

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 MODIFICATIONS TO THE
DRIVING & PARA DRIVING RULES**

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Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Driving Rules together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each proposal.

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020](#); and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,



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A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
916.3
Explanation for Proposed Change
The Driving Technical Committee proposes the addition of a system based on the previous World Championships results for the invitation of teams during CAIOs. This will ensure that the best nations will be represented during the CAIOs.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>3. Entries for CAIs and CAIOs</p> <p><u>3.1 CAIOs are open to national teams and individuals.</u></p> <p>3.13.2 Definite Entries for CAIs and CAIOs must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. Substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may only be made in accordance with these Rules.</p> <p><u>3.3</u> Invitations: at CAI2 * and above, invitations shall be extended to minimum four NFs with a minimum of two Athletes per NF.</p> <p><u>3.4</u> Invitations to NFs: at CAIOs, NFs are invited according to the previous World Championships team results.</p> <p>3.23.5 <u>Invitations to Individuals: at CAIOs, The OC has the right to invite up to 4 Individuals from 4 different Nations and not more than 1 per Nation. The 2 first Individuals must be invited in ranking order according to the FEI Driving World Ranking 2 months prior to the month of the Event and the remaining 2 can be invited at the OC's discretion.</u></p> <p>1. Article 919 Entries Championships and CAIOs</p> <p><u>1.</u> Championships and CAIOs are open to national teams. A national team consists of <u>two or</u> three Athletes of the same Nationality. In the event that a nation can only send two Athletes, they must be entered as a team. An entry from a nation able to send only one entry shall be classified as an individual entry.</p> <p>1.2. For Pony Championships, please refer to Article 906 and 923.</p>

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2.3. For Championships for Young Horses, please refer to the FEI website in the Driving Rules section.

Comments received by 31 August 2020**FRA NF:**

We do support the concept of the proposal for 3.4. In addition we would ensure that in the case world championship ranked nations are not filling all the places, other nations could be invited by the OC.

We encourage extra places managed by NFs, based on sport orientated selections instead of having OC invitations which would drift to pay cards approach and go against meritocracy access to shows.

The use of the ranking lists may be an efficient option but not with the current calculation. Excluding for the H4 WCup Qualification standing all shows from the last 12 months are counting. There is a too big advantage for the drivers who are competing with several horses or the ones multiplying too much their participations in regards to horse welfare. We recommend further thinking on the format of the ranking list before to use it like proposed.

If/When there will be a "ranking list quota" fair access to shows will be even more crucial. OC invitation proposal 3.5 would go against it.

GER NF:

The new wording for Article 927.3.3 should be added to Article 916.

For CAIOs, a second nominated entry date is not necessary.

The invitation of individuals in addition to or instead of a team should be extended at the discretion of the OC, like in all other equestrian disciplines.

We wish to revert to the initial rule that the home nation can accept more home than foreign Athletes in addition to the team.

In order to have the best nations represented during CAIOs, we do not think the results of the last Championship must decide on the invitation. No other discipline has a comparable rule. It is unfair. The level of performances can vary from one year to another, Teams might for whatever reason not be able to participate in a Championship one year and then are out for the next Championship,... With such a rule, invitations cannot reflect the actual standard of performance. Also the geographical situation has to be reflected, i. e. with regard to Athletes living on another continent.

Art 919:

The first para does not reflect that Championships are also open to Individuals.

The term "... and CAIOs" should be deleted (see comments on Article 927 and 916.3). The rest of this Article should remain unchanged.

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HUN NF:

Our National Federation agrees with the increased number of entries at CAIO events, we support the basic idea.

However, we cannot support the introduction of this rule from 1st January 2021 as the base of the invitation system is the previous World Championships team results and in this unstable situation caused by COVID-19 we do not know what will happen for example with the two allocated Championships in October 2020.

If we take a look at the World Equestrian Games took place in Tryon (USA) 2018, 19 athletes represented themselves from 9 nations and only 5 nations could send a team to team classifications. Unfortunately, more nations were not be able to participate due to the high travelling expenses.

If we take a look at the FEI World Driving Championship for Four-in-Hands 2020 – which has already been cancelled before – the championship was relocated to a new venue (Valkenswaard (NED)) in June, but nobody knows whether it would take place or not under these unforeseen circumstances caused by COVID-19.

It would not be a responsible decision to consider such competition result as the base of any kind of qualification for CAIOs in 2021.

Our suggestion is to postpone the introduction of this rule to a later date.

