



**FEI**<sup>TM</sup>  
**DRIVING**

# FEI DRIVING FORUM 2023

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**Session 6**  
**The discipline tomorrow -  
Events**



# Development of Youth

# Developing a Long Term International Athlete

- The sport's international appeal is partly due to its unique blend of horsemanship, athleticism, and precision.
- Longevity for Athlete Participation.

# Providing Education and Training

**Help attract new participants and improve the skills of existing ones**

- Clinics
- Workshops (on-line or in person)
- Formal and informal training programs
- Multiple NFs can join together to create a bigger exchange experience for Athletes and share costs

# Changes in Rules and Format

Modification of the rules and format of youth combined driving in response to changing trends and interests.

## **New categories such as:**

- Head to head competitions similar to Jumping Clash
- Team Driving like the Global Champions League Teams
  - 6 drivers form the Bordeaux Bears – 1x horse/pony four in hand, 2x horse/pony pairs, 3x horse/pony single

# Changes in Rules and Format

## **New categories (continued):**

- Musical Kur to showcase a youths expression with their equine partner. 3-5 minute dressage presentation with 6 required movements.
- Family Class – 2 members of a family compete together at the same show using either the same horse/pony or different horse/pony. Results of family combined for winner.

# Increased Focus on Sustainability

- As sustainability becomes a more pressing issue in equestrian sports, the FEI may place more emphasis on environmental stewardship and animal welfare in youth combined driving.
- This could lead to changes in the types of vehicles and equipment used, as well as in the training and management of horses and ponies.



# Carriage Driving & the Media

Sarah Dance



# WHAT IS MEDIA?

- the main means of mass communication (broadcasting, publishing, and the internet) regarded collectively:
- plural form of [medium](#).



# These days have gone...



# And now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century –



## Social media platforms

- Repeat clicks
- Speed of communication
- Open platform
- No editorial control



# Carriage driving in the media



- HRH Prince Philip
- Carriages used for tourists
- Specialist websites & organisations

## FEI Driving in the media

- FEI World Cup™
- Mostly horse fairs
- FEI Media footage
- Specialist websites publications
- Event reporting



# What do they say?



“World Cup Driving: Finding the balance between chariot racing and driving skills”

LEIPZIG 23... MULTIPLE ORGAN FAILURE WHILE DRIVING?



# Positive messages







# Alternative scoring system

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## Aim of the Alternative Scoring System

Even out the influence of each competition on the overall classification.

## Solution

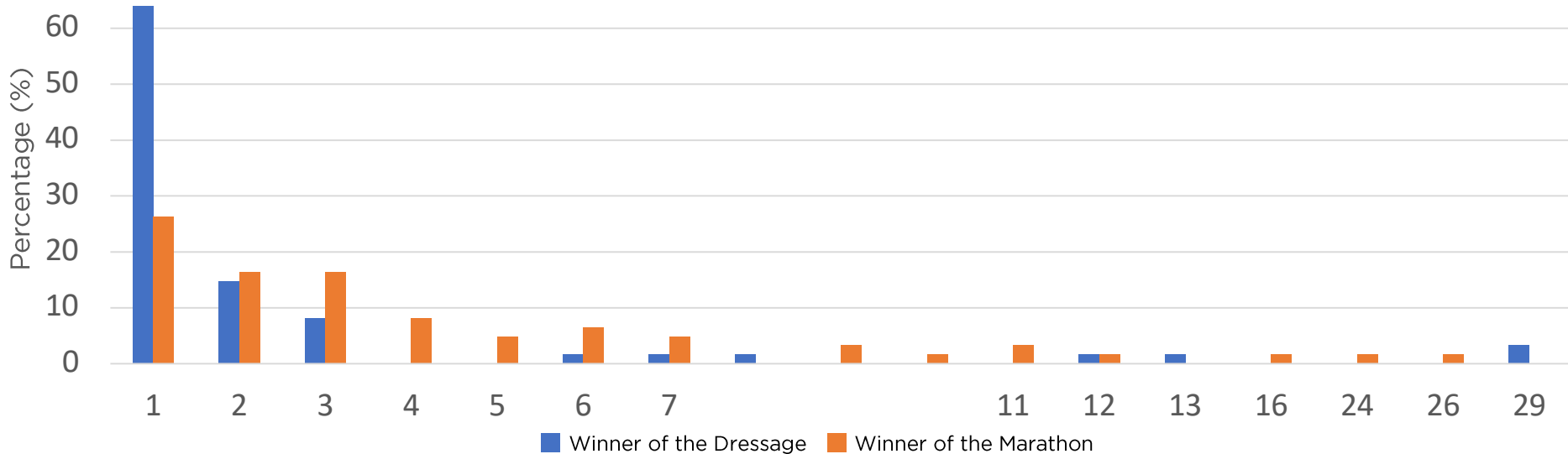
Changing the Dressage results in percentages

