



# **RULES**

# **FEI DRIVING WORLD CUP™**

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**Article 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 Driving World Cup™ (hereinafter the "Series") is divided into 2 phases: the FEI Driving World Cup™ Legs (hereinafter the "Legs") and the FEI Driving World Cup™ Final (hereinafter the "Final").

**FEI Driving World Cup™ Legs:**

- 1.3.1. If there are a total of six or eight FEI Driving World Cup™ 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 Driving World Cup™ 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.

**FEI Driving World Cup™ Final:**

- 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 where the Athletes received World Cup points 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. Please also refer to Art. 3.4.
- 1.7. The Final can be held over 2 or 3 days
  - 1.7.1. The Final consists of 2 competitions: Competition 1 and Competition 2 with Drive-Off.
    - Competition 1: 1 round
    - Competition 2: With Drive-off

**Article 2 The Qualification for the Series**

- 2.1. The qualification for the Series takes place at approved CAI3\*, CAIOs, CH-EU-A4 and CH-M-A4 (hereinafter "Outdoor Qualifiers").
  - 2.1.1. The qualification period for the Series season starts on 1<sup>st</sup> October and ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September, preceding the relevant FEI Driving World Cup™ season.
- 2.2. Five bonus points are awarded for CAIOs and FEI Driving World Championships and FEI Driving European Championships. For all FEI Driving World Cup™ qualifiers, 1 extra bonus point per Athlete is awarded for each Top 10 Athlete participating, based on the FEI Driving World Ranking List 6 weeks prior to the event.
- 2.3. Points are awarded for a place at the Series. Only the best four results are counted.
- 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 per country can be submitted by an Athlete in support of qualifying for the Series. Continental and World Championships will not count towards the maximum two Outdoor Qualifying Competitions per country.
- 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. In case of tie between athletes for any placing on the Driving - FEI Driving World Cup™ Qualification Standings, the athlete with the greatest number of wins will be the deciding factor. In case of a further tie, the athlete with the greatest number of second places will be the deciding factor; and so on until there is no athlete equal on points.
- 2.12. At each Leg, five of the 10 Qualified Athletes must compete, and one to three Wild Cards may compete.
- 2.13. Subject to Articles 2.15 and 2.16 below, the Athletes will choose which Legs they want to enter, based on their placings in the final FEI Driving World Cup™ Qualification Standings of that year.

- 2.14. After the last Outdoor Qualifier, the top ten Athletes will be asked to select the Legs of the Series as follows:
- The highest placed Athlete of the final FEI Driving World Cup™ Qualification Standings of that year shall select their 1<sup>st</sup> Leg.
  - Then the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed shall select one Leg, followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed, then the 4<sup>th</sup>, and so on, down to the last qualified Athlete.
  - Then the 1<sup>st</sup> placed shall select their second Leg and the same Leg selection order 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. In such a situation, Athletes from the NF where the Legs are organised have priority to select to what Leg they want to compete in.
- 2.15. The FEI shall organise a teleconference meeting with the Athletes for the purpose of the allocation process set out in Article 2.14 above and shall give the Athletes reasonable notice of such meeting. Athletes who cannot attend the meeting or who do not send a representative shall lose their right to select Legs and shall have their Legs allocated to them by the FEI.
- 2.16. If it is not possible to allocate the required number of Athletes to each Leg according to the process set out in Articles 2.14 and 2.15 above, the final overall allocation will be made by the FEI, in its sole discretion, having regard to the preferences of the relevant Athletes and in accordance with the principle of fairness. In deciding upon the final overall allocation of Legs pursuant to this Article 2.16, the FEI may reallocate Legs that had been selected by the Athletes pursuant to the process in Article 2.14 and 2.15 above. The final allocation shall be communicated in writing by the FEI to the Athletes and shall not be subject to challenge or appeal.
- 2.17. The Athletes will use their final FEI Driving World Cup Classification Standing of the year in which the relevant FEI Driving World Cup season starts as their carriage number for all Legs and the Final of that season

**Article 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 their 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. A maximum of three Wild Cards may be allocated by the Organising Committee (hereinafter "OC").
  - 3.3.1. If three Wild Cards are allocated, one must be allocated to an Athlete Administered by the NF where the Leg is held. The remaining two may be freely allocated by the OC, provided the Athletes comply with Art 3.2.
  - 3.3.2. If only one or two Wild Cards are allocated, they may be freely allocated by the OC, provided the Athletes comply with Art 3.2.
- 3.4. All Athletes who have been granted a Wild Card to compete are required to start first in the 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 a draw as per the schedule.
- 3.5. 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 must go first in the order in Competition 2.

