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FEI Driving Rules – Proposed Modifications to be implemented 1st January 2018

Dear National Federations,

We have the pleasure of enclosing the proposed modifications to the FEI Driving Rules for 2018.

The modifications result from proposals made by the FEI Driving Technical Committee, the FEI HQ and from feedbacks received from our stakeholders of the Driving discipline.

You will find the proposed changes highlighted in the FEI Driving Rules in annex, of which the main areas of amendments are summarised hereafter:

CAI3* and CAIO4*	Addition of the World Cup competitions
Youth Championships	Definition of the Team
Dress, safety and whips	Modification for Athletes and Groom under the age of 18 for the Dressage test Modification of penalty points
Outside assistance	Clarification for the Dressage test
Starting Order:	Review of the Starting Order in CAIs Upon proposal from the BEL-NF, clarify the starting order for Athletes that start more than once in the same competition.
Para-Driving Athletes:	In order to uniform the judgement of Para Athletes in able bodies competitions.
The Course (Marathon)	Upon proposal of the DTC, addition of the Last Transfer section for more spectator friendliness and sports attraction for Athletes. The whole article 960 has been modify accordingly.
CAIO4* (Marathon)	Wording correction
Section B	Modifications made according to the addition of the Last Transfer section (art. 960)

Width of Cones	The minimum width of cones has been cleared in order to be in line with the philosophy of the time competition.
Times (Marathon)	Modifications made according to the addition of the Last Transfer section (art. 960) Modification of penalty points
Penalties on the Marathon course	Modifications made according to the addition of the Last Transfer section (art. 960)
Dismounting	Modifications made according to the addition of the Last Transfer section (art. 960)
Judges	Modifications made according to the addition of the Last Transfer section (art. 960)
Summary of penalties	Modifications made according to the addition of the Last Transfer section (art. 960)
Annex 8	Oxer clarification

We would appreciate any comments you may have on these proposed rule changes prior to 23:59 (CEST) on the **18 September 2017**. Thank you for reporting back to manuel.mello@fei.org directly.

Yours sincerely,



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FEI Driving Rules revision

2017 Rule

- 901.6. CAI3* and CAIO4*:** Have to be run over 3 days
6.1. The following Competitions formats can be organised:

Format 1	or	Format 2
Day 1: Dressage		Day 1: Dressage
Day 2: Marathon		Day 2: Cones
Day 3: Cones		Day 3: Marathon

2018 Rule modification proposal

- 901.6 CAI3* and CAIO4*:** Have to be run over 3 days / except FEI World Cup Indoor legs
6.1. The following Competitions formats can be organised:

Format 1	Format 2	WC indoor format
Day 1: Dressage	Day 1: Dressage	<u>Day 1: Competition 1</u>
Day 2: Marathon	Day 2: Cones	<u>Day 2: Competition 2</u>
Day 3: Cones	Day 3: Marathon	

2017 Rule

- 907.1 The team classification will be determined by adding together the scores from the Athlete in each class with the lowest penalties in each Competition. Only those scores of the team Members who have completed all three Competitions without Elimination can be counted towards the final team scores.

2018 Rule modification proposal

- 907.1 The team classification will be determined by adding together the scores from the Athlete in each class (only single pony category) with the lowest penalties in each Competition. Only those scores of the team Members who have completed all three Competitions without Elimination can be counted towards the final team scores.

2017 Rule

- 924.1 A national team shall consist of at least one Child, one Junior and one Young Driver and each Nation is entitled to send up to a maximum of six Athletes, maximum two per age category. NFs which cannot send a team may send up to four Athletes in total as individual entries, maximum two per age category.

2018 Rule modification proposal

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2017 Rule

- 928.3.1. At all times, whilst on a carriage, Athletes and Grooms under the age of 18 must wear a body protector and a securely fastened Protective Headgear. Infringement will result in Elimination.

2018 Rule modification proposal

- 928.3.1. At all times For Marathon and Cones, whilst on a carriage, Athletes and Grooms under the age of 18 must wear a body /back protector and a securely fastened Protective Headgear. Infringement will result in Elimination.
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2017 Rule

928.4.2. An Athlete must start the competition with a whip in hand or incur 10 penalty points.

2018 Rule modification proposal

928.4.2. An Athlete must start the competition with a whip in hand or incur ~~10~~5 penalty points.

2017 Rule

945.2.1.2 In Dressage and Cones, Grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between entering and leaving the Arena. They are not permitted to handle the reins or the whip (will incur 20 penalties) nor speak or indicate the course to the Athlete (will incur 10 penalties). However the Groom may handle the reins or the whip without penalty provided the carriage remains stationary.