- The scores will be calculated in percentages to two decimals.
- Difference between 100 percent and result in percentage
- Final points in percentage

# Comparison of Current and Alternative scoring system

- Based on 44 competitions / 61 events
- Only event with more than 20 competitors are included
- Only horse single, pair and four-in-hand categories are included
- Only International competitions using the Scoring System of Philippe Liénart are included

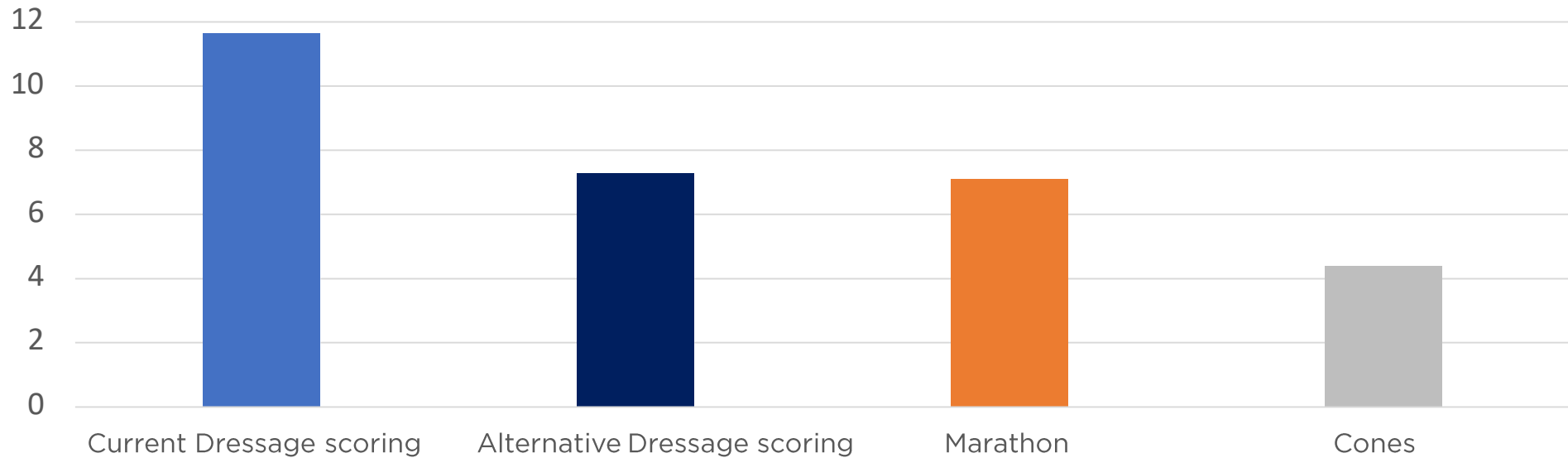
# Current scoring system - Overall winner of the Competition



In 64% of the Events the winner of the dressage wins the overall competition.

In 26% of the Events the winner of the marathon wins the overall competition.