**B) FEI World Cup™ Final**

- 3.6. Only one Wild Card in the FEI Driving World Cup™ Final can be allocated. The Wild Card must be allocated to an Athlete Administered by the NF where the Leg is held if the Host Nation is not represented in the Final. The Athlete who is 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 the order in Competition 1.

**Article 4 The Course**

- 4.1. The Series is held over courses with:
- A maximum of two Marathon Obstacles;
  - A Bridge (optional). The bridge must not be shorter than 6 m or higher than 35 cm. There must be wings, which must clearly be an aid to guide the horses, and must be 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).
  - One (1) speed box may be used on course. See annex 1.
  - There must be at least 2 single Obstacles driven, not including the bridge, between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marathon Obstacle.
  - One (1) or two (2) oxers may be used on course.
- 4.2. A Marathon-type Obstacle may have up to a maximum of 6 gates.
- 4.3. The Bridge may be used from both sides as a single Obstacle, or also as a part of a combination with a Marathon-type Obstacle.
- 4.3.1. One pair of cones must be part of the bridge and their width must be between a minimum of 1.90 m and maximum of 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 must be at least 15m.
- 4.5. For the purpose of the FEI Driving World Cup, the following are considered as "Obstacles":
- A Marathon-type Obstacle
  - A Cone-type Obstacle
  - A Speed box

**Article 5            The FEI World Cup™ Legs**

5.1. 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. The second round to Competition 1, called Drive-Off 1, shall be open to all Athletes or open to the best three Athletes from Competition 1, according to the FEI Approved schedule. The Drive-Off 1 can be on an altered Course. If the Drive-Off 1 is open to the best three Athletes and there is a tie between the third and fourth placed Athlete, both will start in the Drive-Off.

5.2.1. The Athletes must receive the course plan in advance. There will be no course walk immediately prior to the Drive-Off 1.

5.2.2. If the Drive-Off 1 is open to the best three Athletes, the time of the Drive-Off 1 must start from zero. If the Drive-Off 1 is open to all Athletes, the time of the Drive-Off 1 is added to the time of the first round.

5.2.3. If the Drive-Off 1 is open to all Athletes and that an Athlete is eliminated in the Competition 1, the Athlete is allowed to compete in the Drive-Off, but will not be ranked.

**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 can be different from Drive-Off 1.

5.3.1. The Athletes must receive the course plan in advance. There will be no course walk immediately prior to the Drive-Off 2.

5.3.2. The Time of the Drive-Off 2 is added to the time of the Competition 2 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 and this must be stated in the FEI Schedule. In this case, the complete course of the Competition 2 must be driven. 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). Each Athlete can be accompanied by their two grooms and one trainer.

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-type Obstacle, provided the sequence of the letters is kept (Example: ABCDEF => removal of the C gate and the sequence of the gates becomes ABDEF).



- 5.6. In a Marathon-type Obstacle, each gate becomes individually open once it has been passed. The parts without gates comprised within the Marathon-type Obstacle are free after the bell has rung and the Athlete has 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 any element counts as penalties, this includes the Obstacle structure even if the dislodgeable element belonging to it was previously knocked down.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> horse, i.e., the two enter nine horses together.
  - 5.11.2. If an Athlete is left with only three horses, they may borrow the 5th horse from another Athlete provided that the borrowed horse has not been driven in the Event.
  - 5.11.3. A borrowed 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, the prize money and points shall be combined together and shared equally.
- 5.14. Subject to Article 3.4, Article 3.5 and Article 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 the first positions.
- 5.16. There must be at least a 5-minute break between the Competitions and the Drive-Offs.

**Article 6 The FEI World Cup™ Final**

- 6.1. In the Final, Competition 1 is comprised of one round and, subject to Rule 3.6, will be run in reverse order of the standings after the 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 (converted into seconds) between each Athlete and the leading Athlete from Competition 1 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 2.
- 6.3. The starting order in Competition 2 and the Drive-Off 2 is in reverse order of standings after the previous relevant competition(s). If there is a tie between the third and fourth placed Athlete, both will start in the Drive-Off 2.
- 6.4. The Drive Off must be run on an altered or shortened course. The Athletes must receive the course plan in advance. There will be no course walk immediately prior to the Drive-Off 2.
- 6.5. In the Final, Athletes who have been eliminated in Competition 1 may not start in Competition 2.

