

PROPOSALS FOR 2019 MODIFICATIONS TO THE FEI DRIVING RULES

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Dear Member Federations,

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

Modifications to the text are indicated in red print; text that has been moved from one location to another is indicated in green.

Kindly note that modifications of a purely editorial nature and corrections to spelling and/or article numbers are not included in the summary below.

The proposed change will be submitted for voting at the FEI General Assembly 2018.

Sincerely,



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1. GROOMS**Article No 912 Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms****6. Grooms:****6.1. All Classes:**

- Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 18 years or older.
- Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 14 years or older.

Explanation for Proposed Change

A recommendation from the Medical Committee regarding Driving grooms welfare.
Medical Committee recommendation: grooms falling off carriage must be eliminated in order to be medically assessed before they can compete again.

Implications:

- Grooms to be FEI registered
- Status: "Participating Support Personnel"
- Sports rules will need to accommodate for groom elimination

Proposed Wording**6. Grooms:**

6.1 Grooms on the carriage in either the Driven Dressage Test, the Cones Competition or the Marathon shall be considered as "Participating Support Personnel" and must be registered annually with the FEI under this designation as per Art. 113 of the FEI General Regulations.

6.2. All Classes:

- Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 18 years or older.
- Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 14 years or older.

6.2.1 Each Driver must inform the show office at the latest half an hour before the start of each competition (Dressage, Marathon, Cones) who is/are "Participating Support Personnel" and shall provide their FEI ID number and declare who will be acting as reserve Participating Support Personnel.

6.2.2 Each Driver will be able to enter up to 3 grooms as Participating Support Personnel in Four-in-Hand classes.

Each Driver will be able to enter up to 2 grooms as Participating Support Personnel in Singles and Pairs classes.

For all classes; if a Participating Support Personnel falls from the carriage the reserve Participating Support Personnel may continue the Competition (and will be considered as Participating Support Personnel) and the Participating Support Personnel that fell may not continue and must pass a medical assessment before permitted to compete again. If there is a subsequent fall from any other Participating Support Personnel, the Athlete will be eliminated.

Comments received**LUX / GER / SWE / GBR / BEL / IRL / SUI / FRA / USA / AUT / CAN / / POL NF:**

Does not agree with the proposal.

It will be too complicated and too administrative. It will charge the Drivers with more difficulties in finding extra manpower, who is often volunteers that accompany the Drivers and last minute changes on the crew is frequent. Also the need of medical examination can be interpreted, if the PSP actually jumped or fell from the carriage. Driving is a "team sport" with a combination of horse(s)/driver/groom(s). Considering that when you take out one of these "members" it seems logical to say that you can't continue.

GER / DEN / USA NF: Medical assessment before continuing or next start is OK – should/must also apply for the Driver in case of an accident.

NED NF: Does not agree with the change

Not in favour at this stage, this needs more reflection.

DEN NF: Agree with the proposal with the following comments:

If the athlete cannot continue the Marathon with his PSP because of a serious accident with personal injuries – he should be eliminated – like with a turnover. If the athlete finishes the obstacle and wait outside for the fallen PSP, the time just keep running for the phase, and if he cannot continue with the fallen PSP because of the injuries, it will result in elimination.

GBR NF:

If there is evidence justifying a new rule it needs to be drafted in much clearer language. For example there is no need to require registration of PSPs with the FEI. Each athlete could be allocated 2 (or 3) PSP wrist bands on arrival at the show. The athlete then gives them to his/her PSPs and the jury can then check that the intended PSP(s) are on the carriage by checking their wrist bands. Also, where the PSP must stay during the Marathon.

BEL / FRA NF: Proposes the following:

- when a groom/driver fall down from the carriage due to accident – not deliberate : elimination
- deliberate groom dismounting in an obstacle (to lead a horse, put trace on, put leg horse back over trace,...): 5 penalty points

NOR NF:

6.1 "Participating Support personnel" – will this cause that the grooms also will have to have a license and by that cause more expenses for the athlete?

Will the FEI or show organiser have an insurance that covers the grooms?

6.2.2 If a groom falls off the carriage during the marathon:

Do the organiser have to have an extra set of number vests for the reserve grooms?

Should the reserve groom follow the carriage through the B (E) section? How is this if so going to be organised? Will the groom have to go by bike? Will there be any special parallel lanes they can run/bicycle?

FEI feedback**Legal Department Feedback:**

The FEI will not request an FEI registration of the Participating Support Personnel. Instead, the online injury reporting system will be slightly modified in order to enable the reporting of injuries sustained by the Participating Support Personnel by connecting them to the Driver. For example, if the groom of Driver A from NF X falls off the carriage sustaining a concussion, the reporting FEI Official will open an online injury form under the name of the Driver A and enter the information that it is the groom who got injured. This will trigger an automatic notification to Driver's A NF, with a copy to the FEI to enable the NF to do the follow up with the help of the Driver A and the FEI if needed. It is therefore not an issue if the groom's name is not known to the reporting Official as the Driver will provide such information to the NF/FEI.

There is therefore no additional administrative/bureaucratic work, except the necessary follow up in case of an injury.

The DTC agrees with the recommendation to have a Participating Support Personnel registered at the show ground and will study the other options next year.

Proposed Final Wording**6. Grooms:**

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6.2. All Classes:

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- Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 14 years or older.

6.2.1 Each Driver must inform the show office at the latest half an hour before the start of each competition (Dressage, Marathon, Cones) who is/are "Participating Support Personnel".

2. ENTRIES WORLD PONY DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**Article No. 923 - Entries World Pony Driving Championships**

3. NFs which cannot send a team may send up to two Athletes in each Class.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This is to allow NFs that might be unable to produce a full team for the Combined Pony Championships (2 Athletes in each class) due to insufficient qualified Athletes in a particular class, to send more qualified Athletes in the Championship. Not producing a team does not automatically signify that they are unable to provide sufficient quality entries in the other classes.

Proposed Wording**Article 923 Entries World Pony Driving Championships**

3. NFs which cannot send a team may send up to six Individuals but not more than three per two Athletes in each Class.

Comments received

HUN NF: does not agree with the proposal

Proposal to have minimum 1 Single, 1 Pair and 1 Four-in-Hand with a maximum of 2 per Class for the Team composition, this will increase the number of Team since smaller NFs will be able to set up a Team.

Also allow more Individual Drivers for big nations, in order not to penalize them.

BEL NF: Does not agree with the proposal.

Proposes to let the possibility to the OC to accept more individual drivers

NED NF: Does not agree with the proposal.

FEI Championships are Team competitions. National Federations should challenge itself to form a team by developing less strong harnesses. By offering the possibility to enter up to 6 individuals, there is no need for development.

FRA NF: Does not agree with the proposal.

As we already suggest last year we would suggest to change the format of the teams.

→ Team : 1or2/Singles, 1or2/Pairs, 1or2/Teams

→ Automatic individuals for the nations filling the 2 places from the class : +2 Singles, +2 Pairs, +2 Teams.

→ Extra individuals on choice of the OC and mentioned in the schedule, art. 927

→ Team results calculated by adding the best result of each class in each test

FEI feedback**Article 923 Entries World Pony Driving Championships**

The DTC decided against going ahead with the proposed change to art. 923.3 Therefore, the article stays as it is in the current Rules.

The DTC agreed on the changes proposed by the National Federations on the composition of the Team for Pony Championships and proposes the following changes.

Proposed Final Wording**Article 906 Team Classification for Pony Championships**

1. The Team classification will be determined by adding the score scores from the two Best Athletes in the Single Pony class, and the Pair Pony class and Four-in-Hand Pony class with the lowest penalties in each Competition, and one Athlete in the Four-in-Hand class with the lowest penalties in each Competition. Only those scores of the team Members who have completed all three Competitions without Elimination can be counted towards the final Team scores.