# Average penalty difference

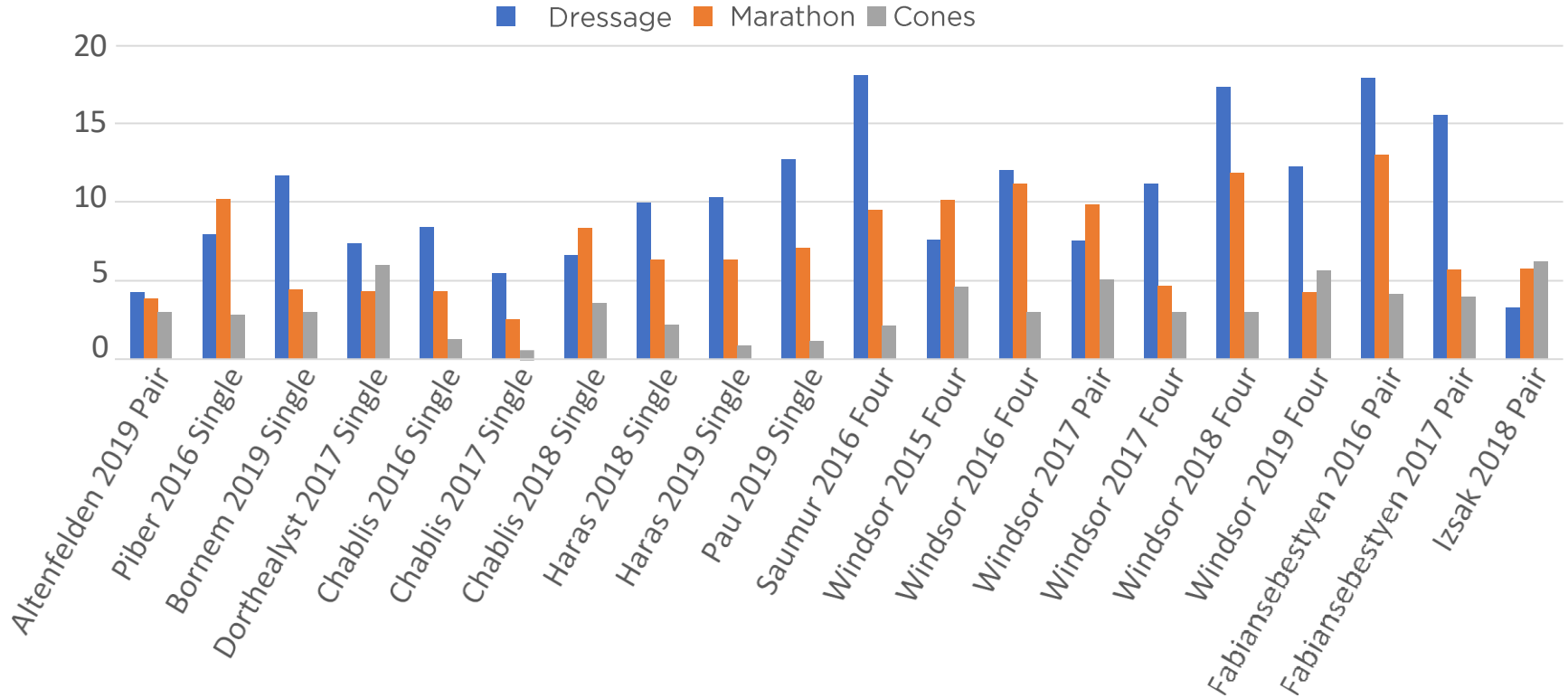


The average penalty difference is calculated by taking the difference between the first result of the dressage, marathon or cones and the 25% result. (When there are 40 competitors the 25% result will be the one on the 10th place).

The Alternative results are calculated by taking a scale of 0-100 penalty points in stead of the current 0-160 scale.

