver approaches the next obstacle.	10
- Groom (s) dismounting 1 st or 2 nd time (clock does not stop)	5 (per incident)
- Driver dismounting	20
- Groom uses the reins or the carriage wheel brakes	20
- Wrong course in a Marathon type obstacle, corrected	20
- wrong gate (sequence or direction) with the entire turnout or part of the turnout, without dislodging an element (no clock stop)	20
- Wrong gate (sequence or direction) with part of the turnout and dislodging an element (clock stops and obstacle is rebuilt)	35 (in total per incident)
- Dislodging a ball from a wrong gate (sequence or direction) with a horse jumping into a cone, without passing through the gate (clock stops and obstacle is rebuilt)	15 (in total per incident)
- First or second disobedience	No penalties
8.2. Eliminations	
- Groom(s) or driver dismounting 3 rd incident	Elim.
- Third disobedience	Elim.
- Wrong course, not corrected, in Marathon type obstacles	Elim.
- Failing to pass through starting or finishing flags	Elim.
- Carriage turnover	Elim.
- Active use of the whip by the groom	Elim.
8.3.	If a ball is dislodged or a wooden block or a dislodgeable element is knocked down by any means, the penalty of 5 seconds is applied.
8.4.	In a Marathon type obstacle the lettered gates marked with red and white flags are to be driven in the right direction and sequence. Passing a compulsory gate in the wrong direction or sequence means elimination, unless the Athlete corrects this error of course. They are no entrance and exit gates.

- 8.5. The following count as disobediences:
- 8.5.1. When an Athlete attempts to pass through an obstacle and his horses shy away from the obstacle at the latest moment, without hitting any part of the obstacle.
 - 8.5.2. When the horses run away, or when, in the opinion of the President of the Jury, the Athlete has lost effective control.
- 8.6. Both grooms must be on the carriage when the carriage passes the finish. If not the team is eliminated.
- 8.7. After ringing the bell the Athlete has 45 seconds to start his course. If he has not started, the clock starts to run.
- 8.8. When there is excessive use of the whip in training arena or competition arena, the Athlete must be called publicly to the Jury Box.
- 8.9. An Athlete who is eliminated in a Drive off will be placed after all the Athletes who have completed the Drive off. If more than one Driver is eliminated in the Driver off, the rankings of the first round will be decisive.

9. The Point System

- 9.1. In all FEI World Cup™ Legs points are given as follows:

1 st	10 pts
2 nd	7 pts
3 rd	5 pts
4 th	3 pts
5 th	2 pts

If an Athlete does not finalise a Leg because the Athletes retires, is disqualified, is eliminated or for any other reason the Athletes in question receives 0 points. Exception: see Article 8.9

- 9.2. At the Final, all Athletes start Competition 1 with 0 points.
- 9.3. Results are "official" once they have been signed by the President of the Ground Jury. Any corrections may only be made with the approval and signature of the PGJ.

10. The Officials

- 10.1. All FEI Officials are appointed by the OC and approved by the FEI (exception 10.8).
- 10.2. The President of the Ground Jury must be an FEI Driving Judge, Level 3 or above, with experience of Indoor World Cup Competition.
- 10.3. There must be two field Judges in the arena during the competitions. One has to be an FEI Driving Judge, Level 2 or above, and the second Judge can be a national Judge, the TD or the Course Designer. These Judges must be in direct contact with the Judge's Box through the use of electronic communication equipment to include head set and microphone. No other persons are allowed in the arena during the competition. One Field Judge should be at the bridge, the other at the side of the arena. The Field Judges are equipped with red flags.
- 10.4. A second Driving Judge (can be a National Judge of the home country) is required in the Judge's Box.
- 10.5. The Course Designer may be appointed by the OC and can also act as the Field Judge.