2018 Rule modification proposal

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2017 Rule

948.1.1 Starting order for the first Competition for CAIs

The starting order will be a computer generated draw or a physical draw (physical draw is mandatory for World Cup Qualifiers), both held in any case in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury.

Starting Order for the second and third Competitions for CAIs

The Athletes will go in reverse order of the results in the previous Competition(s).

The Starting order will be:

- a) Retired Athletes, followed by
- b) Eliminated Athletes, followed by
- c) The Athletes competing twice with their turnout in the lowest placing, followed by
- d) The remaining Athletes, commencing with the highest number of penalties, so that Athlete with the least number of penalties achieved without Retirement or Elimination will start last.

2018 Rule modification proposal

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- ~~d) The remaining Athletes, commencing with the highest number of penalties, so that Athlete with the least number of penalties achieved without Retirement or Elimination will start last.~~

The list will be taken in the reverse order of the dressage results

A second Draw for the Marathon will be done according to the Dressage results:

- The list will be Divided in 3 groups (Best third – middle third – worse third)
- A draw will be done per group to determine the places per athlete
- The best group will be listed in the end

Starting Order for the third Competitions for CAIs

The Athletes will go in reverse order of the results in the previous Competition(s).

The Starting order will be:

- a) Retired Athletes, followed by
- b) Eliminated Athletes, followed by
- c) The remaining Athletes, commencing with the highest number of penalties, so that Athlete with the least number of penalties achieved without Retirement or Elimination will start last.

Those athletes that start more than once in the competition will always start their combination with the best result in the provisional standings first in the next competition

2017 Rule

955.5.2 Addition of new article.

2018 Rule modification proposal

955.5.2 Para-Equestrian Athletes in able-bodies competitions
Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the whole Dressage Test.

Note: The article 960 has been totally reviewed with the addition of the LAST TRANSFERT section

2017 Rule

Article 960 The Course (Marathon)

1. General

- 1.1. Maximum Distances and speeds must not be exceeded.
- 1.2. The speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in the case of adverse weather or ground conditions.
- 1.3. In CAI2* and 3* the Course must consist of two or three Sections. In CAIO4* and above, the Course must consist of three Sections. The distance must be as close to maximum distance as possible for Championships.
- 1.4. The actual distance and time allowed in the Transfer section to be confirmed by the Technical Delegate in conjunction with the President of the Ground Jury.
- 1.5. The total distance in Section B should be approximately one (1) km per obstacle and preferably not less than 700 m between two consecutive obstacles. The total distance in Section B must include the distances through the obstacles.
- 1.6. The distances between the end of one Section and the start of the next must not be included in the total length and time of the course.

2. Marathon sections:

2.1 CAIO4* and above (excluding Pony and Youth Championships)

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8000 m	5000	free	15	14
Transfer	1500 m	800 m	free		
B	9000 m	6000 m	free	14	13

2.2 CAI3*

Option 1 – Three-section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8000 m	5000	free	15	14
Transfer	1500 m	800 m	free		
B	9000 m	6000 m	free	14	13

Option 2 - Two- section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	9000 m	6000 m	free	Max 13 Min 11	Max 12 Min 10
B	9000 m	6000 m	free	14	13

2.3 CAI2*

Option 1 – Three-section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8000 m	5000 m	free	15	14
Transfer	1500 m	800 m	free		
B	7500 m	5000 m	free	14	13

Option 2 - Two-section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	9000 m	5800 m	free	Max 13 Min 11	Max 12 Min 10
B	7500 m	5000 m	free	14	13

Option 3 - CAI2* combined Marathon-Cones

A maximum of two Marathon-type obstacles and 8-12 cone-type obstacles.

Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace
800 m	600 m	free

A 2* Combined Marathon-Cones Competition is run as a Time competition (ref Article 969.2 and 971.2.1). The time allowed will be calculated with a speed of 240 m/min.

2.4 CAI1* combined Marathon-Cones

A maximum of two Marathon-type obstacles and 8-12 cone-type obstacles.

Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace
800 m	600 m	free

A 1* combined Marathon-Cones Competition is run as Fault Competition (penalties for obstacles knocked down) with a time allowed. Classification is according to penalties and driven time. The speed is 230 m/min.

For Penalties, please refer to Article 969.2.

2.5 CAI-Ch (Children)

Option 1 – Three-section Marathon

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour Pony
A ¹	5000 m	3000 m	free	14
Transfer	1000 m	800 m		
B ²	5000 m	3500 m	free	13

Option 2 – Two-section Marathon

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour Pony
A ¹	6000 m	3800 m	free	Max 12 Min 10
B ²	5000 m	3500 m	free	13

¹The section A can be organised in a closed area. In this case the Athlete must warm up the pony for a minimum of 20 minutes under the supervision of a Steward.

²At least 1 km per Obstacle.

2.6 Para-Equestrian Driving – CPEAI

Option 1 – Three-Section Marathon

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	6000 m	3000 m	free	15	14
Transfer	1000 m	800 m			
B ³	8000 m	3500 m	free	14	13

Option 2 - Two-Section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	7000 m	3800 m	free	Max 13 Min 11	Max 12 Min 10
B ³	8000 m	3500 m	free	14	13

³At least 1 km per Obstacle

3. A safety check of the turnout must be made before the start of Marathon and during the 10 minute hold at the end of the Transfer Section (Option 1) or Section A (Option 2) Compulsory rests.
 - 3.1. There must be a compulsory rest of not less than 10 minutes in the designated rest area prior to the start of Section B.
 - 3.2. The area of the compulsory rest should, if possible, provide some shade and must be large enough to accommodate three turnouts at once and have room for additional motor vehicles.
 - 3.3. Water must be provided at the rest area for the Horses.
 - 3.4. A farrier must be available at the rest area. If the Athlete has to wait for the Farrier for any reason beyond his control, then the Athlete will be credited with that time.
 - 3.5. In exceptional circumstances, the minimum time required for the Compulsory Rest may be increased by the President of the Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate.
 - 3.6. If a Horse is not accepted by the Veterinarian at the rest area after 10 minutes the Horse and Athlete will be Eliminated.
 - 3.7. Turnouts may only stand or walk within the rest area.
4. Section and direction signs
 - 4.1. The beginning and end of each Section must be marked with a pair of Red and White flags.

- 4.2. The entire Course must be clearly marked with yellow direction markers placed, wherever possible, on the right hand side of the track to be clearly visible to the approaching Athlete. A confirmation directional arrow must be placed after every significant turn.
 - 4.3. Sections A and B must have a marker at every kilometer. In Section B the measurement of the kilometers must include the distances through the obstacles.
 - 4.4. The marker for a kilometer occurring within an obstacle should be placed on the post supporting the red exit flag.
5. Compulsory turning flags
- 5.1. Sufficient red and white compulsory turning flags must be positioned on the Course to ensure that all Athletes follow the designated track. Athletes must leave the red flags on their right and the white flags on their left. These compulsory turning flags must be numbered consecutively in each Section and they must be placed so they are clearly visible to Athletes from a reasonable distance.
 - 5.2. The location and number of the Flags must be marked on the map of the Course to clearly indicate the correct route to be driven between the compulsory turning flags before and after each obstacle. In addition, a list showing the order for driving compulsory turning flags and obstacles must be provided for Athletes and Officials.
 - 5.3. Ground Observers must record the Athlete's track through the compulsory turning flags; If any compulsory turning flags are missed out or passed in the wrong sequence, the details must be reported to the member of the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate as soon as possible.
6. Paces
- 6.1. The finish of Section B must not be more than 300 m from the exit of the last Obstacle unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. If the last obstacle is situated within 300 m of the finish, the Athletes may stop within 30 m of the out gate of the obstacle to repair a broken or detached harness without penalty. A 30 m marker will be placed on the track to indicate this point if the last obstacle is within 300 m of the finish.
 - 6.2. Between last obstacle (or 300 m) and finish, pace must be trot or walk only. The Athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each five seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.