Article 923 Entries World Pony Driving Championships

1. A national team shall consist of at least one or two Singles, one or two Pairs and one or two Four-in-Hands. Each nation is entitled to send up to a maximum of nine six Athletes divided into up to three Single, three Pair and three Four-in-Hand Athletes.
2. ~~A Nation who enters three Athletes in the Four-in-Hand pony class will have to declare the names of the two Four-in-Hand Athletes who will compete on the team at the latest one hour after the first Horse Inspection.~~
- 3.2. NFs which cannot send a team may send up to two Athletes in each Class.

3. HORSE SUBSTITUTION**Article No. 935 - Examinations and Inspections of Horses****5. In-Harness Inspection before Cones**

5.1. The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before any Horse starts Cones, only when Cones follow Marathon. It must be performed by an Inspecting Committee consisting of one Member of the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Delegate, or the Veterinary Commission. The Inspection is obligatory at all Events when Cones follow Marathon. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete himself; Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.

5.2. Horses will be inspected harnessed to their carriages. Leg bandages over-reach boots and brushing boots are permitted, but must be removed if required.

5.3. Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to Disqualify the Horse if it is considered to be unfit to continue the Event.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This is to allow Athletes that have an unfit horse before the Cones competition to substitute the unfit horse with another declared horse.

Proposed Wording**5. In-Harness Inspection before Cones**

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5.2 Horses will be inspected harnessed to their carriages. Leg bandages over-reach boots and brushing boots are permitted, but must be removed if required.

5.3 Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to Disqualify the Horse if it is considered to be unfit to continue the Event. **It is permitted to substitute a Horse who has failed the In-Harness Inspection before Cones with a spare Horse, upon re-presentation, the Athlete may start the Cones Competition and therefore change the declaration.**

Comments received**FRA NF:**

We do support these proposals.

→ Moreover we would suggest to guarantee that it will be applied for the coming 2018 FEI shows including 2018 WEG by keeping in mind that since the previous wording has been putted in place (many years, maybe decades) it has been applied like that.

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above.

4. ARTICLE 940 HARNESS, CARRIAGE AND HORSES**Article No. 940 - Harness, carriage and Horses****Explanation for Proposed Change**

This change is for clarification

Proposed Wording

13. Penalties

13.1 Contravention of any paragraph in this Article in Competition will incur Elimination of the Athlete, except for 940.1.1 to 940.1.13 and 940.11.2.

940.11.2. Ear hoods and plugs are permitted. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband and must allow free movement of the ears of the Horse.

Comments received**GER / NED NF:**

Agree with the proposal.

Proposes to add **5 penalty points** for incorrect harness

DEN /GBR / FRA NF:

What will be the penalty for incorrect harness? **10 Penalty points** as per art. 940.2 (Bandages)
Will the penalty multiplied by the number of horses with incorrect earhoods?

BEL NF:

It is necessary to define " incorrect harnessed". This is only possible when there is picture-drawing with all necessary harnesses.

Please define also free movement of the ears

NED NF:

Since the rules for ear hoods apply for more disciplines, we suggest to place this rule in the FEI General Regulations rather than in the FEI Sport Rules.

FEI feedback

The DTC agreed on the changes proposed by the National Federations on the penalty points and proposes the following changes:

Proposed Final Wording

13. Penalties

13.1 Contravention of any paragraph in this Article in Competition will incur Elimination of the Athlete, except for 940.1.1 to 940.1.13 and 940.11.2.

940.11.2 Ear hoods and plugs are permitted. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband and must allow free movement of the ears of the Horse. Failure to comply will result in 5 penalty points.

5. CHAPTER VIII CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**Article No. 943 - Participation**

2. The Athletes and Grooms participation:

	At one same Event			
	permitted number of starts	allowed to compete in different category as Athlete	Act as groom in same category	Act as groom in different category
ATHLETES				
CAIO, Championships	1	no	no	no
CAI3* WCQual	1	yes	no	no
Championships for YH	multiple	yes	no	no
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	up to 2	yes	no	no
CAI 2*	up to 2	yes	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*
CAI 1*	up to 2	yes	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*

Explanation for Proposed Change

This change is to give the opportunity to TOP Athletes to compete with more than one turnout in higher level competitions.

Proposed Wording

2. The Athletes and Grooms participation:

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2.2.2 In ~~World Cup Qualifiers~~, CAIO and Championships, an Athlete may compete only once, except at Young Horses Championships.

~~2.2.22.2.3~~ 2.2.3 An Athlete with 2 turnouts in a World Cup Qualifier must declare, at the show office, before the Horse Inspection which turnout will compete for qualification points and World Ranking Points. For all 3 Competitions, the declared turnout must start first of the two entered turnouts. Only the declared turnout receives qualification points and World Ranking points.

~~2.2.32.2.4~~ Athletes and Grooms competing in a World Cup Qualifiers CAIO and Championship cannot be part of a turnout in another Marathon Competition held on the same showground.

Comments received

LUX NF: this proposal is welcomed.

In addition, they proposed to allow the Driver to act as Groom and vice-versa in 3* events, in order to open the sport to more participants at the same event. This is already allowed for 2* events.

GER /DEN /BEL / NED NF: Agree in principle.

This Article should be made clear with less complicated wording. Please precise if this new rule also means that the grooms may take part twice. If agreed, it must be stated in the approved Schedule Finally, an extra rule is not necessary - it could be mentioned in the schedule, if an OC wishes to invite drivers with more than one turnout.

USA NF: supports the proposed change, however suggests the following clarifications:

2.2.2 In ~~World Cup Qualifiers~~, CAIO and Championships, an Athlete may compete only once, except at Young Horses Championships.

~~2.2.22.2.3~~ 2.2.3 An Athlete with 2 ~~turnouts~~ entries in a World Cup Qualifier must declare before the Horse Inspection which ~~turnout~~ entry will compete for qualification points and World Ranking Points. For all 3 Competitions, the declared ~~turnout~~ entry must start first of the two ~~turnouts~~ entries entered ~~turnouts~~. Only the declared ~~turnout~~ entry receives qualification points and World Ranking points.

2.2.32.2.4 Athletes and Grooms competing in a World Cup Qualifiers CAIO and Championship cannot be part of a turnout in another Marathon Competition held on the same showground.

It is also suggested that the draw be considered in these conditions, whilst ensuring that the draw does not overly complicate matters for the OC.

FEI feedback

The DTC agreed on the changes proposed by the National Federations on the wording and Groom's participation and proposes the following changes.

Proposed Final Wording

2. The Athletes and Grooms participation:

	At one same Event			
	permitted number of starts	allowed to compete in different category as Athlete	Act as groom in same category	Act as groom in different category
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CAI3* WCQual	<u>Up to 2</u>	yes	no	no
Championships for YH	multiple	yes	no	no
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	up to 2	yes	no	no
CAI 2*	up to 2	yes	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*
CAI 1*	up to 2	yes	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*

GROOMS	At one same Event		
	permitted number of starts	allowed to compete in different category as Groom	Allowed to compete in different category as Athlete
CAIO, Championships	multiple (except on Marathon only once)	yes (except on Marathon)	no
CAI3* WCQual	multiple (except on Marathon only once)	yes	no
Championships for YH	multiple	yes in each category: 5-6-7 year	no
CAI 3* (not WC Qual)	multiple	yes	no
CAI2*	multiple	yes	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*
CAI 1*	multiple	yes	yes in CAI1* or CAI2*

2.2.2 In ~~World Cup Qualifiers~~, CAIO and Championships, an Athlete may compete only once, except at Young Horses Championships.

2.2.3 An Athlete with 2 entries in a World Cup Qualifier must declare, at the show office, before the Horse Inspection which entry will compete for qualification points and World Ranking Points. For all 3 Competitions, the declared entry must start first of the two entries. Only the declared entry receives qualification points and World Ranking points.

2.2.4 Athletes and Grooms competing in a World Cup Qualifier CAIO and Championship cannot be part of a turnout in another Marathon Competition held on the same showground.

2.3 Depending on the schedule, in CAI1* and CAI2*, an Athlete can compete twice and in addition, he can act as Groom in these two classes only. In a CAI3* ~~(not World Cup Qualifier)~~, an Athlete can compete twice, but he cannot act as Groom. A Groom acting in a CAI1* or CAI2* cannot act as an Athlete in CAI3* or above.