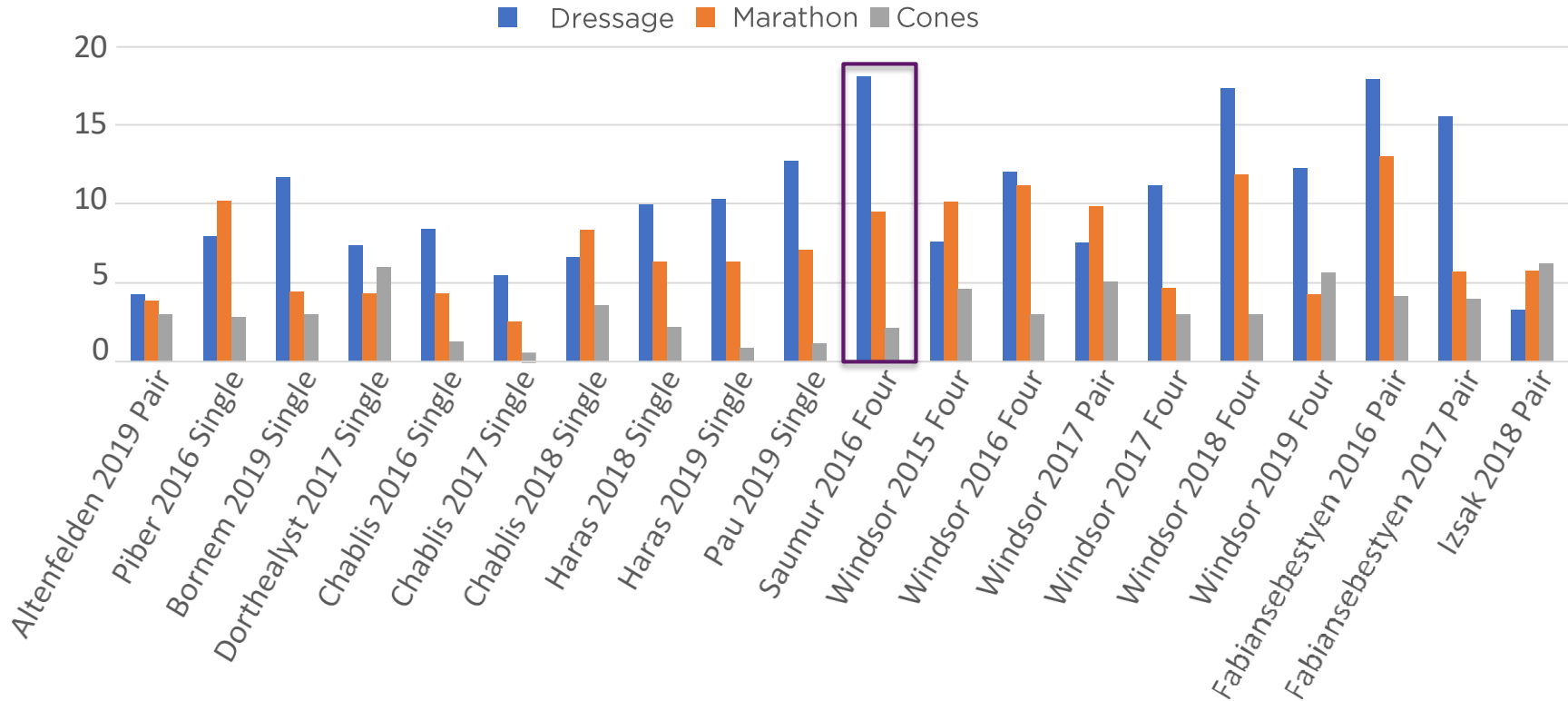
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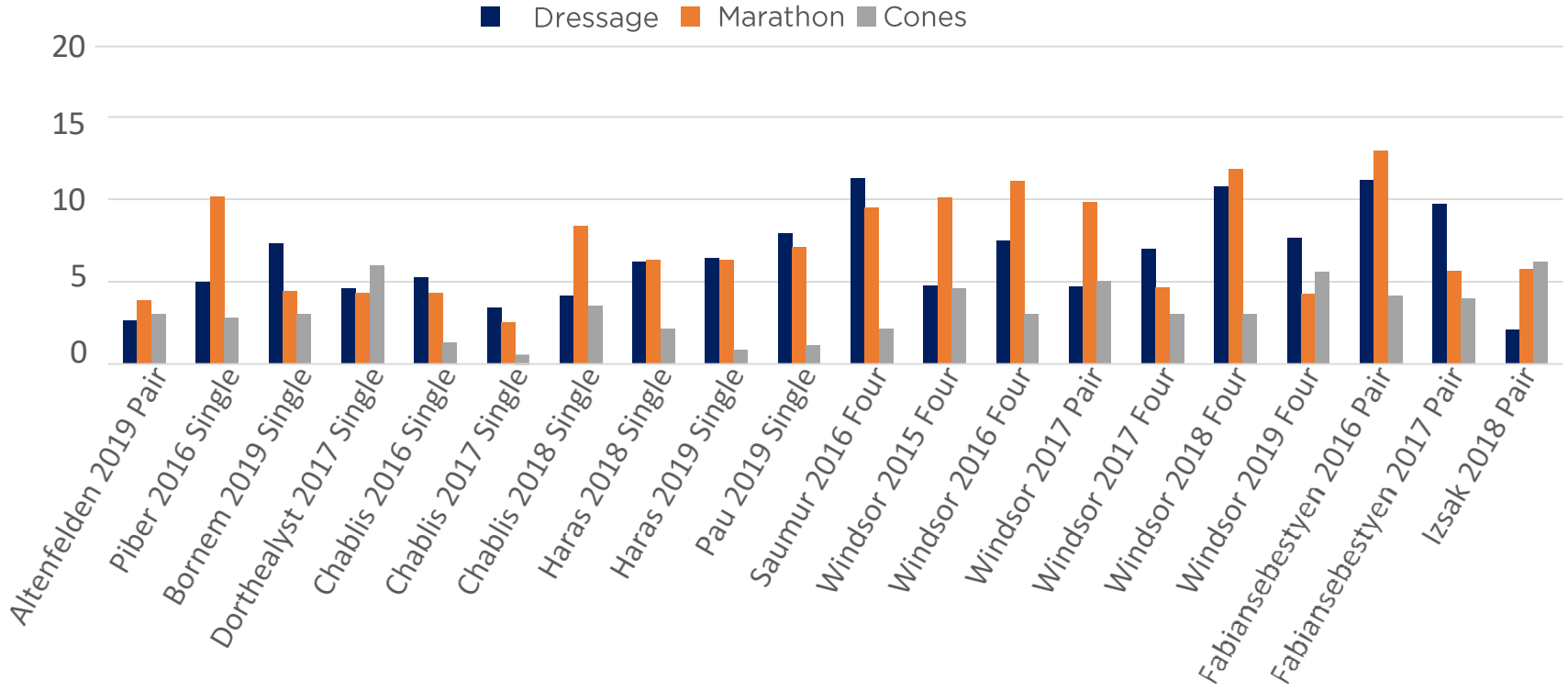