**Article 7 General**

- 7.1. The time of the Horse Inspection should be in relation to the time of the first competition. The Horse Inspection must be in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations and must 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. There must be at least 24 Hours between the opening of the Stables and the Horse Inspection.
- 7.3. Substitutions are permitted between Competition 1 and Competition 2.
- 7.4. Substitutions are not permitted between Competition 1 and the Drive-Off 1 and Competition 2 and Drive-Off 2.

**Article 8 Penalties**

## 8.1. Penalty points

Occurrence	Seconds
Dislodging one or more balls in a single Obstacle or a speed box	4
Knocking over or down any element of a Marathon type Obstacle (except the letters)	4
Dislodging a ball, wooden block or a dislodgeable element in a Marathon-Type Obstacle (except the letters)	4
Causing an Obstacle to be rebuilt (clock stops) The clock starts again when the Driver approaches the next Obstacle.	10
Groom (s) dismounting 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> time (clock does not stop)	5 (per incident)
Groom uses the reins or the carriage wheel brakes	20
Wrong course in a Marathon type Obstacle, corrected	20
Wrong gate (sequence or direction) in a Marathon type Obstacle, with the entire turnout and dislodging an element (clock stops and Obstacle is rebuilt)	34 (in total per incident)
Wrong gate (sequence or direction) in a Cones-type Obstacle, and dislodging an element (clock stops and Obstacle is rebuilt), if the Obstacle hasn't already been passed	14
Wrong gate (sequence or direction) in a Cones-type Obstacle, with the whole turnout without dislodging an element, except if the Obstacle has already been passed as per 5.7 .	20
Dislodging a ball from a wrong gate (sequence or direction) with a horse jumping into a cone, (clock stops and Obstacle is rebuilt)	14 (in total per incident)
The reins, pole straps or traces become disconnected or broken or the carriage seriously damaged; Horse get leg over the trace, pole or bar	10
First or second disobedience	No penalties
Athlete changing their whip after entering the Competition Arena	20

## 8.2. Eliminations

The following occurrences lead to elimination of the Athlete:

- Groom(s) dismounting, 3rd incident
- Driver dismounting
- Third disobedience
- Wrong course, not corrected, in Marathon type Obstacles
- Failing to pass through starting or finishing flags
- Carriage turnover
- Active use of the whip by the groom
- Continuing on the course after a repeated ringing of the bell

8.3. If a ball, a wooden block, or a dislodgeable element (except the letters) is knocked down by any means, the penalty of 4 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 the course error. There 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 their 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 through the finish. If not, the team is eliminated.
- 8.7. After ringing the bell, the Athlete has 45 seconds to start their course. If the Athlete has not started, the clock starts to run.
- 8.8. From the moment the Athlete enters the arena and until the bell is rung, if an Athlete displaces a ball of a cones-type Obstacle or an element of a Marathon-type Obstacle, they will incur 4 penalty seconds. If the obstacle is passed, the Athlete will incur 10 penalty seconds.
- Once the bell is rung and until the Athlete crosses the starting/finish line, if an Athlete displaces a ball of a cones-type Obstacle or an element of a Marathon-type Obstacle, they will incur 4 penalty seconds, the countdown is stopped to allow the resetting of the Obstacle, and 10 penalty seconds are incurred. The bell is rung, and the countdown continues where and when it stopped.
- 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 Drive-off, the rankings of the first round will be decisive. All Athletes who have qualified for the Drive-off will receive points.
- 8.10. The whip can only be used by the Athlete at all times during the Event. Grooms are allowed to hand the whip to the Athletes but may not use the whip on the horses.
- 8.11. After the Athlete has entered the Competition Arena, they are not allowed to change their whip. In case of a breach of this Article, 20 penalty seconds will be incurred.

**Article 9 The Point System**

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	10 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	2 pts

If an Athlete does not finalise a Leg because the Athletes retires, is disqualified, is eliminated, or for any other reason; the Athlete 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.

**Article 10 The Officials**

10.1. The President of the Ground Jury and one Judge must be selected from the list provided by the FEI with specific criteria (see annex 2 for names).

10.2. The additional official, appointed by the OC and approved by the FEI, has to be a minimum FEI Driving Judge level 2.