2.4 Groom(s) may participate several times in all Competitions, but in the marathon of ~~World Cup Qualifiers~~, CAIOs and Championships only once. Grooms may participate several times in Championships for Young Horses.

6. CHAPTER IX SUBSTITUTIONS**Article No. 946 - Substitutions****2. Substitutions during an Event**

2.1. Substitution of Horses or Athletes during a Competition is not permitted. The penalty will be Disqualification.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This change is related with the change on article 935.5.3

Proposed Wording**2. Substitutions during an Event**

2.1 Substitution of Horses or Athletes during a Competition is not permitted. The penalty will be Disqualification. Substitution is allowed in case of a Horse that is not fit to compete, as decided during the In Harness Horse Inspection before Cones (art. 935.5.3)

Comments received**BEL / NED NF:**

Substitution should be allowed if a horse is not fit to compete during the warming up for dressage, marathon or during the in harness horse inspection before cones.

NED NF: In case of multiple turnouts it should not be allowed to replace one or more horses of one turnout by a horse of the other turnout of the same competitor.

FEI feedback

The DTC decided not to allow the substitution at any time as proposed by BEL and NED National Federations.

The Declaration of Starter art. 946 covers the remarks from NED National Federation.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above.

7. CHAPTER X DECLARATION OF STARTERS – ORDER OF STARTING**Article No. 947 - Declaration of starters**

5. Any special request from Athletes regarding starting order of their turnout(s) must be given to the Technical Delegate in writing within one hour after the Horse Inspection. All requests not handed in as per this article may not be considered.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This change is related with the change on article 935.5.3

Proposed Wording

~~5.—Except where art 935.5.3 applies, any~~ special request from Athletes regarding the starting order of their turnout(s) must be given to the Technical Delegate in writing within one hour after the Horse Inspection. All requests not handed in as per this article may not be considered.

Comments received**GER / NED NF:**

We propose that this information is given to the OC together with the definite Entries.

FEI feedback

All information is already sent together with the entries.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above.

8. CHAPTER X DECLARATION OF STARTERS – ORDER OF STARTING**Article No. 948 - Starting Order**

Article 948 Starting Order

1. Starting order for CAIs

1.1. Starting order for the first Competition for CAIs

1.1.1 The starting order will be a computer generated draw or a physical draw (physical draw is mandatory for World Cup Qualifiers), both held in any case in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury.

1.1.2 Starting Order for the second and third Competitions for CAIs

The Athletes will go in reverse order of the results in the previous Competition(s).

The Starting order will be:

a) Retired Athletes, followed by

b) Eliminated Athletes, followed by

c) The Athletes competing twice with their turnout in the highest placing, followed by

d) The remaining Athletes, commencing with the highest number of penalties, so that Athlete with the least number of penalties achieved without Retirement or Elimination will start last.

2. Starting order for CAIOs and Championships

2.1. Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships

The draw for the starting positions for all Athletes in the Dressage Competition will be made after the first Horse Inspection, in the presence of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate and Chef d'Equipe, according to the following method:

The total starting places will be divided into six blocks (A to F) and the Athletes will be allocated to each block as follows:

Block A – Individual Athletes 1/3

Block B – First Athletes in each Team

Block C – Individual Athletes 1/3

Block D – Second Athletes in each Team

Block E – Individual Athletes 1/3

Block F – Third Athletes in each Team

The team member position will be filled first according to the draw of countries and the starting order within each team previously declared, after the Horse Inspection, by its Chef d'Equipe. The Chef d'Equipe of the team with only two members must declare which starting position shall remain vacant.

The individual positions will then be determined according to the drawing order of the nations, i.e. first nation with individual Athlete only will chose a starting place from block A, C or E followed by the second until the individual places are filled up.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This change is to clarify the process of the draw for individual Athletes

Proposed Wording

1.1. Starting order for the first Competition for CAIs

1.1.1 The starting order will be ~~a computer generated draw or~~ a physical draw ~~(physical draw is mandatory for World Cup Qualifiers), both held in any case~~ in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury and, open to Athletes.

(...)

2.1. Starting order for Dressage for CAIOs and Championships

(...)

The individual positions will then be determined according to the drawing order of the nations. ~~The first nation will place its first Individual Athlete in any of the blocks A, C or E, then the second nation will place its first Individual Athlete and so on. After the first round, the procedure is repeated until all Individuals Athletes are placed., i.e. first nation with individual Athlete only will chose a starting place from block A, C or E followed by the second until the individual places are filled up.~~

Comments received

BEL / USA NF: does not support the proposal on art. 1.1.1

This can be a hardship for Organizers of smaller events

GER / BEL / NED NF:

OK, we would like to add our last year's proposal that a similar procedure should be used for the Marathon starting order in Team Events art. 948.2.2:

The Nations' order and the blocks stay the same, **the individual drivers are positioned in reverse order of the Dressage Ranking into the blocks A,C,E, the Team Drivers positions are placed by the CdEs into blocks B, D, F.**

FEI feedback

The DTC will keep the proposal from GER / BEL and NED National Federations for next year's revision.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above.

9. DRESSAGE TEST**Article 955 - General Impression****1. Principle**

There are five boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on General Impression observed by the judges throughout the whole test.

2. Paces

Regularity and freedom (if Four- in- Hand or Pair, maintenance of pace by all Horses). The quality of paces in each movement is marked under the appropriate movement. The mark for the general impression must reflect paces and transitions during the whole Test.

3. Impulsion

Moving forward, engagement of the hind quarters (if Four-in-Hand or Pair, all Horses working). The level of impulsion may vary between movements and pace, but the mark for impulsion must reflect the performance of the Horses throughout the Test, in all trot and canter paces.

4. Obedience and Lightness

Responsive to aids, willing and without resistance. Correctness of bend. Suppleness, acceptance of the Bit.

5. Athlete

5.1 Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.

5.2 Para-Equestrian Athletes in able-bodies competitions

Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.

6. Presentation

Dress of Athlete and Grooms, cleanliness, fitness, matching and condition of Horses, carriage and fitting and correctness of harness.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This change is a move forward along with the FEI Dressage department and is proposed in order to focus the General Impression mark on what the judges see and not what they think. And this is good for the understanding of the public.

Proposed Wording**Article 955 General Impression**

1. Principle

There are ~~five~~two boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on: Athlete and General Impression & Presentation observed by the judges throughout the whole test.

~~2. Paces~~

~~— Regularity and freedom (if Four in Hand or Pair, maintenance of pace by all Horses). The quality of paces in each movement is marked under the appropriate movement. The mark for the general impression must reflect paces and transitions during the whole Test.~~

~~3. Impulsion~~

~~Moving forward, engagement of the hind quarters (if Four in Hand or Pair, all Horses working). The level of impulsion may vary between movements and pace, but the mark for impulsion must reflect the performance of the Horses throughout the Test, in all trot and canter paces.~~

~~4. Obedience and Lightness~~

~~Responsive to aids, willing and without resistance. Correctness of bend. Suppleness, acceptance of the Bit.~~

~~5.2. Athlete~~

~~25.1 Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.~~

~~25.2 Para-Equestrian Driving Athletes in able-bodied competitions
Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.~~

~~6.3. General impression & Presentation~~

~~Dress of Athlete and Grooms, cleanliness, fitness, matching and condition of Horses, carriage and fitting and correctness of harness. Appearance of driver Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness harmonizing with of harness and carriage. Fitness, matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout. Clearance and fit of harness. Harmony between horse(s) and athlete.~~

Comments received

BEL NF: Supports the proposal

But as already talked over last year a new approach for judging is necessary.

- See young horses system
- Or drop highest and lowest score

NED NF:

We strongly embrace another approach of judging wherein judges are given the possibility to discuss what is shown in the test. We would like to refer to the judging system used during the World Dressage Championships for Young Horses. This system may improve the judging system in driving. We therefore suggest to consider how this system could be applied for driving.