NED NF:

We strongly oppose to this revision. There should not be a restriction on the number of starts at a CAIO.

We propose that there is no longer a limitation on the number of starts per Nation at CAIOs so these CAIOs can be used for the NFs as an observation moment for the International Championships. It turns out that this new rule does not work and organizations also do not support this.

All Nations should be allowed to send individual drivers to participate in CAIO, with the condition that this rider has a high position in the FEI ranking (to provide enough quality).

FEI feedback

The FEI recognizes that as the 2020 year was a special year, the Driving World Ranking shouldn't be used to determine the entries.

Therefore the requirement of the Driving World Ranking has been removed but the principle remains the same.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**3. Entries for CAIs and CAIOs****3.1 CAIOs are open to national teams and individuals.**

~~3.1~~ **3.2** Definite Entries for CAIs and CAIOs must be made at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. Substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses may only be made in accordance with these Rules.

3.3 Invitations: at CAI2 * and above, invitations shall be extended to minimum four NFs with a minimum of two Athletes per NF.

3.4 Invitations to NFs: at CAIOs, NFs are invited according to the previous World Championships team results.

3.5 Invitations to Individuals: at CAIOs, The OC has the right to invite up to 4 Individuals from 4 different Nations and not more than 1 per Nation.

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
927 Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The DTC recognizes the need to allow more Individual entries in CAIOs and Championships.</p> <p>Therefore, the FEI proposes to allow up to 6 additional individual entries for both the Host NF and the Foreign NFs during Championships.</p> <p>For CAIOs, the additional entries are also increased to 6, with 3 per NF to be invited at the discretion of the OC, and 3 per NF to be invited according to the FEI Driving World Ranking.</p>
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 927 Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the discretion of the OC all NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may be invited to enter Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs. 2. A second nominated entry date shall be specified in the Schedule should the OC decide to invite NFs to submit additional entries. 3. Additional Entries for the host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team. <p><u>Championships</u></p> <p>3.1 The host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may enter up to 6 3 individual additional entries. For Combined Pony 2 per class (Single, Pair, Four-in-Hand). and Youth Championships, 2 per class (age group) .</p> <p>3.2 In multidisciplinary Championships and Games, if Driving is organised with other disciplines, the host country will be limited to the same number of Athletes and Horses as the maximum number permitted for the foreign countries</p> <p><u>CAIOs</u></p> <p><u>3.3 The host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may enter up to 6 individual additional entries, the first 3 must be from the FEI Driving World Ranking. The ranking list used to determine the Additional entries is 2 months prior to the month of the Event. The 3 first additional entries must be the top 3 Athletes (who aren't on the team) from that Ranking. The remaining 3 additional entries can be invited at the discretion of the OC.</u></p>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>FRA NF:</p> <p>We appreciate that the DTC changed its opinion on the extra individual places at CAIOs and Championships but we remain in favour of extra places for the host nation for both type of event instead of harmonizing between all nations.</p> <p>As expressed last year :</p>

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For the host country of a championship the extra benefit should be that this country has the opportunity to add extra entries. This should also be done to keep the growth in the sports and to keep the sponsors for the individual drivers.

Driving is a discipline without a strong economical balance either from an OC perspective or a driver perspective.

The extra drivers for the host nation is a motivation for NFs, OCs, sponsors to support a bid for a championship. We would also remind that with several different championships in Driving it is already challenging to find bidders in many cases, having late allocation which is not a good signal.

The use of the ranking lists may be an efficient option but not with the current calculation. Excluding for the H4 WCup Qualification standing all shows from the last 12 months are counting. There is a too big advantage for the drivers who are competing with several horses or the ones multiplying too much their participations in regards to horse welfare. We recommend further thinking on the format of the ranking list before to use it like proposed.

We would highlight that rules should not "block a driver" as a team driver or as an individual. It should always remain the NF-Chef d'Equipe responsibility to make the selection within all his drivers with a sport approach as things can change quickly: performance level, injuries...

We encourage extra places managed by NFs based on sport orientated selections instead of having OC invitations which would drift to pay cards approach and go against meritocracy access to shows. If/When there will be a "ranking list quota" fair access to shows will be even more crucial.

GER NF:

"... and CAIOs" should be deleted in this article.

The actual wording is perfect; more than three additional individuals are unrealistic and would lead to more than 100 starters at CH-M-A/1 and 2. At CH-M-A/4 an additional number of 6 individuals (i. e. up to 9 per NF) is totally besides

NED NF:**3.1 Championships:**

There should be more individual starts for the host nation, this to benefit this nation and to continue the growth of the sport.