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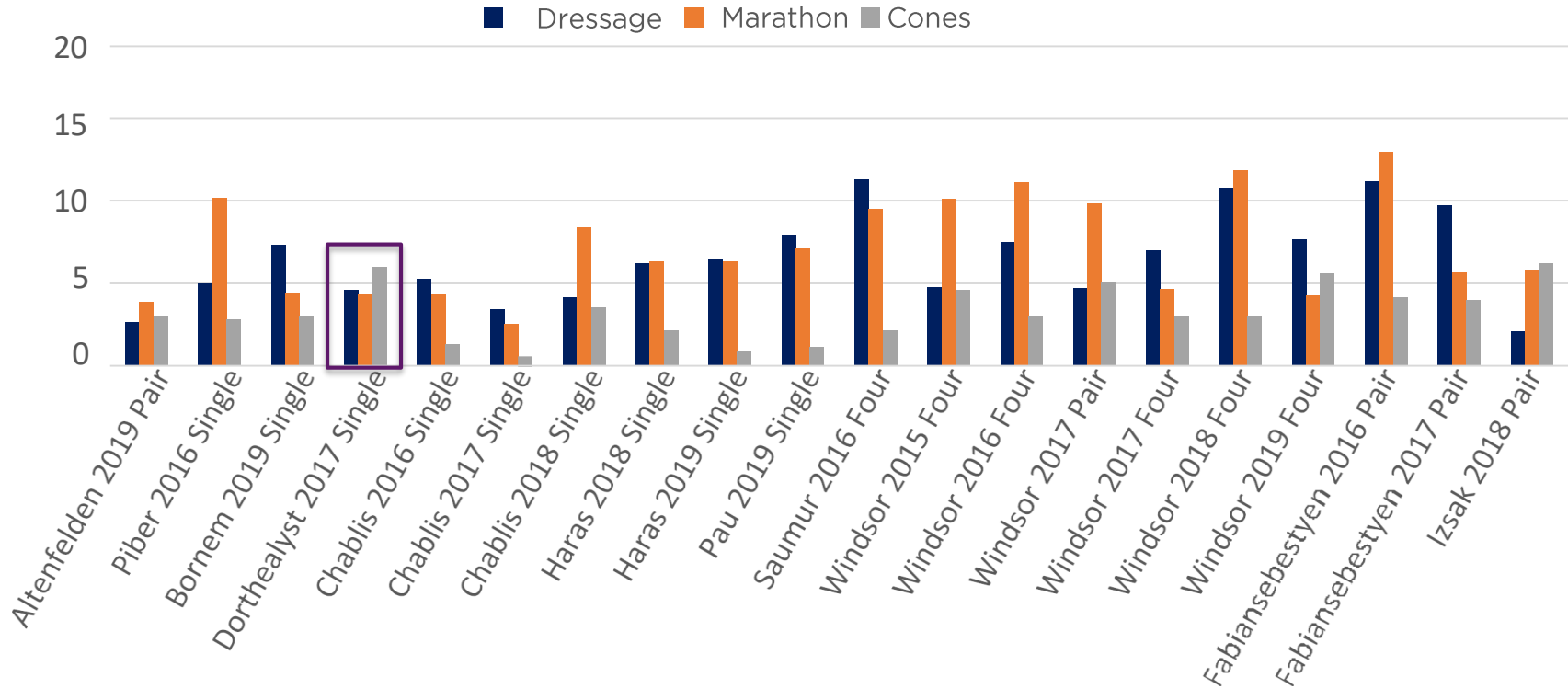
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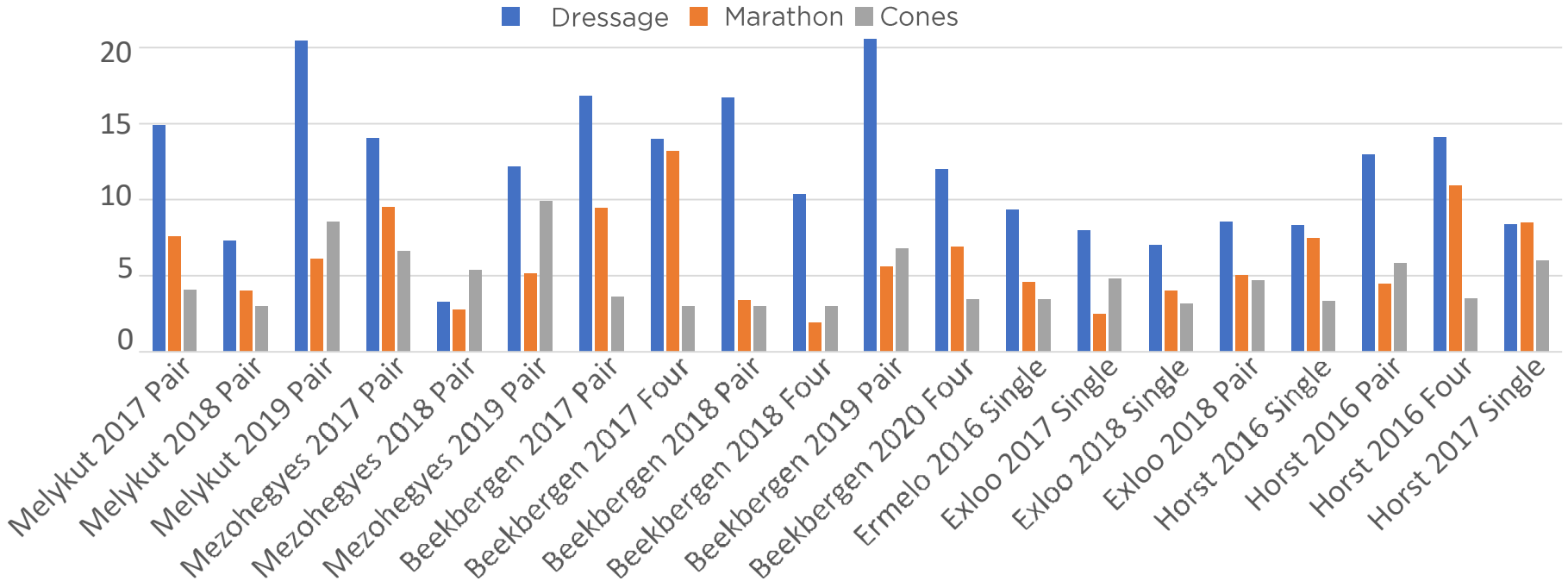