IRL / USA NF: Do not support the proposal

The existing format is useful, especially for lower level competitions where there are less experienced athletes and very few spectators generally. It allows judges to make specific remarks. Ridden dressage tests are differently composed and do not have to allow for multiple horses and additional equipment. There is much more to a driving turnout than a ridden dressage turnout. Further, it's important for NF's who are developing this sport to have clear parameters to work from.

POL NF: Does not support the change

Public often do not agree with the judge's opinion. We need to educate our judges to give more objective marks. We are sure that this five marks give the total impression of the dressage test and they should stay as it is.

FEI feedback

The DTC wants to keep the text as proposed with the goal to focus on the General Impression mark. This is good for the understanding of the public.

Proposed Final Wording

Stays as proposed.

10. BRIDGE ON CONES COMPETITIONS**Article No. 973 - Obstacles**

4. Water and bridges

4.4 Wooden bridges, or bridges of similar suitable construction approved by the Technical Delegate, with fan shaped wings at the entrance, with the bridge surface not more than 20 cm above the ground, with a usable width of three metres, and a maximum length of ten metres are permitted and boarded or rail sides are essential. The Technical Delegate may grant exceptions if the Bridge is of a permanent solid construction with strong side rails. There must be a pair of Cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the Cones at least 2.0m apart.

Explanation for Proposed Change

This change is to give more flexibility to OCs to build new bridges to make the competition more appealing for spectators and Athletes
This also applies for the FEI Driving World Cup™

Proposed Wording**Article 973 Obstacles**

4. Water and bridges

4.4. Wooden bridges, or bridges of similar suitable construction approved by the Technical Delegate, with fan shaped wings at the entrance, with the bridge surface not more than ~~20~~35 cm above the ground, with a usable width of three metres, and a maximum length of ten metres are permitted and boarded or rail sides are essential. The Technical Delegate may grant exceptions if the Bridge is of a permanent solid construction with strong side rails. There must be a pair of Cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the Cones at least 2.0m apart.

Comments received

No comments received

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above

11. FEI DRIVING OFFICIALS**Chapter XIV OFFICIALS****Explanation for Proposed Change**

This proposal follows the setup of the introduction of the Level 1 for Driving Officials on FEI Campus and the review made by the FEI Education program

Proposed Wording**Article 987 Composition of the Ground Jury**

Category	Judges	President Of Jury	Foreign Judge	Ground Jury
Championships (appointed by FEI)	5	Level 4	Level 4	One <u>L</u> level 4 and Two <u>L</u> level 3 or above
CAIO	5	Level 4	Level <u>4</u> <u>3</u> or above (approved by the FEI)	One level 4 and Two Three <u>L</u> level 3 or above
CAI 3*	5	Level 3 or above	Level 3 or above	One level <u>Level</u> 3 and Two <u>L</u> level 2 or above
CAI 2*	Min 3 <u>4</u> ¹	Level 3 or above	Level 2 <u>3</u> or above	One Senior Level National or above <u>One Level 1 and</u> One Judge Level 2 or above
CAI 1*	Min 2 <u>3</u>	Level 2 <u>3</u> or above	N/A	One Senior Level National or above <u>One Level 1 and</u> One Judge Level 2 or above

¹ ~~If the Ground Jury is composed of 4 or 5 Judges, at least 3 of them have to be FEI Judges.~~

- 1.3 Driving Level 1 Officials act as Assistant Driving Judges at International Driving competitions, of different levels of complexity. This level has been introduced for those countries where there is no National Driving Education System.

3.3 The Assistant of the Ground Jury works under the supervision of the President of Ground Jury. Further Assistants can be appointed by the OC and approved by the FEI.

Article 988 Technical Delegate

Category	Technical Delegate	Assistant Technical Delegate
Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Level 4 (has to be Foreign)	<u>Level 3</u>
CAIO	Level 3 <u>4</u> or above (has to be Foreign)	<u>Level 3</u>
CAI 3*	Level 3 or above	<u>Level 2</u>
CAI 2*	Level 2 or above	<u>Level 1</u>
CAI 1*	Senior Level National <u>Level 2 or above</u>	<u>Level 1</u>

3.3 The Assistant of Technical Delegate works under the supervision of the Technical Delegate. Further Assistants can be appointed by the OC and approved by the FEI.

Article 989 Course Designers

Category	Course Designer	Assistant Course Designer
Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Level 4	<u>Level 3</u>
CAIO	Level 4	<u>Level 3</u>
CAI 3*	Level 3 or above	<u>Level 2</u> 1
CAI 2*	Level 2 or above	<u>Level 1</u>
CAI 1*	Level 2 or above	<u>Level 1</u>

3.1. The Assistant of Technical Delegate works under the supervision of the Technical Delegate. Further Assistants can be appointed by the OC and approved by the FEI.

Comments received

USA NF:

The intent of this rule change is supported but the role of the assistant must be clarified. As written, Article 987.1.3 is unclear if the Assistant Driving Judge (level 1) would actually be officiating or only shadowing under another Ground Jury member.

GER /BEL /SUI /NED / NF:

It is well appreciated to give assistant Judges, CDs and TDs the possibility of being an Assistant/shadow Judge and gaining experience– as long as it is not compulsory and does not produce more costs to the OCs!

For the 2018 Rules, we had proposed **to reduce the number** of Officials at FEI Driving Events – this should have been discussed in 2018. **Are there any results on this?**

DEN NF:

The Level 1 official should then be defined/implemented in the classification of international officials.

If the level 1 judge will be like the former Senior Level National judges, for the nations that for many years have had good education systems and high level national combined driving events, then we don't have any objections. Then it must be the responsibility of the NF to appoint their "level 1" officials.

BEL / FRA NF:

Article 987 Composition of the Ground Jury

Before to make any change, we would remind that FEI Officials costs are too high for driving OCs in most of the CAI levels (2* to 3* without WCupQ) and in some championships (youth especially).

We agree with the proposal for CAIO and CAI3* but we do not support the proposal for CAI2*.

FRA NF:

Article 988 Technical Delegate

Article 989 Course Designers

We support the idea of having assistant but must be with the following changes :

- Championships & CAIO : assistant level 2 minimum
- CAI3* 2* 1*: Level 1. Level 1 or National

Art 990 Chief Steward

We do support the proposal.

But : it is time like in other disciplines to respect the other FEI stewards. They must receive also a per diem. Proposal can be a flat rate of 250.00€ for the total competition.

IRL / USA NF: Does not support the change.

This will be too expensive for small NFs and OCs. We appreciate the aspiration of the further education of national officials, but the cost has to be covered by the FEI and not the OCs. Changes should be easier and less expensive, which is not the case with this proposal.

NOR NF:

CAI1* with a minimum of 3 judges, all FEI judges minimum 1 level 1 and one level 2. Is the 3rd judge then optional level 1 or 2?

It will not be possible to qualify to CAI2* at national events any more. This will be a big economic disadvantage for both organisers and athletes. A CAI1* is much more expensive to organise than a CAIN especially since we no longer can use our national judges. This also causes that the drivers then will have to travel a lot more to qualify for CAI2*.

Also the CAI2* has proposed changes similar to those in the CAI1*. No national judges can be used, and the mandatory number of judges goes up from 3 to 4. These also have to be level 3 or above. The lower level event has worked as a stepping ladder for our national judges on the way to FEI status. This will take that opportunity away and our national judges will not have the same opportunity to learn and be part of an international event any more until they are fully authorised by the FEI.

FEI feedback

The foundation course for FEI Officials will not be ready on time to implement the proposed changes for FEI Officials and therefore all amendments proposed above will be postponed and studied again in 2019. All remarks made by the National Federations will be considered.

Proposed Final Wording

Not applicable. This article will remain as stated in the 2018 rules.

12. FEI DRIVING OFFICIALS**Article No. 990 - Chief Steward****Explanation for Proposed Change**

This change is to give the opportunity to very small Organisers to hold FEI lower level with FEI Official from their own country. This exception is only granted with the approval of the FEI.