We approve the adjustment to have more starts for the host country at Championships with a maximum of 9 (6 additional), this will benefit the growth of the sport. When there are more individual starts allowed for the host nation the sport will be stimulated. The whole season there will be more starts in 2* and 3* competitions, in which the sport will rise to a higher level and it will create a high performance climate.

The top 20 FEI ranking drivers should always be allowed to start at a championship.

For a CAIO additional entries should not be limited. Besides the teams NFs should be able to enter drivers unlimited for individual competition. No exceptions for any event in this. All events equal in this matter. We believe a driver with a high place at the FEI Ranking should be able to start at CAIOs

3.1 CAIOs:

The number in a Senior Combined Pony team should be 3 and not 2, this should be the same as a 'normal' CAIO. (3 Single, 3 Pair, 3 Four-in-hand). Also the additional entries

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should be 3 per category. Because these categories are combined to 1 event the group will be large, but if the numbers are less, the development of the pony sport stagnates. Also for Championships top 10 FEI ranking has to be involved. If these drivers are not in the team, there should be an opportunity for them to compete with wildcard.

FEI feedback

The FEI recognizes that as the 2020 year was a special year, the Driving World Ranking shouldn't be used to determine the entries.

Therefore the requirement of the Driving World Ranking has been removed but the principle remains the same.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Article 927 Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs

3. At the discretion of the OC all NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may be invited to enter Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs.
4. A second nominated entry date shall be specified in the Schedule should the OC decide to invite NFs to submit additional entries.
3. Additional Entries for the host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team.

Championships

3.1 The host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may enter up to ~~63~~ individual additional entries. For Combined Pony 2 per class (Single, Pair, Four-in-Hand) and Youth Championships, 2 per class (age group).

3.2 In multidisciplinary Championships and Games, if Driving is organised with other disciplines, the host country will be limited to the same number of Athletes and Horses as the maximum number permitted for the foreign countries

CAIOs

3.3 The host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may enter up to 6 individual additional entries.

4. The number of nominated Athlete Entries may be twice the number permitted for definite entries as set out in the General Regulations, Article 116.4.2.

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 930 - Height
Explanation for Proposed Change
In order for the FEI Driving Rules to be in line with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the below wording is proposed.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>Article 930 Height</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For Driving Ponies <u>maximum height and measuring</u>, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING. must not exceed 148 cm without shoes, or 149 cm with shoes. Above these heights, they are considered as a Horse 2. Driving Ponies in Pairs and Four-in-Hands may not be less than 108 cm without shoes, or 109 cm with shoes. Single Ponies must not be less than 120cms without shoes, 121cms with shoes. 3. It is the responsibility of the Athletes' NF to ensure that competing Ponies comply with the above criteria.
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p>NED NF: The change which was introduced last year concerning the measurement of the ponies does not connect with the driving sports small ponies. It takes a lot of effort and costs measuring the ponies officially and in most of the time it is absurd. The rules are very clear if it concerns the height of the ponies, but only the larger ponies should be measured more than once. A young pony (5yr) with a measuring note of 1.45m or more should be measured officially until 8yrs. Ponies which are smaller should be measured 1 time for life. It is not necessary that a pony of 1.30m should be measured every year.</p>
FEI feedback
The FEI has reviewed this Article and will propose a new wording for the 2022 Rules Revision, taking the comments into account into the FEI Veterinary Rules.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed in 1st draft, see above.

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 991 – Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission Article 992 – Veterinary Service Manager / Treating Veterinarian
Explanation for Proposed Change
In order for the FEI Driving Rules to be in line with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the below wording is proposed.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 991 Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Championship and CAIO <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. The composition <u>and appointment</u> of the Veterinary Commission, which is compulsory for Championships and CAIO Events, and the appointment of its President and Members must be in accordance with the current Veterinary Regulations Chapter V “APPOINTMENT OF FEI VETERINARIANS AT EVENTS”. 2. CAIs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. The OC must appoint a Veterinary Delegate selected from the List of Event Veterinarians in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations. <p style="text-align: center;">Article 992 Veterinary Services Manager / Treating Veterinarian</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At CAIs a Veterinary Services Manager/Treating Veterinarian appointed by the OC <u>in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations</u> must be available to the Jury, under arrangements approved by the President of Jury.
Comments received by 31 August 2020
N/A.
FEI feedback
N/A.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
As per wording proposed in 1st draft, see above.

B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

N/A.