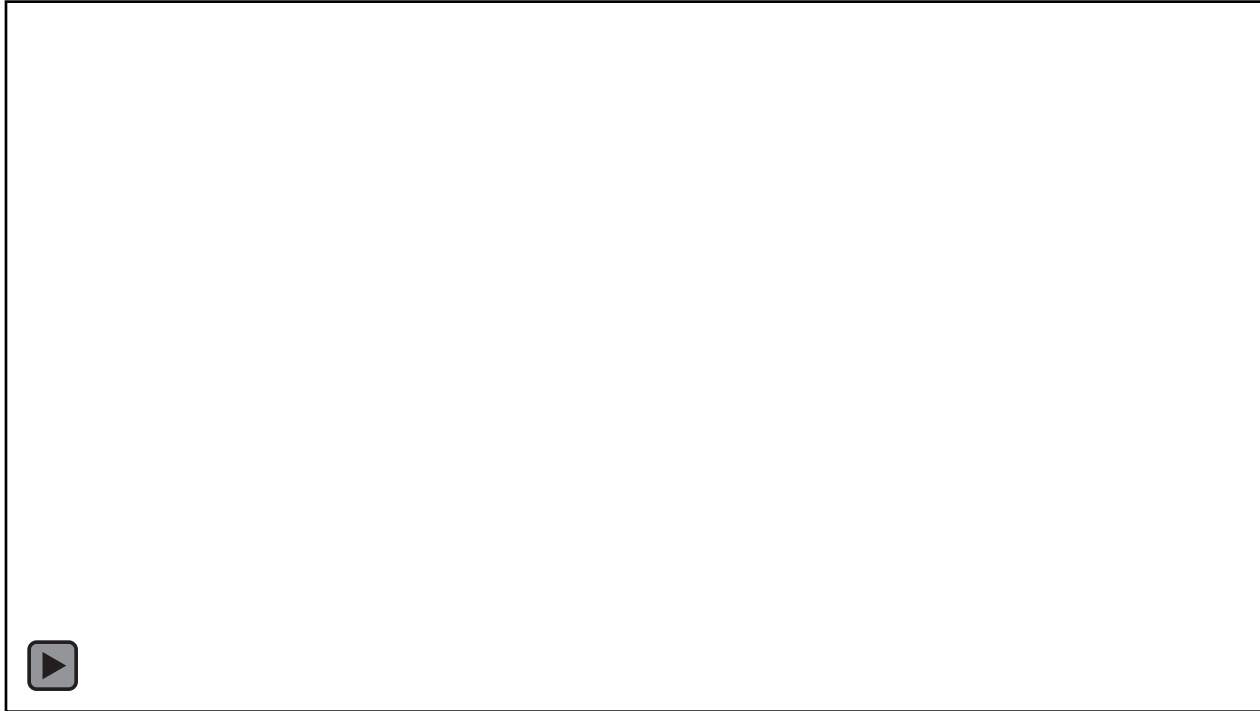




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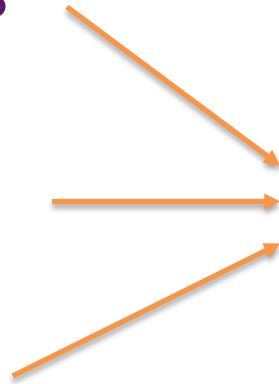
The principles



The present



The future



for Para Driving

# Classes & Competitions



## Class

In Para Driving, there only is the Single Horse class, where only one Horse is drawing the carriage



## Driven Dressage

Dressage tests to be driven from memory



## Marathon

Section A/Controlled Warm Up  
Section B: Marathon Obstacles



## Cones

Cones courses are designed to test Horse & Driver skills

# The principles

- Para Driving rules included in FEI Driving rules
- All rules and regulations with regards to competition venues and testing are governed by the same principles as other disciplines
- The FEI General Regulations, FEI Statutes and FEI Discipline rules apply

# The principles

- Only two grades: CD I and CD II
- All compensating aids are noticed on the Master list for Para Drivers



# Para Driving Working Group

Settled in 2018 by the Driving technical Committee to assist and advise the Committee in Para Driving matters.