2018 Rule modification proposal

Article 960 The Course (Marathon)

1. General

1.1. Maximum Distances and speeds must not be exceeded.

1.2. The speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in the case of adverse weather or ground conditions.

1.3. In CAI2* and 3* the Course must consist of ~~two or three~~ three or four Sections. In CAIO4* and above, the Course must consist of ~~three~~ four Sections. In all marathon competitions a Last Transfer section between the finish line of the last obstacle which is automatic the finish line of the B-Phase and the start line of the Last Transfer (approx.. 150m – 250m) must be established. The distances must be as close to maximum distance as possible for Championships.

1.4. The actual distances and time allowed in the Transfer sections to be confirmed by the Technical Delegate in conjunction with the President of the Ground Jury.

1.5. The total distance in Section B should be approximately one (1) km per obstacle and preferably not less than 700 m between two consecutive obstacles. The total distance in Section B must include the distances through the obstacles.

1.6. The distances between the end of one Section and the start of the next must not be included in the total length and time of the course.

~~1.6.~~1.7. As an alternative option to the Phase A there can be used a controlled Warm-up (min 30 minutes before starting time) in a designated warm-up arena with minimum 7000 square metres, properly stewarded, with a judge and veterinarian in attendance.

A marathon-type obstacle for preparation purposes should be provided. Horse inspection and bit/harness control 10 minutes before the start in Section B is compulsory.

2. Marathon sections:

2.1 CAIO4* and above (excluding ~~Pony and~~ Youth Championships)

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8000 m	5000	free	15	14
Transfer	1500 m	800 m	free		
B	9000 m	6000 m	free	14	13
<u>Last Transfer</u>	<u>250 m</u>	<u>100 m</u>	<u>free</u>		

2.2 CAI3*

Option 1 – Three-section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8000 m	5000	free	15	14
Transfer	1500 m	800 m	free		
B	9000 m	6000 m	free	14	13
<u>Last Transfer</u>	<u>250 m</u>	<u>100 m</u>	<u>free</u>		

Option 2 - Two- section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	9000 m	6000 m	free	Max 13 Min 11	Max 12 Min 10
B	9000 m	6000 m	free	14	13
<u>Last Transfer</u>	<u>250 m</u>	<u>100 m</u>	<u>free</u>		

2.3 CAI2*

Option 1 – Three-section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8000 m	5000 m	free	15	14
Transfer	1500 m	800 m	free		
B	7500 m	5000 m	free	14	13
<u>Last Transfer</u>	<u>250 m</u>	<u>100 m</u>	<u>free</u>		

Option 2 - Two-section Marathon:

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	9000 m	5800 m	free	Max 13 Min 11	Max 12 Min 10
B	7500 m	5000 m	free	14	13
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Option 3 - CAI2* combined Marathon-Cones

A maximum of two Marathon-type obstacles and 8-12 cone-type obstacles.

Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace
800 m	600 m	free

A 2* Combined Marathon-Cones Competition is run as a Time competition (ref Article 969.2 and 971.2.1). The time allowed will be calculated with a speed of 240 m/min.

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Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace
800 m	600 m	free

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B ²	5000 m	3500 m	free	13
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Option 2 – Two-section Marathon

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed km/hour Pony
A ¹	6000 m	3800 m	free	Max 12 Min 10
B ²	5000 m	3500 m	free	13
<u>Last Transfer</u>	<u>250 m</u>	<u>100 m</u>		

¹The section A can be organised in a closed area. In this case the Athlete must warm up the pony for a minimum of 20 minutes under the supervision of a Steward.

²At least 1 km per Obstacle.

2.6 Para-Equestrian Driving – CPEAI

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3. A safety check of the turnout must be made before the start of Marathon and during the 10 minute hold at the end of the Transfer Section (Option 1) or Section A (Option 2) Compulsory rests.
 - 3.1. There must be a compulsory rest of not less than 10 minutes in the designated rest area prior to the start of Section B. Not compulsory in a "controlled warm up" but horse/bit / harness check as art. 960.1.7
 - 3.2. The area of the compulsory rest should, if possible, provide some shade and must be large enough to accommodate three turnouts at once and have room for additional motor vehicles.
 - 3.3. Water must be provided at the rest area for the Horses.
 - 3.4. A farrier must be available at the rest area. If the Athlete has to wait for the Farrier for any reason beyond his control, then the Athlete will be credited with that time.
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- 5.3. Ground Observers must record the Athlete's track through the compulsory turning flags; If any compulsory turning flags are missed out or passed in the wrong sequence, the details must be reported to the member of the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate as soon as possible.