- 10.6. A Technical Delegate must check all technical aspects of the Competition. The OC may invite a TD or the PGJ will also act as TD.
- 10.7. There must be at least one FEI Steward in attendance at all times in the warm up areas.
- 10.8. At the Final, the Course Designer is preferably chosen from a different Country each year and is appointed by the FEI and should, in principle, not be the same for two consecutive years.

11. The Entry Fee/Prize Money

- 11.1. An OC can, if they wish, charge a combined entry/stable fee per Athlete of up to a maximum of Euro 500.
- 11.2. The prize money at all regular Legs and the Final must be at least as follows, either in Euro or in Swiss Francs.

	Competition 1 EURO	Competition 2 EURO
1st	3100	5500
2nd	2100	4000
3rd	1700	3000
4th	1300	2750
5th	1000	2250
6th	800	2000
Total	EUR 10'000*	EUR 19500

- 11.3. If a seventh Athlete competes the seventh placed Athlete is to receive the following:

Competition 1 € 400.-
Competition 2 € 900.-

If an eighth Athlete competes, the eighth placed Athlete is to receive the following:

Competition 1 € 300.- Competition 2 € 800.-

An Athlete who does not finalise the Leg or the Final because the Athlete retires, is eliminated or for any other reason shall receive half of the prize money in question. Exception: see Article 8.9.

12. Specifications to the Rules

- 12.1. All balls, wooden blocks or other dislodgeable elements which are knocked down, remain on the ground until the Athlete has finished his course, unless the President of the Jury has rung the bell and the single obstacle or element(s) of the Marathon type obstacle have to be rebuilt, or the exit or the entrance are knocked down from the bridge. In this last situation the cones have to be rebuilt without the bell being rung (see 12.13).

- 12.2. If in the course of the competition one ball of a single obstacle has been dislodged (a 5 second penalty is incurred), an additional 5 second penalty is given if the other ball on the same obstacle is dislodged later by whatever means.
- 12.3. If an Athlete displaces a ball of a single obstacle or collides significantly with an element of a Marathon type obstacle by any means, before the obstacle is driven, the President of the Jury rings the bell. The clock is stopped, at the most convenient time for the Athlete, before the obstacle in question is approached, to allow the resetting of the obstacle. In this situation a 10 second penalty is incurred for rebuilding an obstacle in addition to 5 penalty seconds for dislodging the ball, wooden block or whatever from the obstacle that has been replaced. No time correction.
- 12.4. Significantly colliding with an element of a Marathon type obstacle means that the element is moved or knocked over in a way that the Athlete has no possibility to continue his course through the lettered gates, or the obligatory gate is clearly changed in position and original width. In this case the President of the Jury must ring the bell.

If not significantly displaced, the President of the Jury does not ring the bell and the Athlete has to continue his course.
- 12.5. When the Marathon type obstacle is significantly changed and the Athlete cannot continue his course, the President of the Jury rings the bell immediately and stops the clock. After the obstacle is rebuilt he rings the bell again. The Athlete has to start the obstacle by the first obligatory gate (A) again. The clock starts as the Athlete passes this first obligatory gate. For each knocked down element a 5 seconds penalty and for rebuilding, each time, an additional 10 seconds penalty is added.
- 12.6. If an Athlete corrects a wrong course he has to restart at the gate he missed. Such as: if he went from A to C, then realises it, he restarts from B. The time runs on, no bell is rung.
- 12.7. When an Athlete has completed a Marathon type obstacle with or without knocking down one or more balls, wooden blocks or other type of dislodgeable elements (excluding the letters), and later on in the course, by whatever means, he knocks down one or more balls, blocks or other dislodgeable elements of this Marathon type obstacle (including the obstacle structure, even if the dislodgeable element belonging to it has already been knocked down), an additional 5 seconds penalty is incurred.
- 12.8. An Athlete must proceed directly between obstacles attempting to pass through such obstacles in the correct numbered order.
- 12.9. A Cone-type obstacle must be driven through by at least one wheel of the carriage. If one or two balls are dislodged, 5 seconds penalty per ball is incurred. It is not necessary for the horses to pass through the cones.
- 12.10. Should the reins, pole straps or traces become disconnected or broken or the carriage seriously damaged; or should a horse get a leg over the trace, pole or bar, the President of the Ground Jury must ring the bell and a groom(s) must dismount and reconnect or repair. The Athlete will be given a 5 seconds penalty for groom(s) dismounting. The clock will be stopped.
- 12.11. In case of obvious cruelty the President of the Ground Jury has the duty to ring the bell and disqualify the Athlete from the Event.
- 12.12. The width of the cones may be 1.90 m or 2.00 m. The width of all obstacles (excluding the bridge) must be the same but may be adjusted after Competition 1.

