

# Driven Dressage tests modification policy

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## Purpose

In order to provide stakeholders with a transparent modification process, the FEI Driving Department created this Driven Dressage tests modifications policy. It will allow for a defined process to create and elevate the quality of the Driven Dressage tests.

## Creation and composition of the working groups

For each new test, a Driven Dressage Working Group comprised of top-level experts, is selected through an application process and voted on by the Driving Technical Committee.

For Senior categories, the Working Group should be comprised of the following experts:

- A Driving Trainer recommended and supported by their Federation.
- An FEI level 4 Driving Judge.
- Two top-level Athletes from each class (for definition of classes, please refer to Art. 901.1) from the last World/Continental Championship up to 20th position.
- An FEI Driving Technical Committee Member delegated by the Driving Committee.

For Youth categories, the Working Group should be comprised of the following experts:

- Two Driving Trainers specialized in Youth, recommended and supported by their Federation.
- An FEI level 4 Driving Judge.
- Two top-level Athletes between 18-25 years old from the last Continental Youth Championship up to 20th position.
- An FEI Driving Technical Committee Member delegated by the Driving Committee.

## Modification process

The modification process will be spread over three stages;

1. Assessment of the applicable Dressage test. Identification of the areas and movements that need improvement, modification, and/or replacement. Determining the level of difficulty required between the star levels.
2. Creation and review of the Dressage test by the Working Group and Driving Technical Committee.
3. Finalisation of the test and organisation of a testing session.

## Testing session

The testing session will be recorded. It will be held as a clinic with no Judging. A number of Athletes, representative of the various competitor levels within the class, will be selected by the Working Group and invited to try-out the test. A meeting will be held at the end of the clinic to discuss the test and if needed, make final amendments.

All the tests will be video recorded.

The following persons will be invited by the Working Group members:

- Driven Dressage Test Working Group members.
- Driving Committee representative(s).
- FEI HQ representative(s).
- Up to 4 Judges may be invited to the testing session.

## Timeline

- **Applicable as of 2025:** One working group will be formed to create the new 2\* and 3\* Horse and Pony Four-in-Hand Dressage test (80x40 arena). To be published **at the end of 2024, for application as of 01.01.2025.**
- One working group will be formed to create the new Children, Junior and U25 Dressage tests (Youth). To be published **at the end of 2024, for application as of 01.01.2025.**
- One working group will be formed to create the new 2\* and 3\* Horse and Pony Pair Dressage tests. To be published **at the end of 2024, for application as of 01.01.2025.**
- **Applicable as of 2026:**
- **One working group will be formed to create the new 2\* and 3\* Horse and Pony Single Dressage tests. To be published at the end of 2025, for application as of 01.01.2026.**