~~6. Paces~~

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- ~~6.2. Between last obstacle (or 300 m) and finish, pace must be trot or walk only. The Athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each five seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.~~

2017 Rule

960.1.7 Addition of new article.

2018 Rule modification proposal

960.1.7 As an alternative option to the Phase A there can be used a controlled Warm-up (min 30 minutes before starting time) in a designated warm-up arena with minimum 7000 square metres, properly stewarded, with a judge and veterinarian in attendance.
A marathon-type obstacle for preparation purposes should be provided. Horse inspection and bit/harness control 10 minutes before the start in Section B is compulsory.

2017 Rule

960.2.1 CAIO4* and above (excluding Pony and Youth Championships).

2018 Rule modification proposal

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2017 Rule

961.3.2 The Entry and Exit of each Obstacle must be marked by Red and White Flags (red on the right and white on the left), not less than 20 m from the nearest lettered gate, unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. After the finish line of each obstacle a 30 m sign must be established.

2018 Rule modification proposal

961.3.2 The Entry and Exit of each Obstacle must be marked by Red and White Flags (red on the right and white on the left), not less than 20 m from the nearest lettered gate, unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. After the finish line of each obstacle (last obstacle excluded) a 30 m sign must be established. A dismounted groom in an obstacle must be back on the carriage before the rear axle passes the sign.

2017 Rule

961.6.1 **Width of cones** - the following clearances shall apply:

Division Class	Cones Width
Horse Four-In-Hand	1.80m to 1.90m
Horse Pair	1.70m to 1.80m
Horse Single	1.50m to 1.60cm
Ponies Four-In-Hand	1.70m to 1.80m
Ponies Pair	1.50m to 1.60m
Ponies Single	1.40m to 1.50m

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Ponies Pair	1.50m to 1.60m
Ponies Single	1.40m to 1.50m

2017 Rule

963.2.3 The Minimum Time for Section B is three minutes less than the Time Allowed.

2018 Rule modification proposal

963.2.3 The Minimum Time for Section B is ~~three~~ two minutes less than the Time Allowed.

2017 Rule

- 963.5.1 In all Sections, Athletes will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty per second for exceeding the Time Allowed.
- 963.5.2. Athletes completing Section A and B in less than the minimum time will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty point for each second they are early.

2018 Rule modification proposal

- 963.5.1 In all Sections, Athletes will be penalised ~~0.25~~ 0.3 of a penalty per second for exceeding the Time Allowed.
- 963.5.2 Athletes completing ~~Section A and B~~ in all sections in less than the minimum time will be penalised ~~0.25~~ 0.3 of a penalty point for each second they are early.

Note: The article 964 has been totally reviewed in accordance to the addition of the LAST TRANSFERT section

2017 Rule

Article 964 Penalties on the Marathon Course

1. Whips

Whips, if carried, may only be used by the Athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.

2. Error of Course

If an Athlete fails to pass through a compulsory turning flag (CTF) in the designated sequence, he may return to the point of error and drive the CTF, provided he has not driven the following CTF or the next Obstacle. An Athlete who fails to pass through a CTF in the published sequence and direction will be Eliminated, (except multiple CTFs which are to be driven several times with different numbers).

3. Deviation from the Course

- 3.1. Athletes must not deviate from the track for the last 300 metres. Athletes who stop, circle, zig- zag or leave the track in any other way will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.

- 3.2. Exception: See Article 960.6

4. Incorrect pace

Should one or more Horses break into a canter within the last 300 m before the finish and this is not corrected within five seconds, the Athlete will incur one penalty for every occurrence. If the break continues, the Athlete will incur one penalty for every additional completed period of five seconds.

5. Dismounting

- 5.1. Outside the obstacles in Section B, Grooms and Athletes are not allowed to dismount unless the Carriage is stationary. If the carriage is not stationary, either or both Groom(s) dismounting will incur five penalties. The Athlete dismounting will incur 20 penalties.
- 5.2. The Athlete and all Grooms must be on the carriage as it crosses the Start and Finish Line and passes through the compulsory turning flags in each Section. Failure to do so incurs 5 penalty points for grooms and 20 penalty points for the Athlete on each occasion.
- 5.3. In exceptional circumstances, if warranted due to the condition of the terrain or weather, the Technical Delegate and the President of the Jury may permit Grooms in Competitions for Ponies and Single Horses to run behind their carriage on designated parts of the Course.