- Chair: FEI Driving Director : Manuel Bandeira de Mello (POR)
- Members:
  - Para Driving 4\* Judge: Gun Hagrind (SWE)
  - Para Driving classifier: Fredy Versluys (NED)
  - 2 Athletes have been appointed and will be invited shortly

# Para Driving Working Group duties

- Act as Panel for Non Standard Compensating Aids
- Update the Rules 2026 and Annex for Para Driving
- Communication by conference call, meeting and email





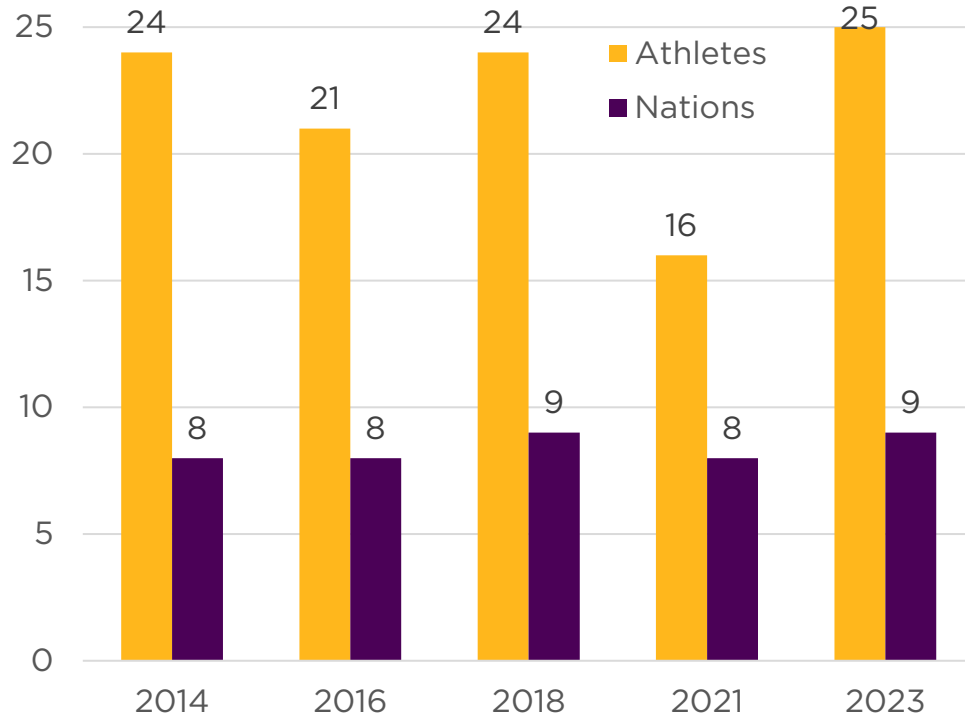


# Para Driving – The Figures

- Governed by the FEI since 2006
- 2014-2024: 5 Championships & 4 Events over 10 Venues
- Para Drivers compete in both Standard and Para Driving Shows
- 2018: Creation of a Working Group to improve the quality of Shows (Standard & Para) for Para Driving Athletes
- 2025: 51 Athletes in the Classification Master List of active Para Driving Athletes



# Para Driving Championships



## Nations represented

- Sandringham (GBR) 2014
- Beesd (NED) 2016
- Kronenberg (NED) 2018
- Schildau (GER) 2021
- Exloo (NED) 2023

# Officials

- Integrated events : same officials for Driving and Para Driving
  - 1 member of the Ground Jury: Para Driving judging qualification
  - TD with experience in Para Driving in order to check:
    - Equipment, Compensating aids and Safety

# The future

- The FEI Driving Technical Committee, The FEI Driving Department and the Para Driving Working Group have the same goal:

## Develop Para Driving in the coming years

- More communication with the Para Driving family;
- More athletes competing at FEI Level;
- More organisers involved in Para Driving events;

# The Hand in Hand Trophy

- The Hand-in-Hand Trophy was introduced in 2010 by HRH Princess Haya.
- Designed to promote the integration of Para Equestrian and able-bodied in equestrian sport.
- The scores of both competitors in dressage, marathon and cones are combined to decide the winners.
- The team with the least penalty points wins the Trophy.





Any questions ?