Proposed Wording**Article 990 Chief Steward**

1.3 The Chief Steward must be selected as per the level hereafter:

Category	Chief Steward
Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Level 3
CAIO	Level 3
CAI 3*	Level 2 or above
CAI 2*	Level 2 or above <u>or level 1 upon agreement of the FEI</u>
CAI 1*	Level 2 or above <u>or level 1 upon agreement of the FEI</u>

Comments received

No comments received

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above

13. CONES DRAWING**ANNEX 8 – Oxer in Cone course****Explanation for Proposed Change**

This change is a clarification on the wording

Proposed Wording**ANNEX 8 Oxer in Cone course**

8.1 An oxer will be composed of 2 pairs of cones in a straight line. The distance between the first set of cones and the second set will be between 1.5 and 3 metres, at the option of the Course Designer. The oxer counts as a single obstacle and the maximum penalty points for knocking down up to 4 balls is 3 penalty points in total. The first set of cones will have the number of the obstacle and be marked with red and white flags and the second set of cones will be marked with red and white flags. This obstacle will be judge as a single obstacle. The oxer may be crossed. A maximum of five oxers are allowed in a Cones course. The ~~width~~distance between the two pairs of ~~the~~ cones has to be measured from the balls.

Comments received**NED NF:**

An oxer should not be crossed. The variant of the oxer comes from jumping and just like in jumping, the oxer is a single, not a multiple obstacle.

Besides the proposed rule change we would like to plead for more own interpretation of Course Designers during cones competitions and the possibility to deviate from prescribed obstacles. This could make the cones competition more challenging for competitors and more attractive for spectators.

FEI feedback

The DTC wants to keep the text as proposed, this is the Driver decision to cross or not the Oxer.

Proposed Final Wording

Proposal stays as above

14. PARA DRIVING**Explanation for Proposed Change**

This change is to uniform the wording for all Para Equestrian Disciplines

Proposed Final Wording

Para-Equestrian Driving is shortened to "Para Driving" throughout the document.

NEW PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE FEI DRIVING RULES

The following comments were received from National Federations but as they are not related to the changes proposed by the DTC, they cannot be taken into consideration for the 2019 rules.

Instead, they will be taken into consideration for the 2020 review of the FEI Driving Rules in accordance with the FEI Rules revision policy available [here](#).

15. LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY**Article No 901 Categories and Levels****901.3**

3. The levels of difficulty are defined by a progressive star rating system ranging from the lowest level (1*) to the highest level (4*). Senior Athletes must successfully complete FEI Competitions to progress through the Star system, as outlined in Article 913.2.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

The DSC suggests a more progressive system from CAI1* to 4*, with qualifying criteria and increasing difficulty per level. Driving is not consistent with other FEI disciplines in this area.

BEL / NED NF:

We would like to plead for clear definitions of the different levels of CAI's. We would suggest to have a distinct structure, starting at CAI1* level ascending up to CAIO/Championship level. The level of competition should, in our opinion, be outlined in the FEI Driving Rules and not subject to an Organizing Committee or a Course Designer

Proposed Wording

No proposed wording

16. OFFICIAL RESULTS**Article No 910 Official Results****910.1**

1. Results are official as soon as they have been signed by the Ground Jury. See General Regulations.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Clarification is needed since a time limit exists for protests and appeals. There is often a delay from signing to actually posting results for athletes to review.

Proposed Wording

910.1 Results are official as soon as they have been signed and posted by the Ground Jury. See General Regulations

17. WHIP FOR DRESSAGE AND CONES**Article No 928.4 1. Whip for Dressage and Cones****928.4.1**

4.1. The Athlete must carry a whip of traditional style. The lash, which may be tied to the stick, must be capable of release, and must be long enough to reach all the Horses.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

The deleted portion unnecessary and rarely checked.

Proposed Wording

4.1. The Athlete must carry a whip of traditional style. ~~The lash, which may be tied to the stick, must be capable of release, and must be long enough to reach all the Horses.~~

18. ATHLETES**Chapter V - Athletes****Explanation for Proposed Change****USA NF:**

Propose re-naming this chapter "**Athletes and Grooms**", to make the contents of the chapter searchable.

Proposed Wording

Chapter V – Athletes and Grooms

19. EXAMINATIONS AND INSPECTIONS OF HORSES**Article No 935 Examinations and Inspections of Horses**

See Veterinary Regulations, Chapter "HORSE INSPECTIONS".

1. Examination on Arrival.
 - 1.1. This must take place at all Events upon arrival of competing Horses, and in any case before they enter the Event stables.
 - 1.2. The purpose of this Examination on Arrival is to establish the Horses' identity by checking the passport and any other relevant documents, and to establish its general state of health.
 - 1.3. The Examination on Arrival must be performed by the Veterinary Delegate or a Treating Veterinarian of the host country.
 - 1.4. Any doubtful cases concerning identity or health must be reported to the Veterinary Delegate (if he does not perform the Examination himself) or to the Veterinary Commission as soon as possible and in any case no later than one hour before the First Horse Inspection.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Propose adding rule "1.5 At CAIs, these examinations can be coupled with the first inspection". The DSC supports the examination upon arrival, but it can be a hardship on Organizers of smaller events to oversee this additional inspection.

Endurance (CEI) events allow the examination upon arrival to be coupled with the first horse inspection; we suggest the same allowance for CAIs.

FRA NF:

Veterinarians rules (proposal send to Veterinarian & Driving departments)

Article 1034 Horse Inspection Principles

Horse inspection is time consuming and expensing regarding the officials panel required during 1 extra day in most of the shows. Moreover in order to keep a vet supervision before the start of the competition it could be added in the driving rules that when there is no horse inspection than there is an in harness inspection before dressage

→ Add CAI1* and CAI2* to the point 1 of this article in order to make the HI optional in those events as it is the case in the CIC. Few following articles may be update with this change.

First horse inspection

→ Asphalt and pavements footing may not be allowed for this inspection. It is slippery, more than firm and in most of the case not flat. Driving is the only discipline which allow these footings. This is a non-sense for a horse inspection which should be similar between the different disciplines.

Extract of the FEI Code of conduct for the welfare of the horse**b) Ground surfaces**

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

→ Asphalt and pavements are certainly not part of the surfaces wished through the FEI code of conduct.

Proposed Wording

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 - ~~1.4.1.5.~~ At CAIs, these examinations can be coupled with the first inspection

20. EXAMINATIONS AND INSPECTIONS OF HORSES**Article 935 Examinations and Inspections of Horses****Explanation for Proposed Change****BEL NF:**

The Belgian commission think that the best person to decide if a horse is fit to compete is the FEI vet.

His decision must only be confirmed by the PGJ.

FRA NF:

Unlike to articles 1038.6 and 1043 the opinion of VD is often contradicted by the voting of the judges. This may not happen and may be reminded during FEI Official courses and maybe underlined in the driving regulation.

Proposed Wording**2. First Horse Inspection**

2.1. This must take place at all Events before the start of the first Competition. It must be performed under the direction of the President of the Ground Jury, together with at least one other Member of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Delegate and/or the President of the Veterinary Commission.

See Veterinary Regulations and Guidelines for OCs and Officials for details.

2.2. For safety reasons, Horses must be presented in bridles and shown on a loose rein or lead. Each Horse must display its identity number (See Article 944.2).

2.3. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs.

2.4. No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example.

2.5. One FEI Steward carrying a Whip must be present. He is the only person who may assist if a Horse refuses to trot. Handlers may not carry a whip while presenting the Horse. The use of a short whip for restraint of stallions and difficult Horses may be permitted by the Inspection Panel upon request (See Veterinary Regulations, Article 1043).

2.6. The Inspection consists of an initial observation of the Horse standing still. It must then be walked in front of the Inspecting Committee, and then trotted 30 metres away from the Committee before returning towards the Committee at the trot.

2.7. A Veterinarian may be allowed to handle a limb or other parts of the body, but he may not perform any other clinical tests (i. e., flex a limb, or walk or trot a Horse in a circle). see Veterinary Regulations, Article 1038.