10.3. There must be two field Judges in the arena during the competitions appointed according to articles 10.1 and 10.2 and the Course Designer can act as an additional field Judge. These Judges must be in direct contact with the Judge's Box through the use of electronic communication equipment and must include head set and/or microphone. No other people are allowed in the arena during the competition. One Field Judge should be at the bridge and the other at the side of the arena. The Field Judges are equipped with red flags.

10.4. The Course Designer is appointed by the OC and must be selected from the list provided by the FEI with specific criteria (see annex 2 for names) and additionally, they can also act as a third Field Judge.

10.5. The President of the Ground Jury will act as Technical Delegate and must check all technical aspects of the Competition.

10.6. There must be at least one FEI Steward level 3, in attendance at all times in the warm-up areas.

10.7. At the Final, the Course Designer may not be from the country in which the Final is to be held. The CD is appointed by the FEI and may not be the same for two consecutive years. The appointed Course Designer for the Final must have officiated at least once as Course Designer during an FEI Driving World Cup™ Leg within the current season

10.8. The Rotation of Officials outlined in Article 994 of the FEI Driving Rules shall not apply to FEI Driving World Cup™ Events.

**Article 11 The Entry Fee/Prize Money**

11.1. The maximum combined entry/stable fee per Athlete is 500 Euros, excluding VAT.

11.2. The prize money at all regular Legs and the Final must be at least as follows, either in Euro or in equivalent Swiss Francs

	Competition 1 EURO	Competition 2 EURO
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	3'450	5'900
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	2'500	4'450
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	2'100	3'450
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	1'700	3'200
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	1'400	2'700
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	1'200	2'450
<b>Total</b>	<b>EUR 12'350*</b>	<b>EUR 22'150</b>

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

Competition 1	€ 500.-
Competition 2	€ 1050.-

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

Competition 1	€ 400.-
Competition 2	€ 950.-

An Athlete who does not complete the Leg or the Final, because the Athlete retires, is disqualified, is eliminated, or for any other reason; shall not receive any Prize Money.

**Article 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 their 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 must be rebuilt without the bell being rung (see 12.15).
- 12.2. If during the course of the competition, one ball of a single Obstacle has been dislodged a 4 second penalty is incurred). An additional 4 second penalty is given if the other ball on the same Obstacle is dislodged later by whatever means.
- 12.3. If an Athlete passes a wrong gate (sequence or direction) in a Cones-type Obstacle before the Obstacle has been passed and dislodges an element, the clock is stopped, at the most convenient time for the Athlete, and before the Obstacle in question is approached, to allow the resetting of the Obstacle. A 10 second penalty is incurred for rebuilding an Obstacle in addition to the 4 penalty seconds for dislodging the element.
- 12.4. If an Athlete passes a wrong gate (sequence or direction) in a Cones-type Obstacle with the whole turnout without dislodging an element, a 20 second penalty is incurred and the Athlete must continue their course. If the Obstacle has already been passed, as per 5.7, no penalty is incurred.
- 12.5. If an Athlete displaces a ball of a cones-type 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, and before the Obstacle in question is approached, to allow the resetting of the Obstacle. A 10 second penalty is incurred for rebuilding an Obstacle in addition to the 4 penalty seconds for dislodging the ball, wooden block or additional part from the Marathon-type Obstacle that has been replaced. No time correction is given.
- 12.6. Significantly colliding with an element of a Marathon-type Obstacle is defined as: the element is moved or knocked over in a way that the Athlete has no possibility to continue their course through the lettered gates, and/or the obligatory gate is clearly changed in original position and/or 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 may continue their course.
- 12.7. When the Marathon-type Obstacle is significantly changed and the Athlete cannot continue their course, the President of the Jury rings the bell immediately and stops the clock. After the Marathon-type Obstacle is rebuilt, the bell is rung again. The Athlete must start the Obstacle by the first obligatory gate (A) again. The clock starts as the Athlete passes this first obligatory (A) gate. For each knocked down element, a 4 second penalty is assessed and in the case of rebuilding, each time, an additional 10 seconds penalty is added.
- 12.8. If an Athlete corrects a wrong course, they have to restart at the course they missed. Such as: if they went from A to C, then realise it, they restart from B. The time continues to run and no bell is rung.