- 12.13. If the Bridge is passed through from both sides, such as No. 4 from the right and No. 12 from the left, the exit side is NOT neutralised, i.e. penalties can be incurred on both sides. If the ball of the cone is displaced when the carriage leaves the Bridge, the obstacle should be rebuilt without the bell being rung.
- 12.14. If the Athlete is on course and the bell is rung the Athlete must stop. If he does not stop after a repeated ringing of the bell he will be eliminated. The OC should have a bell, which is loud enough for the Athletes to hear, even with loud music.
- 12.15. The two Judges in the Judge's box and the Field Judges in the arena will meet following Competition 1 at all Events to discuss and make changes if required.
- 12.16. Video recording of the course, in accordance with the GRs Art. 157.4, is recommended for direct use of the President of the Ground Jury in the Judge's box.
- 12.17. All Athletes and Grooms must wear an approved Equestrian Safety Helmet (correctly fastened) whenever driving in the competition arena and in the warm-up arena before competition in all paces other than walk. Infringement will incur a Yellow Warning Card. A second offence will incur disqualification. As an exception to this rule, Athletes may remove their headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National Anthem and any other ceremonial protocol. Such removal shall always be entirely at their own risk.
- 12.18. Grooms must wear a back protector in competition.
- 12.19. The cones forming an obstacle must be at least 30cm high and made of indestructible plastic material. The minimum weight for the cone is 2,5 kg (recommended weight range 2,5 to 4 kg) and the minimum weight for the balls is 200 gr (recommended weight range: 200 to 300 gr). The weight and dimensions of the cones and balls must be approved by the CD and/or the PGJ.

13. Organisation Matters

- 13.1. No passengers under the age of 14 years will be permitted on the carriage during the Prize Giving Ceremony, especially not as grooms.
- 13.2. Accreditations:
Each participating Athlete receives accreditations for himself and partner, four grooms and four owners.
- 13.3. Accommodation and meals:
Each participating Athlete receives free accommodation and meals for himself and two grooms (at least two double hotel rooms).
- 13.4. The free accommodation and meals start the day before, if the Horse Inspection is prior to noon, and ends the day after if the competition ends after noon. (12h00).
- 13.5. Each participating Athlete receives travel expenses at the rate of EUR 2 - per km one way (up to a maximum of EUR 2000 per Athlete at each CAI-W). The events in Sweden may also offer the Athletes, free of charge, the cost of the ferry from the Continent.

The travel expenses count from the place where the horses are stabled.

- 13.6. A Smart, Clean Dress Code is implemented. The Top Ten Athletes must wear their colours at CAI –W events.

Required are colours (contrasting) for:

- Long trousers (if jeans, must be dark coloured)
- Shirt with long sleeves, including a collar
- Vest or body warmer, including a collar
- Approved Equestrian Safety Helmet

Also the Wild Cards Athletes must compete as above, wind-breakers with long sleeves are not permitted.

- 13.7. There should be a printed running order for the horse inspection.
- 13.8. The draw must be in the presence of the Athletes.
- 13.9. The press centre must remain open or accessible until at least one hour after the prize giving ceremony.
- 13.10. At the Prize Giving Ceremony the Judges are the last to congratulate the winner and the placed.