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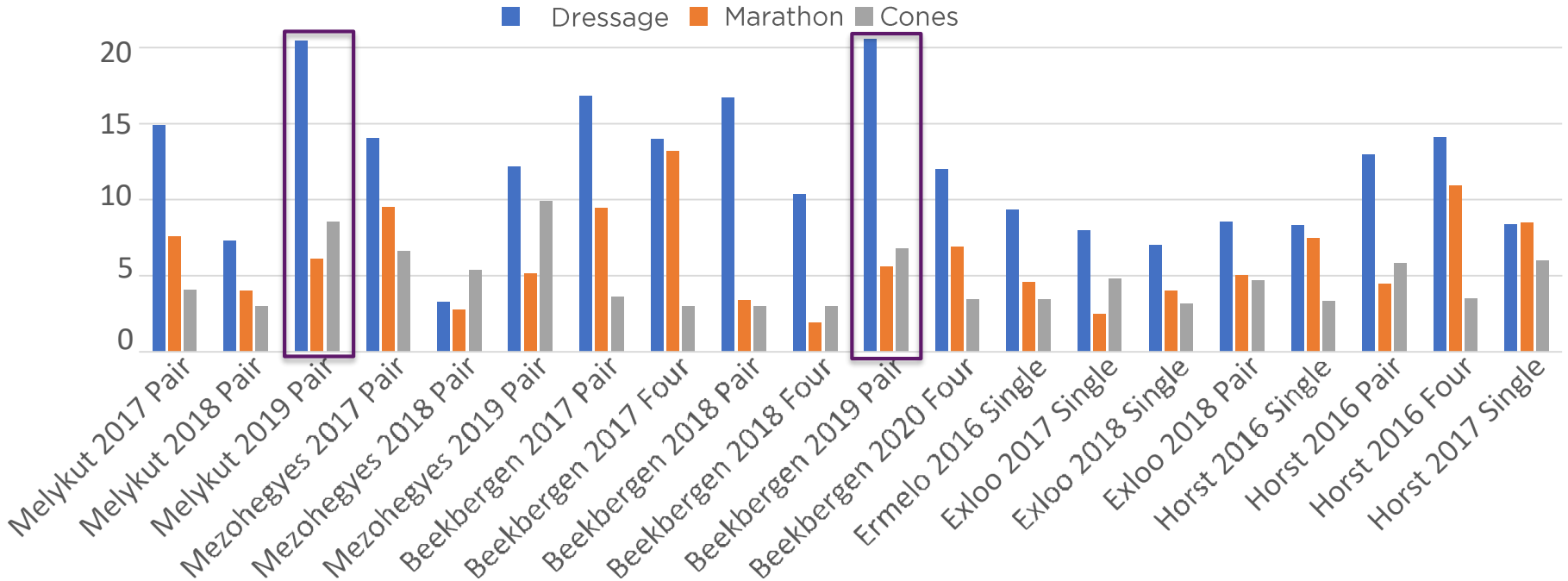
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