- 12.9. 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, the Athlete 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 4 seconds penalty is incurred.
- 12.10. An Athlete must proceed directly between Obstacles attempting to pass through such Obstacles in the correct numbered order.
- 12.11. A Cone-type Obstacle must be driven through by at least one wheel of the carriage. If one or more balls are dislodged, a 4 second penalty is incurred. It is not necessary for the horses to pass through the cones.
- 12.12. 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, a 10 second penalty is incurred, and a groom(s) must dismount and reconnect or make the repair(s). The Athlete will be given a 5 second penalty for groom(s) dismounting and the clock will be stopped.
- 12.13. In case of obvious cruelty, the President of the Ground Jury has the responsibility and must ring the bell and disqualify the Athlete from the Event.
- 12.14. 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. The width of the gates of a Marathon-type Obstacle must be at least 3.50m.
- 12.15. If the Bridge is passed through from both sides (Example: 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.
- 12.16. If the Athlete is on course and the bell is rung, the Athlete must not continue the course. If they continue after a repeated ringing of the bell, they will be eliminated. The OC should have a bell which is loud enough for the Athletes to hear above the loud music in the arena.
- 12.17. 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.
- 12.18. Video recording of the course, in accordance with the GRs Art. 161.15–161.17, is recommended for direct use of the President of the Ground Jury in the Judge's box.
- 12.19. 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. 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.



12.20. Athletes and Grooms must wear a back protector in competition.

12.21. 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.

### **Article 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 a partner, four grooms and four owners.

13.3. Accommodation and meals: Each participating Athlete receives free accommodation and meals for himself and four grooms (at least two double hotel rooms).

13.4. The free accommodation and meals start the day before the Horse Inspection. 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 2.50 - per km one way (up to a maximum of EUR 2'500 per Athlete excluding VAT 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.
- Wind-breakers with long sleeves are not permitted.
- Vest or body warmer, including a collar.
- Approved Equestrian Safety Helmet and back protector.

The Wild Cards Athletes must comply with the above dress code.

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.

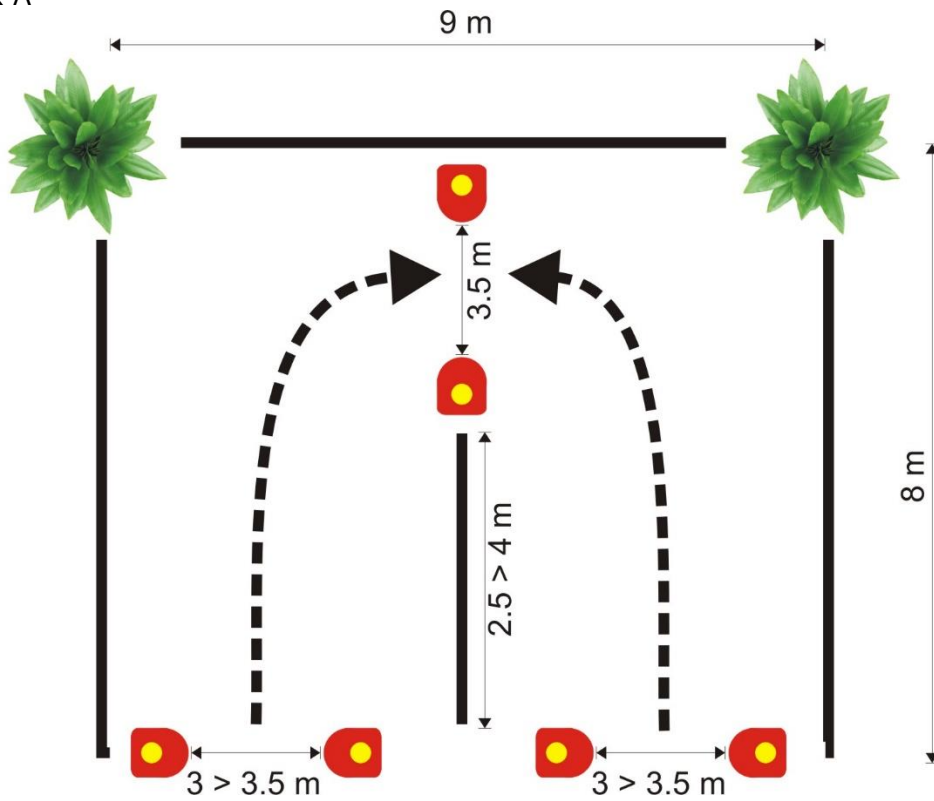
13.9. The press centre must remain open or accessible until at least one hour after the prize giving ceremony.

