
FEI Driving World Ranking Rules



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1. General Principles

The list for the FEI Driving World Ranking takes into account the points obtained by Athletes over a twelve month period beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December.

The list for the FEI Driving World Ranking begins on 1 January each year with the carryover of the total number of points which have been accumulated during the previous year until 31 December.

At the end of each month, the points earned during that month are added to the list. The points from the same month the previous year are dropped from the list.

2. Points obtained at Championships

Points obtained at Games and Championships are retained on the list depending on the frequency of the Events.

If the Event is held every four years, 25% of the points obtained are dropped after one year, 50% after two years, 75% after three years and the remainder after four years.

If the Event is held every two years, 50% of the points obtained are dropped after one year and the remainder after two years.

3. Eligible Events

All CAI 3*, CAIO 4*, CH-M and FEI Driving World Cup™ results will count throughout the year, according to the [scale of points table below](#)

4. Number of competing Athletes

In order to be considered in the total number of Athletes, an Athlete must have successfully completed the event and therefore be ranked in the final classification. Only the 16 first ranked Athletes will obtain points for the FEI Driving World Ranking.

5. Official Medical Leave

5.1. Athletes may request an official FEI medical leave provided that the medical condition is certified in writing by a medical doctor. To request the official FEI medical leave, the Athlete must submit the doctor's certificate and the completed Medical Leave Form, available on the FEI website, to the FEI Driving Department. The Athlete can choose the duration of their medical leave, with the minimum period being six (6) months and the maximum period being twelve (12) months. Applications cannot be submitted retroactively.

5.2. In the Medical Leave Form, the Athlete must indicate the start date and requested end date (the "Medical Leave End Date") of the official FEI medical leave. If the Athlete does not specify a Medical Leave End Date in the Medical Leave Form, the minimum period of six (6) months will automatically apply unless the Athlete subsequently informs the FEI Driving Department otherwise, as per the process set out in Article 5.8 below. Where an Athlete requests an official FEI medical leave, the following rules apply in relation to the Athlete's ranking points.

5.3. In the period during which an Athlete has officially ceased to compete due to an official FEI medical leave, they will retain 50% of the Driving World Rankings points earned from the corresponding months of the preceding year until their Medical Leave End Date.

5.4. The minimum length of time for which an Athlete may be granted an official FEI medical leave is six (6) months.

5.5. If the Athlete returns from an official FEI medical leave after less than six (6) months, no points will be retained from the corresponding months of the preceding year and the rankings will be recalculated accordingly.

5.6. The maximum length of time an Athlete may benefit from an official FEI medical leave of absence at one time is twelve (12) months.

5.7. During the period when an Athlete is on an official FEI medical leave, they may not compete in international or national Competitions; the FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly.

5.8. If the Athlete wants to be eligible to compete in international or national Competitions prior to the Medical Leave End Date (as stated in the Medical Leave Form), the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Driving Department at least four (4) weeks in advance of the date when they want their medical leave to end. The official FEI medical leave will end on that new date (provided the minimum period of six (6) months has expired). The FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly and the Athlete will be eligible to compete in international and national competitions as of the new end date.

4.1.5.9. If the Athlete wants to prolong the official FEI medical leave beyond the period originally stated on the Medical Leave Form, the Athlete must apply to the FEI Driving Department prior to the expiration of the original period of the official FEI medical leave and submit an updated medical certificate to justify the extension request. In no case can the overall period of the official FEI medical leave exceed 12 (twelve) months.

6. Official Maternity Leave

6.1. Athletes may request an official FEI maternity leave provided that the maternity is certified in writing by a medical doctor. To request the official FEI maternity leave, the Athlete must submit the doctor's certificate and the completed Maternity Leave Form, available on the FEI website, to the FEI Driving Department. The Athlete can choose the duration of their maternity leave, with the minimum period being three (3) months and the maximum period being twelve (12) months. Applications cannot be submitted retroactively.

6.2. In the Maternity Leave Form, the Athlete must indicate the start date and requested end date (the "Maternity Leave End Date") of the official FEI maternity leave. If the Athlete does not specify a Maternity Leave End Date in the Maternity Leave Form, the maximum period of twelve (12) months will automatically apply unless the Athlete informs the FEI Driving Department otherwise, as per the process set out in Article 6.8. below. Where an Athlete requests an official FEI maternity leave, the following rules apply in relation to the Athlete's ranking points.

6.3. In the period during which an Athlete has officially ceased to compete due to an official FEI maternity leave, they will retain 50% of the Driving World Rankings points earned from the corresponding months of the preceding year until their Maternity Leave End Date.

6.4. The minimum length of time for which an Athlete may be granted an official FEI maternity leave is three (3) months.

6.5. If the Athlete returns from an official FEI maternity leave after less than three (3) months, no points will be retained from the corresponding month of the preceding year and the rankings will be recalculated accordingly.

6.6. The maximum length of time an Athlete may benefit from a maternity leave of absence at one time is twelve (12) months.

6.7. During the period when an Athlete is on maternity leave, they may not compete in international or national Competitions; the FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly.

6.8. If the Athlete wants to be eligible to compete prior to the Maternity Leave End Date (as stated in the Maternity Leave Form), the Athlete concerned must inform the FEI Driving Department at least four (4) weeks in advance of the date when they want their maternity leave to end and the official FEI maternity leave will end on that date (provided the minimum period of three (3) months has expired). The FEI will inform the Athlete's NF accordingly and Athlete will be eligible to compete in international and national competitions as of the new end date.

6.9. If the Athlete wants to prolong the official FEI maternity leave beyond the period originally stated on the Maternity Leave Form, the Athlete must apply to the FEI Driving Department prior to the expiration of the original period of the official FEI maternity leave. In no case can the overall period of the official FEI maternity leave exceed 12 (twelve) months.

5.7. FEI Driving World Ranking Scale of Points

The scale of points applies for Single, Pair, Four-in-Hand Horses and Ponies Classes

Rank	Points															
	Number of Athletes	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
1st	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6	4	
2nd	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	3	1	
3rd	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	1		
4th	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5th	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
6th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
7th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
8th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
9th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1								
10th	7	6	5	4	3	2	1									
11th	6	5	4	3	2	1										
12th	5	4	3	2	1											
13th	4	3	2	1												
14th	3	2	1													
15th	2	1														
16th	1															

6.8. Additional points

Additional points based on Individual Rankings are awarded for the different Championships, FEI Driving World Cup™ qualifying events and CAIOs as follows:

World Equestrian Games:	15 points
World Championships:	10 points
World Cup Qualifiers:	5 points
CAIO4*	5 points

For World Cup Qualifiers that are CAIO4*, only 5 additional points will be awarded.

7.9. Wild cards at the FEI Driving World Cup™

For the FEI Driving World Cup™, only the eligible Top 10 Drivers will collect points, provided they complete the legs (Competition 2). No points will be awarded to Wild Cards.

When calculating the number of Athletes that competed in the leg, the Wild Cards will count.

10. Exclusions

Results obtained at the FEI Driving World Championships for Young Horses are excluded for the purpose of calculating the above rankings; results at that Championship will not earn any points for the FEI Driving World Ranking for Single Horses.