2.8. In exceptional or doubtful cases, the Inspection Committee may direct that a Horse be placed in an officially supervised holding area (no whips allowed) for a further inspection to take place at a convenient time during the Inspection or in addition to be re-inspected on the following day without any request or presumption by the Athletes.

2.9. A re-inspection on the following day is only possible if no decision (accepted or not accepted) is made on the day of the Horse Inspection. The Horse must be presented by

the same person as before. In all cases of further inspection or re-inspection, the FEI Veterinary Delegate will decide whether the horse is fit to compete. The decision will be confirmed by the President of the Ground Jury. ~~opinion of the VD must be made clear to the panel. Each member of the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate will be issued with a voting slip on which they must check either a Yes or No box to indicate whether they consider the Horse fit to compete. After consideration of the veterinary opinion from both Veterinary Delegate(s) and holding box Veterinarian, these forms will be handed to the President of Jury who will announce the majority decision as to whether the Horse may compete.~~ When there are two lanes of Horses of a same class being inspected ~~the Ground Jury of both lanes will come together along with~~ the Veterinary Delegate will come together from each lane.

~~If there is an even number of Ground Jury members and Veterinary Delegates, then the Veterinary Delegate's vote from that particular lane will be counted twice.~~ There is no Appeal against this decision. It is compulsory to have a Veterinarian available in the holding box.

2.10. Any Horse, which is due for re-inspection on the following day and is accepted, can be sampled for Prohibited Substances.

2.11. Only a member of the Ground Jury has the authority to Disqualify any Horse which is considered to be unfit for the Event (marked lameness, serious injury or poor general condition). A Veterinarian has no authority to disqualify a Horse except where there is a welfare issue.

21. WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS**Article No Article 937 Weights and Dimensions****937.4**

4. Marathon Carriages must comply with the following:

Class	Wheels	Min Weight	Grooms	Min. Width
Horse Four-in-Hand	4	600 kg	2 behind	125 cm
Pony Four-in-Hand		300 kg		
Horse Pair	4	350 kg	1 behind	125 cm
Pony Pair		225 kg		
Horse Single	4	150 kg	1 behind	125 cm
Pony Single		90 kg		

4.1 In Marathon, all Carriages will be measured before the start of section B and the same Carriage must be used for all sections.

4.2 The President of the Ground Jury will decide whether all, or a random selection, of Carriages will be weighed after Marathon.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Propose to delete weight requirements from 937.4 & 937.4.2.

With modern carriage designs and safety features, the rule of minimum weights for marathon carriages seems outdated. Modern carriage builders could create strong and safe vehicles that can support better horse welfare, but instead they are restricted by weight requirements. Additionally, carriages are rarely weighed at competition. The DSC recommends removing this requirement for all events.

Proposed Wording

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~~4.2 The President of the Ground Jury will decide whether all, or a random selection, of Carriages will be weighed after Marathon.~~

22. EQUIPMENT**Article No 938 Equipment****938.1**

1. Dressage Carriages must be fitted with forward facing lamps and rear lamps or reflectors in dressage only (penalties: see Article 957). Lamps or reflectors are not compulsory in Cones.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Propose deleting Article 938.1

While tradition is valuable, the DSC does not see the necessity of requiring lamps on Dressage carriages (with threat of penalty) in this modern sport. These additional unnecessary costs only add to the expenses that overall deter athletes from continued participation.

Proposed Wording**~~Article 938 Equipment~~**

~~1. Dressage Carriages must be fitted with forward facing lamps and rear lamps or reflectors in dressage only (penalties: see Article 957). Lamps or reflectors are not compulsory in Cones.~~

23. DECLARATION OF STARTERS**Article No 947.3 Declaration of starters****947.3**

3. Chefs d'equipe (At CAIs- the Athletes) must declare in writing at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the Competition the names of the Athletes' Horses, chosen from those already definitely entered and approved at the first Horse Inspection, who will be starting in each Competition.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

The DSC can understand this rule for Championships, but suggests removing the requirement of horse declarations from CAIs. This only adds extra paper work and responsibilities for all when it does not matter which horses start in each competition phase once inspected.

Proposed Wording**947 Declaration of starters**

3. At CAIOs, Chefs d'equipe ~~(At CAIs- the Athletes)~~ must declare in writing at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the Competition the names of the Athletes' Horses, chosen from those already definitely entered and approved at the first Horse Inspection, who will be starting in each Competition.

24. STARTING ORDER**Article No 948 Starting Order****948.2.2****2.2. Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships**

A second draw will be done after the Dressage;

- a) The Athletes are divided in two groups along the Dressage result with the group A (the worse placed 50%) and the group B (better placed 50%). If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A will be the bigger one.
- b) Each group is drawn separately by the Chef d'équipes or by the Individuals themselves.
- c) The B-group will be listed always second.

Explanation for Proposed Change**FRA NF:**

We would suggest to adapt the marathon starting order. This in order to prevent that team members can follow each other and so not give the opportunity of a good team management.

Proposed Wording**948 Starting order****2.2. Starting order for Marathon for CAIOs and Championships**

~~A second draw will be done after the Dressage;~~

- ~~d) The Athletes are divided in two groups along the Dressage result with the group A (the worse placed 50%) and the group B (better placed 50%). If there is an odd number of Athletes the group A will be the bigger one.~~
- ~~e) Each group is drawn separately by the Chef d'équipes or by the Individuals themselves.~~
- ~~f) The B-group will be listed always second.~~

Keep the process of blocks from dressage starting order and number drawn by chefs d'équipe for the dressage.

→ Individuals should be listed in reverse order of the dressage ranking and splitted in the groups A, C, E.

→ Fill the 3 team member's places from the groups B, D, F in reverse order of the dressage ranking.

Other proposal first one is not wished : Chefs d'Equipe may set the order of their team drivers using the starting places from the groups B, D, F. This order may be different than the one of the dressage

25. THE ARENA & DRIVEN DRESSAGE TESTS**Article No 950 The Arena****Article No 951 Driven Dressage Tests****Article 950 The Arena**

1. The Driven Dressage arena must be 100m x 40m and laid out in accordance with the Annexes for all classes at Championship and CAIO events and for all classes of Four-in-Hand at CAI Events.
2. At CAI Events a smaller arena, measuring 80m x 40m and laid out in accordance with the Annexes, may be used for all classes of Singles and Pairs, in which case the loops of the serpentine must be reduced from five to three.
3. In Youth categories, the Driven Dressage Arena must be 80 x 40 m. The Organiser must ensure that the arena is enclosed.
4. Organisers must ensure that arrangements are in place so that spectators cannot approach closer than 5 metres from the edge of the arena.

Article 951 Driven Dressage Tests

1. Approved Tests: Details of approved FEI Driven Dressage Tests are shown on the FEI Website. The Schedules for all Events must state clearly which of these Tests is to be used.
- 2.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

The DSC recognizes a problem for Organizers in the length of Dressage tests; the amount of time required for each entry is restrictive. We are split between two different suggestions:

1. shorten the arena to 80m x 40m, which would also be easier on new facilities to support a CAI, or
2. re-write the Dressage tests to end within 6 minutes.

Proposed Wording

See above

26. THE COURSE - MARATHON**Article No 960 The Course****960.1.3**

1.3. In CAI2* and 3* the Course must consist of two or three Sections. In CAIO4* and above, the Course must consist of three Sections. The distance must be as close to maximum distance as possible for Championships.
(...)

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

The three-section option only adds to the Organizer and Officials' challenges; this can simplify CAI2*/3*s. Additionally, this can provide a difference between the 2*/3* and 4* levels.

Proposed Wording

1.3 In CAI2* and 3* the Course must consist of two ~~or three~~ Sections. In CAIO4* and above, the Course must consist of three Sections. The distance must be as close to maximum distance as possible for Championships.

