

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF DRIVING & PARA DRIVING RULES

Introduction

Further to the approval of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy at the 2019 General Assembly (available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-process>) the next full revision of the Driving & Para Driving Rules will take place in 2021 (to come into force in 2022). For this year's revision process NFs and MOU stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

1. Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation;
4. Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules;
5. IOC, IPC, WADA, ASOIF and similar organisations' policies' implementation;
6. Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.

In addition, the FEI Headquarters and the Driving Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above mentioned criteria.

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

A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020. In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Driving Committee; and

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI



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A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2020

Rules Proposal Submitted By
GER NF/NED NF
Article No.–Article Name
Article 927 Additional Entries for Championships and CAIO
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation.
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>GER NF : Restricting the number of additional home Drivers at CAIOs means the end of many CAIOs because presenting a higher number of home entries to the spectators and giving more home Athletes the possibility to start in such a top level event in the home country is a crucial motivation for bidding OCs, NFs and their supporting sponsors. Driving is an expensive sport and other than e. g. Jumping does not enjoy such a number of financially strong sponsors. We should return to the long-established rule that a higher number of Athletes from the home country may compete in CAIOs. If the recently introduced rule stays in force, many OCs will turn away from organising a CAIO because if they would invite additional home Drivers, they would at the same time have to invite many more additional Drivers (from other countries) and this would be too much for their event from a financial and possibly also logistic point of view. In 2020, several shows have already decided to organise a CAI instead of a CAIO. We understand the reason behind the new rule, there should be equal conditions for all. A Championship organiser can concentrate on these competitions and plan accordingly for this one-time event. But for CAIOs that are usually embedded in an already big horse show and are run every year, the burden is too much.</p> <p>NED NF: We strongly object to this proposed rule change. For the host nation of a Championship the extra benefit is that this nation has the opportunity to send extra Athletes. This is not only vital for the continuation of the growth of the sport, it is also important to keep the sponsors of the individual drivers. Furthermore, by allowing extra home drivers to start, this creates a more attractive field of competitors. The additional entries may include drivers from the region where the Championships are held, which is a valuable asset to promote the event and to get the necessary financial funding. The possibility to allow additional competitors from the host nation to start is a motivation for NFs, OCs and for sponsors to support the bid for a Championship. For several Driving disciplines it is already challenging to find bidders and to remove the possibility to allow additional entries from the home nation will not be in favour of future bidders.</p>

Proposed Wording

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 (excluding Championships and Games).
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 at Championships and Games:
 - 3.1 The host country and NFs who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a team may enter up to 3 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.
4. At CAIOs, the host country may enter up to 3 individual additional entries.
- ~~4~~ 5. 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.

FEI Feedback

The DTC recognizes the need to allow more Individual entries in CAIOs and Championships. Therefore, the FEI proposes to allow up to 6 additional individual entries for both the Host NF and the Foreign NFs during Championships. 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.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

Article 927 Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs

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.

Championships

- 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) .
- 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, 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.

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
Article 916.3 Entries for CAIS and CAIOs Article 919 Entries Championships and CAIOs
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation.
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
<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>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> <p>2.3. For Championships for Young Horses, please refer to the FEI website in the Driving Rules section.</p>

Article No.–Article Name

Article 930 - Height

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

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

Article 930 Height

1. For Driving Ponies maximum height and measuring, 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.

Article No.–Article Name
Article 991 – Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission Article 992 – Veterinary Service Manager / Treating Veterinarian
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
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
<p>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>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.