13.10. At the Prize Giving Ceremony the Judges are the last to congratulate the winner and the placed.

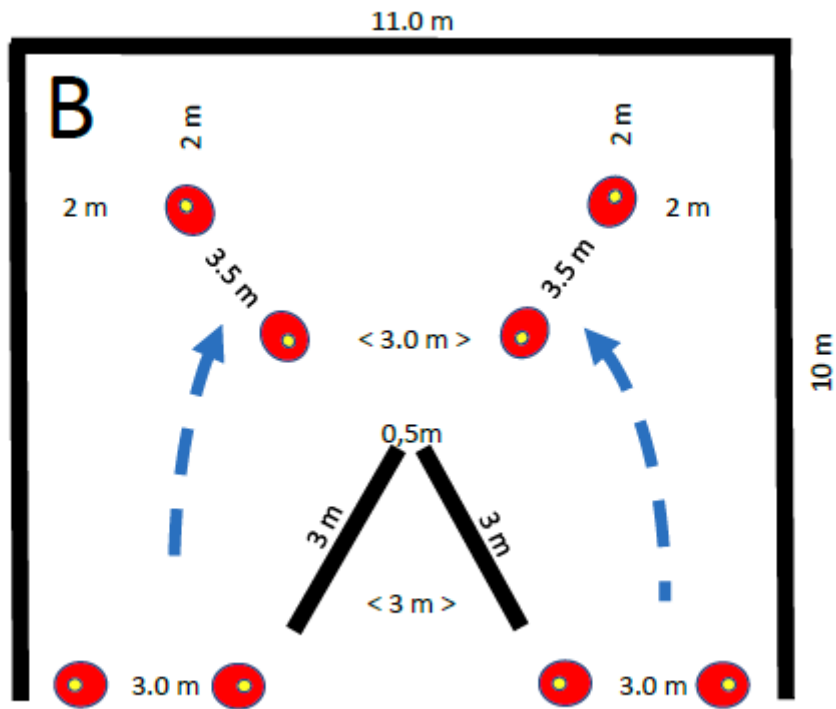
If there is a Presentation of the Drivers before the start of the competition, the drivers should enter the arena in the reverse starting order, so the first starter goes in the arena last to be presented (and can then stay in the arena to start the Competition).

**ANNEX 1 – Speed Boxes**

Speed Box A



Speed Box B



**ANNEX 2 – Officials**

Criteria for President of the Ground Jury:

- Judge Level 4
- Acting as Member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of 4 FEI Driving World Cup™ events over the last 3 years,
- Must be approved by the Driving Technical Committee

Criteria for Judge:

- Judge Level 3 or above
- Acting as Member of the Ground Jury at a minimum of 2 FEI Driving World Cup™ events over the last 3 years,
- Must be approved by the Driving Technical Committee

Criteria for Course Designer:

- Course Designer Level 3 or above
- Acting as assistant Course Designer at a minimum of 2FEI Driving World Cup™ events over the last 3 years,
- Must be approved by the Driving Technical Committee

The list of FEI Officials is on next page.

Lists of FEI officials:

FEI ID	President of the Ground Jury	FEI ID	Judges	Additional Judges	FEI ID	Course Designers
<b>Choose 1 from this Column</b>		<b>Choose 1 from this Column</b>		<b>Choose Min. 1</b>	<b>Choose 1 from this Column</b>	
10051989	Bert JAMBON (BEL)	10012537	Miguel Angel GUTIERREZ CAMARILLO (ESP)	Free to choose from FEI Officials list (according to the rules) Minimum L.2 - Min 1 person	10051295	Johan JACOBS (NED)
10052326	Joaquin MEDINA (ESP)	10000339	Barry CAPSTICK (IRL)		10052794	Jeroen HOUTERMAN (NED)
10051140	Andrew COUNSELL (GBR)	10071344	Elimar THUNERT (GER)		10013147	Michael MAYER (SUI)
10005976	Mark WENTEIN (BEL)	10066308	Mickael DELIGNIERE (FRA)		10049530	Gabor FINTHA (HUN)
10049614	Anne Marie TURBE (FRA)	10106541	Ekkehard FREIBERG			
		10000361	Daniel WÜRGLER (SUI)			
		10094118	Hermann VAN DEN BOSCH (NED)			
		10149579	Ad VAN ROON (NED)			
		10050892	Gun HAGRING (SWE)			
		10033526	James ROONEY (IRL)			
		10117926	Pieter COUDYZER (BEL)			
		10052340	Pia SKAR (DEN)			