27. THE COURSE – MARATHON (CONTROLLED WARM-UP)**Article No 960 The Course****960.1.7**

1.7. As an alternative option to the Phase A there can be used a controlled Warm-up (min 30 minutes before starting time) in a designated warm-up arena with minimum 7000 square metres, properly stewarded, with a judge and veterinarian in attendance. A marathon-type obstacle for preparation purposes should be provided. Horse inspection and bit/harness control 10 minutes before the start in Section B is compulsory.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

This article might need further clarification, after some practical experience. For example, to what degree is this controlled warm-up considered part of the competition? With a judge, veterinarian and steward present, what rules are to be followed? What guidance are Officials given regarding this controlled warm-up?

DEN NF:

Seems too difficult to administrate as a replacement for phase A, with phase A rules and penalties. Could be replaced just as a warm-up, not being a part of the competition.

BEL / NED NF:

We suggest the rules for a „Controlled Warm-up“ replacing Phase A (and also in fact T) to be reworded in the sense of the other Driving Competitions : this Warm-up is NOT part of the Marathon Competition , but proper rules for Stewarding there have to be established including the use of a training obstacle and a compulsory „Harness and Health check“ for each turnout

FRA NF:

Transfer section after a controlled warm up is useless when the start of B section is closed. We suggest to add :

→ In case of controlled warm up instead of phase A, the Transfer section is not compulsory.

28. 10 MINUTES COMPULSORY REST

Article No 960 The Course

960.3.1.

3.1. There must be a compulsory rest of not less than 10 minutes in the designated rest area prior to the start of Section B. Not compulsory in a "controlled warm up" but horse/bit / harness check as art. 960.1.7

Explanation for Proposed Change

FRA NF:

This 10 minutes-Rest often contravenes the "warm-up" effects of Section A, this is an horse welfare issue. Before to start in B section horses don't need a "long" rest like it was necessary due to the heavy/fast sections from the past.

After being inspected by FEI Officials horses need to have a small rest and get warmed properly before the start of B. The first obstacle is coming only few hundred meters from the start.

Drivers may choose to use a warm up obstacle or to keep more time to rest.

Proposed Wording

3.1.

→ Inspection

→ Rest : 6 minutes. Walk or halt only.

→ Neutral zone : 4 min. Warm up zone with an indoor type obstacle or space to warm. Free paces.

29. PACES**Article No 960 The Course****960.6****6. Paces**

6.1. The finish of Section B must not be more than 300 m from the exit of the last Obstacle unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. If the last obstacle is situated within 300 m of the finish, the Athletes may stop within 30 m of the out gate of the obstacle to repair a broken or detached harness without penalty. A 30 m marker will be placed on the track to indicate this point if the last obstacle is within 300 m of the finish.

6.2. Between last obstacle (or 300 m) and finish, pace must be trot or walk only. The Athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each five seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Propose deleting 6.1 & 6.2 as they complicate the sport for very little purpose.

Proposed Wording~~3. Paces~~

~~3.1. The finish of Section B must not be more than 300 m from the exit of the last Obstacle unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. If the last obstacle is situated within 300 m of the finish, the Athletes may stop within 30 m of the out gate of the obstacle to repair a broken or detached harness without penalty. A 30 m marker will be placed on the track to indicate this point if the last obstacle is within 300 m of the finish.~~

~~3.2. Between last obstacle (or 300 m) and finish, pace must be trot or walk only. The Athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each five seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.~~

30. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF OBSTACLES**Article No 961 Obstacles in Section B****961.3****3. Design and Construction of Obstacles**

3.1. The number of each Obstacle must be clearly displayed on the post supporting the Red Entry Flag.

3.2. The Entry and Exit of each Obstacle must be marked by Red and White Flags (red on the right and white on the left), not less than 20 m from the nearest lettered gate, unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. After the finish line of each obstacle a 30 m sign must be established. A dismounted groom in an obstacle must be back on the carriage before the rear axle passes the sign.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Propose shortening entry/exit distance to obstacle.

With 10 m distances, the speeds won't be excessive and dismounted grooms won't be left behind.

Proposed Wording**961.3****3. Design and Construction of Obstacles**

3.1. The number of each Obstacle must be clearly displayed on the post supporting the Red Entry Flag.

3.2. The Entry and Exit of each Obstacle must be marked by Red and White Flags (red on the right and white on the left), not less than ~~20~~ 10 m from the nearest lettered gate, unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. ~~After the finish line of each obstacle a 30 m sign must be established. A dismounted groom in an obstacle must be back on the carriage before the rear axle passes the sign.~~

31. COMPULSORY GATE**Article No 961 Obstacles in Section B****961.4.4.**

4.4. The minimum width of a compulsory gate is 2.50 m.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Most obstacles are built with 3 m gates anyway, due to the modern speeds driven in the sport now. Increasing to 3 m minimum is more horse friendly.

Proposed Wording

4.4. The minimum width of a compulsory gate is ~~2.50~~ 3 m.

32. OFFICIALS**Article No 967 Officials and related articles****967.1****1. Ground observers**

1.1. Ground observers should be allocated positions around the Course by the Technical Delegate from which they can observe the most critical compulsory turning flags.

1.2. Ground observers must be given the starting order of Athletes, together with copies of Instructions and the Ground Observers Report and a Control sheet.

1.3. Ground observers must report all incidents for which an Athlete may be penalised, and any other information, to the President of the Ground Jury or Member of the Ground Jury periodically and at the end of their period of duty.

1.4. Ground observers cannot Eliminate or otherwise penalize Athletes. It is the responsibility of the Ground Jury to impose appropriate penalties.

1.5. After the Competition, Ground observers must remain in the vicinity of the Secretary's Office until dismissed by the President of the Ground Jury.

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Propose simplifying these requirements for Organizers, possibly even deleting Ground Observer rules altogether.

Proposed Wording**960 The Course****5. Compulsory turning flags**

5.3. ~~Ground Observers must record the Athlete's track through the compulsory turning flags;~~ If any compulsory turning flags are missed out or passed in the wrong sequence, the details must be reported to the member of the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate as soon as possible.

Article 967 Officials~~Ground observers~~

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33. THE COURSE - CONES

Article No 972 The Course

972.1.2.

1.2. The Arena should be not less than 70 m x 120 m or an equivalent area. Should this not be possible the number of obstacles must be reduced accordingly, unless an exception is granted by the Technical Delegate.

Explanation for Proposed Change

USA NF:

Propose changing arena size for cones

As the sport has developed and drivers/vehicles are more proficient, this large arena size is unnecessary.

Proposed Wording

972.1.2

1.2. The Arena should be not less than ~~70 m x 120 m~~ 50 m x 100 m or an equivalent area. Should this not be possible the number of obstacles must be reduced accordingly, unless an exception is granted by the Technical Delegate.

34. MARKERS - CONES

Article No 973 Obstacles

973.5

5. Markers

5.3. Turning posts, decorations, and obstructions must be placed on the Course before the official course walk. No penalty is incurred if they are touched, displaced or knocked over.

Explanation for Proposed Change

USA NF:

Turning posts are not used.

Proposed Wording

5. Markers

5.3. ~~Turning posts, d~~Decorations, and obstructions must be placed on the Course before the official course walk. No penalty is incurred if they are touched, displaced or knocked over.

35. CONES COMPETITION SUMMARY

Article No 974 Cones Competition Summary

Article 974 Cones Competition Summary

1. Single Obstacles and Open Multiple obstacles

	Division	Speed	Cones Width	Serpen- tine	Zig- zag	Wave	Distance between obstacles (m)	
	class	M/min	(cm)	(m)	(m)			
Horse	Four-In-Hand	240	190	10-12	11-13	10-12	15	
	Pair	250	170	6-8	10-12	8-10	12	
	Single	250	160					
	Para-Equest.	230						
Pony	Four-In-Hand	240	165	8-10	9-11	8-10	12	
	Pair	250	160 (Children: 20cm clearance)	6-8				
	Single							260
	Children							220
	Para-Equest.							230

Explanation for Proposed Change

DEN NF:

We would suggest for the **championships** for juniors and young drivers, that they have the same speed 250 m/min.