6. Stopping

- 6.1. Athletes may stop for repairs to carriages or harness or for any reason beyond the Athlete's control anywhere on the course other than while negotiating an obstacle without incurring penalties, other than loss of time, except as in 960.6.
- 6.2. Athletes will incur one penalty point for each commenced ten seconds that they remain stopped on the course in Sections B for any other reason.
- 6.3. If an obstacle is situated within 300m of the finish line, an Athlete is allowed to stop to carry out necessary repairs to the harness or carriage (missing or disconnected trace, pole strap or reins) without penalty as long as he stops within the signed 30 metres after leaving the last obstacle, as per art. 964.7.1. Stopping for any other reason between the last obstacle or the 300 metres sign, whichever is closer to the finish line in Section B, will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.

7. Damaged Carriage/Harness

- 7.1. At the finish of Section B any missing or disconnected trace, pole strap or reins will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.
- 7.2. At the finish of Section B a broken or disconnected pole or shaft or bit will incur Elimination.
- 7.3. Carriages must pass the finish of Section B drawn by the number of Horses required for the designated class and on the designated number of wheels. Failure to comply will incur Elimination. Broken or missing tyres are acceptable.
- 7.4. If the carriage overturns (on the course or in an obstacle), the penalty is Elimination and the Athlete may not continue on the Marathon.

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Article 964 Penalties on the Marathon Course

1. Whips

Whips, if carried, may only be used by the Athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.

2. Error of Course

If an Athlete fails to pass through a compulsory turning flag (CTF) in the designated sequence, he may return to the point of error and drive the CTF, provided he has not driven the following CTF or the next Obstacle. An Athlete who fails to pass through a CTF in the published sequence and direction will be Eliminated, (except multiple CTFs which are to be driven several times with different numbers).

~~3.—Deviation from the Course~~

~~3.1.—Athletes must not deviate from the track for the last 300 metres. Athletes who stop, circle, zig-zag or leave the track in any other way will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.~~

~~3.2.—Exception: See Article 960.6~~

~~4.—Incorrect pace~~

~~—Should one or more Horses break into a canter within the last 300 m before the finish and this is not corrected within five seconds, the Athlete will incur one penalty for every occurrence. If the break continues, the Athlete will incur one penalty for every additional completed period of five seconds.~~

~~5.3. Dismounting~~

~~5.1.3.1. Outside the obstacles in Section B, Grooms and Athletes are not allowed to dismount unless the Carriage is stationary. If the carriage is not stationary, either or both Groom(s) dismounting will incur five penalties. The Athlete dismounting will incur 20 penalties. In the Last Transfer, Grooms and Athletes are not allowed to dismount (stationary or not) before reaching the Control point at the end of the Transfer (Vet, Stewards, Judge). Grooms dismounting incurs 5 penalties, Athlete dismounting incurs 20 penalties.~~

~~5.2.3.2. The Athlete and all Grooms must be on the carriage as it crosses the Start and Finish Line and passes through the compulsory turning flags in each Section. Failure to do so incurs 5 penalty points for grooms and 20 penalty points for the Athlete on each occasion.~~

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6.4. Stopping

6.1.4.1. Athletes may stop for repairs to carriages or harness or for any reason beyond the Athlete's control anywhere on the course other than while negotiating an obstacle without incurring penalties, other than loss of time, except as in 960.6.

6.2.4.2. Athletes will incur one penalty point for each commenced ten seconds that they remain stopped on the course in Sections B for any other reason.

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7.5. Damaged Carriage/Harness

~~7.1.5.1.~~ At the finish of ~~Section B- Last Transfer~~ any missing or disconnected trace, pole strap or reins will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.

~~7.2.5.2.~~ At the finish of ~~Section B- Last Transfer~~ a broken or disconnected pole or shaft or bit will incur Elimination.

~~7.3.5.3.~~ Carriages must pass the finish of ~~Section B- Last Transfer~~ drawn by the number of Horses required for the designated class and on the designated number of wheels. Failure to comply will incur Elimination. Broken or missing tyres are acceptable.

~~7.4.5.4.~~ If the carriage overturns (on the course or in an obstacle), the penalty is Elimination and the Athlete may not continue on the Marathon.