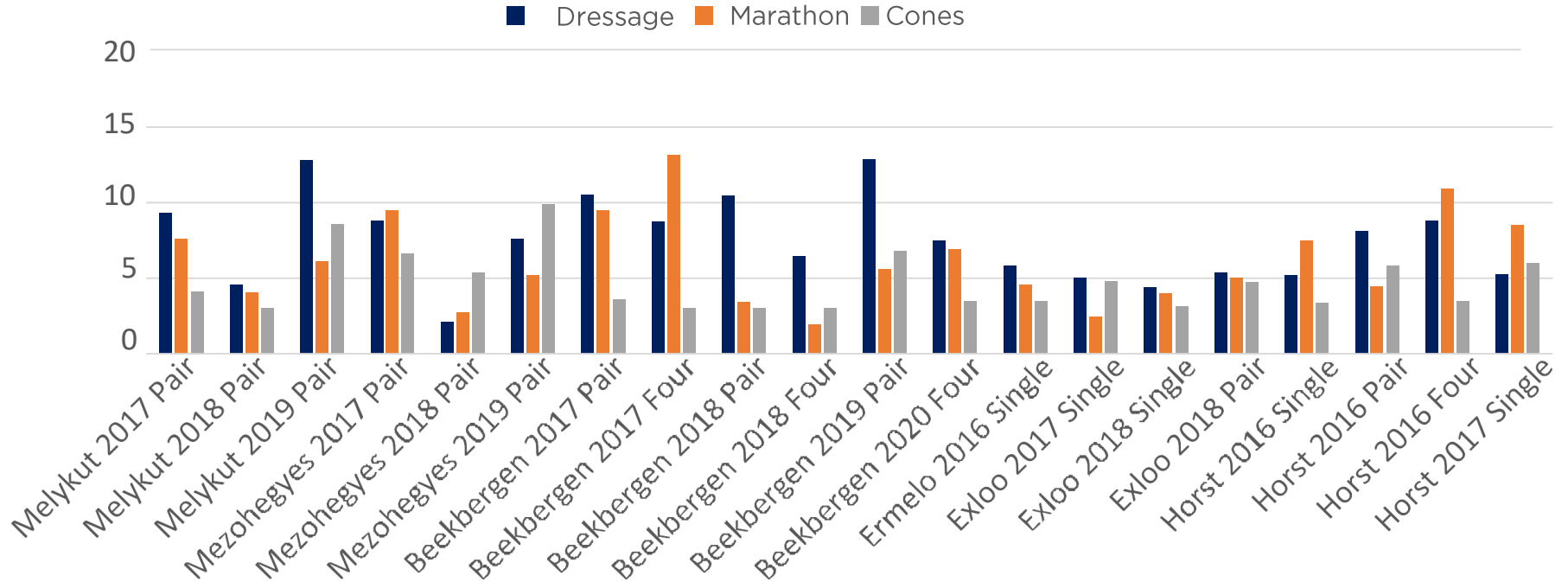
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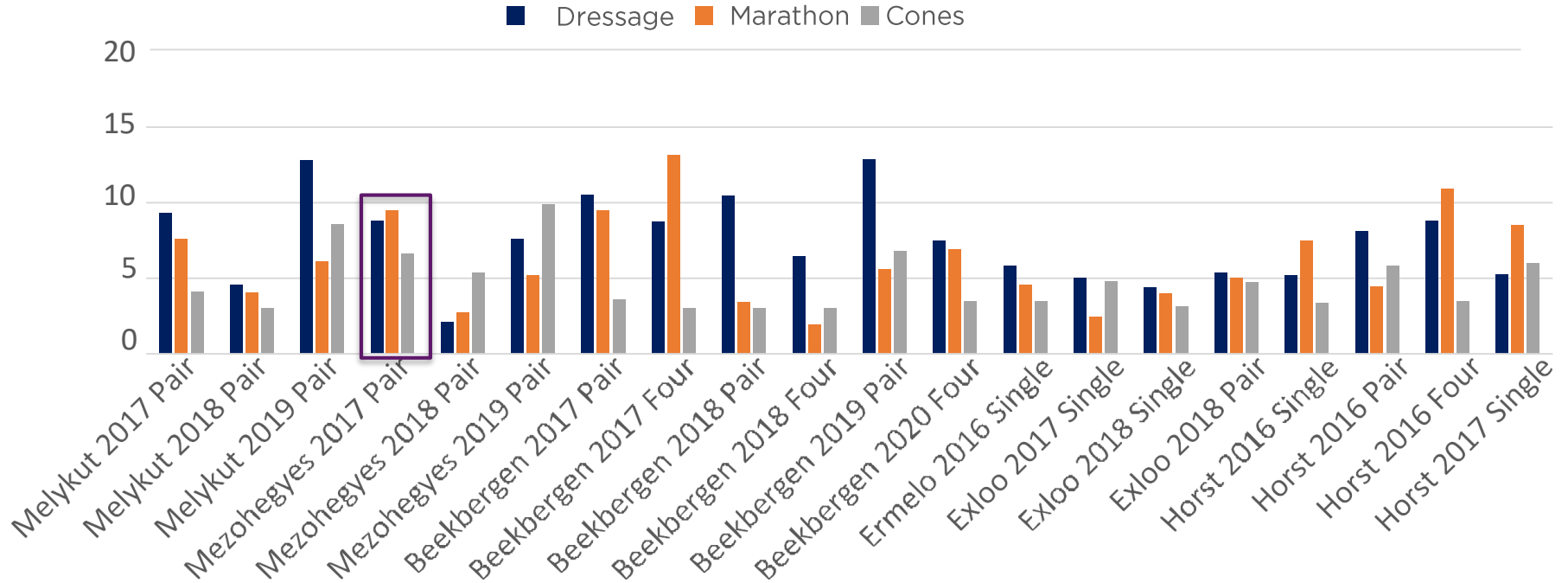