FRA NF:

At too many occasions are not important enough regarding the balance dressage/marathon/cones and the final result. But in the meantime cones course are too often with sharp turns and not horse friendly.

The courses are getting more and more requesting for horses in order to make it challenging. It makes cones course not nice to see, sometimes dangerous in single and too often not horse friendly which should not be the case after the marathon effort.

We propose to increase the technical difficulty for the drivers by decreasing the width of cones instead of increasing the horse effort like we do now. It's a way to give the opportunity to the Course designers to build lines more horse friendly but still challenging in the meantime.

By making cones more important in the final result it will be also helpfull to see some new names coming in the top of the final rankings.

Proposed Wording**Article 974 Cones Competition Summary**

1. Single Obstacles and Open Multiple obstacles

	Division	Speed	Cones Width	Serpen- tine	Zig- zag	Wave	Distance between obstacles
	class	M/min	(cm)	(m)	(m)		(m)
Horse	Four-In- Hand	240	190 <u>185</u>	10-12	11-13	10-12	15
	Pair	250	170	6-8	10-12	8-10	12
	Single	250					
	Para- Equest.	230	160				
Pony	Four-In- Hand	240	165	8-10	9-11	8-10	12
	Pair		160 <u>155</u> (Children: 20cm clearance)	6-8			
		250					
	Single	260					
	Children Para- Equestr.	220					
		230					

Horse four in hand :

→ Cones width : 185 cm instead of 190 cm. Reduce width : 180cm instead of 190cm

Single horse and sing pony :

→ Cones width : 155cm instead of 160 cm. Reduce width : 150cm instead of 155cm

We consider that after doing these changes for the cones it will be possible to increase marathon penalties inside obstacles from 0,25pts/sec to 0,3pts/sec.

36. CONES COMPETITION SUMMARY**Article No 974 Cones Competition Summary****974.1.3**

1.3. Alternative options: A maximum of two (2) single obstacles may offer an alternative single option (see Annex 7).

Explanation for Proposed Change**USA NF:**

Propose clarification

Proposed Wording

1.3. Alternative options: A maximum of two (2) single obstacles may offer an alternative single option (see Annex 7). Must measure the longest route.

37. VETERINARY PANEL**Article No 992 Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission****Article No 993 Veterinary Services Manager /Treating Veterinarian****Explanation for Proposed Change****HUN NF:**

The proposal is to decrease the number of FEI Official Vet. as follow:

- FEI Veterinary Delegate
- FEI Treating Veterinarian
- Member of the Veterinary Commission

At arrival the examination of the FEI Document should be done by the local Veterinarian.

38. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP**Youth Championship****Explanation for Proposed Change****FRA NF:**

Dressage tests should be shorter especially for Children and more progressive from an age class to the next one. Nowadays YD test is less challenging than J one.

39. YOUNG HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP**Young Horse Championship****Explanation for Proposed Change****FRA NF:**

We suggest the following changes in the interest of the development of young horses in driving and also to promote the FEI YH WC.

→ fix the minimum horse age for 3* competitions at 7 years old.

Young horses in the age of 5 or 6 years shall only be allowed to compete in 2* events or lower in order to give more time to the young horses. It is highlighted that such a change would need to be communicated 1-2 years in advance;

→ add the possibility to qualify to the YH WC with horses competing in pairs and four in hand

40. GENERAL COMMENTS – USA NF

Consider how to handle potential holds for medic or Vet check for athletes/grooms or horses.

Proposed restructuring/Annexes:

All Course Designer Annexes and Diagrams can be moved out of the rule book and simply posted on the FEI Driving Rules website page. Annexes 1-9.

The following rules can be moved to a separate Section or Annex titled **"ANNEX: Competition Structure and Organizers"** to simplify the sport rules:

Chapter 11 / Article 901 – Structure of Competitions
Article 934 – Stable Security

The following Championship rules can be moved to a separate Section or Annex titled **"ANNEX: Championships (CAIO)"**:

Article 901.7 – Championships
Article 901.8 – Organization
Article 905 – Team Classification for Championships and CAIOs
Article 906 – Team Classification for Pony Championships
Article 907 – Team Classification for Youth Championships
Article 914 – Championships / Eligibility Procedure for Championships
Article 916.2 – Entries for FEI Championships and Games

Article 919 – Entries Championships and CAIOs
Article 920 – Entries – World and Continental Four-in-Hand Championship for Horses
Article 921 – Entries World Pair Championship for Horses
Article 922 – Entries World Single Championship for Horses
Article 923 – Entries World Pony Driving Championships
Article 924 – Entries Youth Driving Championships
Article 925 – Entries World Driving Single Championship for Para-Equestrian
Article 926.2-3 – Expenses and privileges
Article 927 – Additional Entries for Championships and CAIOs
Article 934.1 – Stable Security: Championship, CAIO
Article 936 (partial) – Permitted Carriages (re. Championships)
Article 943.2 (partial) – Participation (re. Championships, throughout)
Article 946 (partial) – Substitutions (re. Championships)
Article 947.1 – Declaration of Starters Article 948.2 – Starting Order
Article 950.1 – The Arena Article 960.1.3 – The Course
Article 961.1 – Obstacles in Section B
Article 962.3.6 – Inspection of the Course
Article 965.7.2 & 9.1 (partial) – Obstacle Penalties
Article 975.9.2 – Judging Cones Competition
Article 987.1 (partial) – Composition of Ground Jury (re. Championships)
Article 988 (partial) – Technical Delegate (re. Championships)
Article 989 (partial) – Course Designers (re. Championships)
Article 990 (partial) – Chief Steward (re. Championships)
Article 991 (partial) – Appeal Committee (re. Championships)
Article 992 (partial) – Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission
Article 993.2 – Veterinary Services Manager / Treating Veterinarian
Article 994.1 – Para-Equestrian Driving Classifiers

41. GENERAL COMMENTS – BEL NF

Proposes to include the following in the FEI Driving Rules:

Proposed Wording

- Collecting ring: in the collecting ring the athlete is the only person to handle the reins.
 - Definition see steward manual

42. GENERAL COMMENTS – BEL / NED / FRA NFS**Proposed Wording****BEL / NED / FRA NF:**

- FEI main events (championships, nations cup)
 - Should be protected & promoted especially in the Four in Hand class due to the limited number of drivers in this class
 - Ranking points should be given for FEI continental championships

GER NF:

World Cup Qualification points should also be awarded at European Championships

Proposed Wording**BEL / NED / FRA NF:**

- European Championships for Singles & Pairs : was discussed in 2017
 - Would be good for Single horse and horse Pairs driving sport to make the year in between 2 world championships more entertaining.
 - Promote several selected (or all without restriction) FEI events as FEI Tour/Series dedicated for Horse Single and Horse Pairs. This events may be organized on CAI with other classes.
 - the shows during the year are qualifiers for a final event. Single final & Pair final can be on separate shows.
- Or the qualification ranking may be based on all results -or- based on the x best results per driver (to be chosen)
- final event(s) open to the top 40 (to be defined exactly) with a maximum of 5 drivers per country. Could be organized with other normal CAI classes of the WCup. Ex : CAIH1WCup final limited to 40 drivers + CAI3* unlimited.

It would also have a positive impact on the qualifying events and the final which would benefit from the light of this FEI Tour/Series.

The situation of many driving shows is getting more and more difficult, this FEI project could be positive for them.

43. GENERAL COMMENTS – NED NF**Proposed Wording****NED NF:**

We suggest the World Championships Para-Driving to take place every other year (like in all other FEI Disciplines) as advised and discussed previous years

FEI feedback

This change was approved in 2017 and came into force in 2018 – APPENDIX D of the FEI General Rules

Proposed Wording**NED NF:**

In Para-Driving two Grades are distinguished, but there is no difference in difficulty of the dressage tests. We would like to plead for different levels for different Grades (like for Para-Dressage)

Proposed Wording**NED NF:**

The dressage tests for Para-Driving exist for over 10 years. We would like to suggest to revise these tests every four years.