2017 Rule

965.3.2 Once Grooms have dismounted they are not required to get back onto the carriage and need not follow the Athlete through any of the Compulsory Gates in the rest of the obstacle. Grooms do not have to be on the Carriage when it leaves the obstacle. They must get back on the carriage immediately (between the finish line of each obstacle and the 30 meter sign) outside of the obstacle. Failure to do so will incur five penalties per incident.

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Finishing Section B with less Horses than required.	931	Disqualification
No breeching with a carriage with no brakes.	937	Elimination
No breeching for Singles	940	Elimination
Contravening the rules on advertising.	941	Warning Yellow Card
Substitution of a Groom.	943.2	Elimination
Groom handling reins, or using whip or brakes when carriage not stationary.	943.2.5	20 penalties
Person tied to the carriage	943.2.6	Elimination
Outside physical Assistance.	945.2.2.2	Elimination
Groom leading a Horse through an obstacle.	945.3	25 penalties
Incorrect pace	960.6.2 & 964.4	1 penalty for every 5 sec.
Dislodging a dislodgeable Element	961.5.5	2 penalties per occurrence
Preventing a dislodgeable element from being dislodged	961.5.7	10 penalties

Motorised vehicles or bicycles in obstacles. First Incident	962.3.5	Warning
Second Incident		Yellow card
Carriages under weight at end of B or under width at start of B.	937 & 966.1	Elimination
Total time over Time Allowed in all Sections	963.5.1	0.25 penalties/ sec.
Total time under Minimum Time in Section A and B	963.5.2	0.25 penalties/ sec.
Total time in obstacles.	968.1.1	0.25 penalties/ sec.
Athlete fails to stop when recalled	963.4.3	Elimination
Not ready to Start Section A.	963.4.2	0.25 penalties/ sec.
Contravening the rule on the use of the whip	964.1	20 penalites
Each deviation from Course after last obstacle.	964.3	10 penalties
Required persons not on carriage passing through a compulsory turning flag, or the start and finish of each Section, each occasion.	964.5	5 penalties
Grooms Dismounting while moving in Section B.	964.5	5 penalties
Athlete Dismounting while moving in Section B.	964.5	20 penalties
Finishing Section B with missing or disconnected Pole strap, trace or reins for each occurrence.	964.7	10 penalties
Failing to pass through compulsory turning flags and obstacles in correct sequence and direction	965.2	Elimination
Finishing Section B with missing wheel.	964.7	Elimination
Finishing Section B with broken or disconnected pole or shaft	964.7	Elimination
Failing to pass through entry flags of an Obstacle.	965.2	Elimination
Groom(s) not on the carriage when crossing start of an obstacle	965.3.7	5 penalties
Grooms not remounting on the carriage immediately outside of an obstacle (per incident)	965.3.2	5 penalties
Failing to pass through exit flags of an obstacle within 5 minutes.	965.7.3	Elimination

For correcting each error of Course in an obstacle.	965.2	20 penalties
Passing between exit flags before completing an Obstacle.	965.2	Elimination
Groom(s) dismounting in an obstacle, each occasion.	965.3	5 penalties
Athlete dismounting in an obstacle.	965.3	20 penalties
Two feet on an Element of obstacle.	965.3	5 penalties
Groom climbing over Horse back or down the pole in an obstacle	965.3	20 penalties
Disconnecting and leading through an Obstacle.	965.4	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over pole, lead bar or shaft.	965.6	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over trace.	965.6	30 penalties
Carriage overturn	964.7.4	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit in obstacles (5 mins)	965.7.3	Elimination
Horses unfit to continue in rest area	966.1	Elimination
Exceeding the Time Limit in all Sections	968.1.1	Elimination

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Finishing <u>Last Transfer section Section B</u> with missing or disconnected Pole strap, trace or reins for each occurrence.	964.7	10 penalties
Failing to pass through compulsory turning flags and obstacles in correct sequence and direction	965.2	Elimination
Finishing <u>Last Transfer section Section B</u> with missing wheel.	964.7	Elimination

Finishing Last Transfer section Section B with broken or disconnected pole or shaft	964.7	Elimination
Failing to pass through entry flags of an Obstacle.	965.2	Elimination
Groom(s) not on the carriage when crossing start of an obstacle	965.3.7	5 penalties
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