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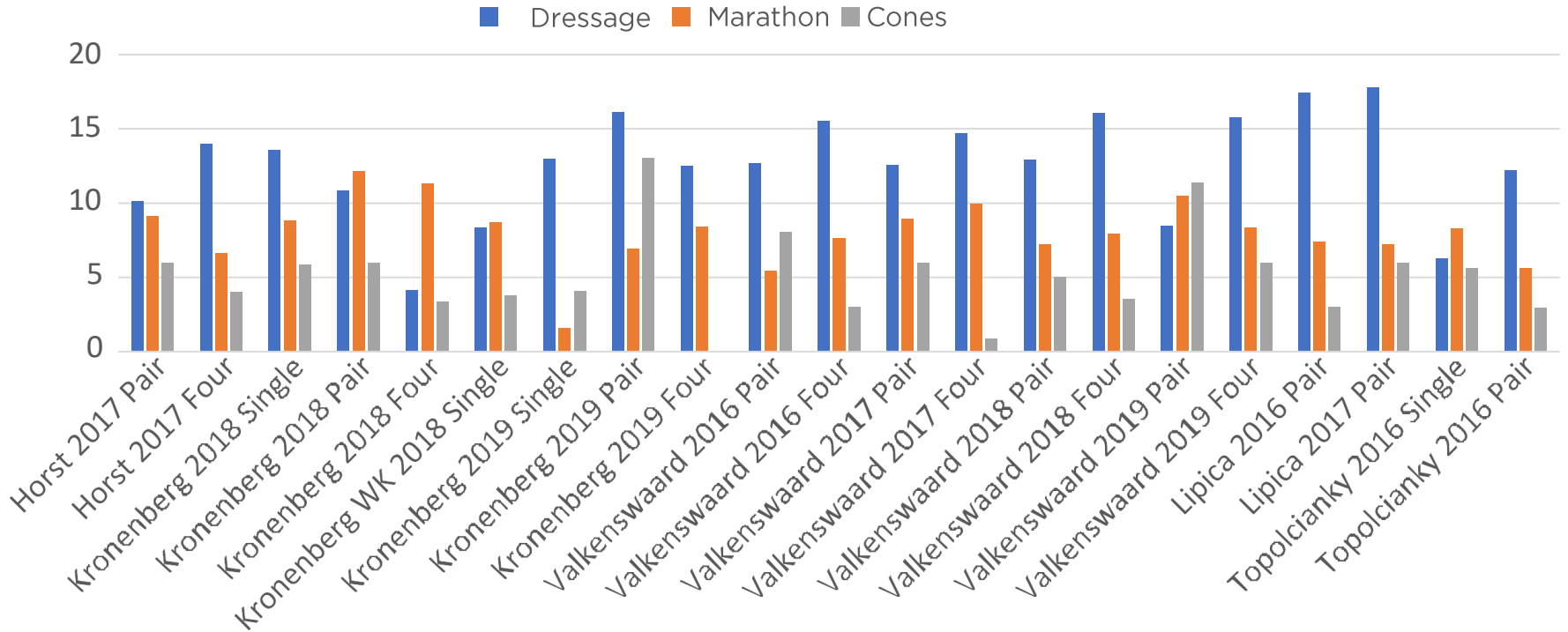
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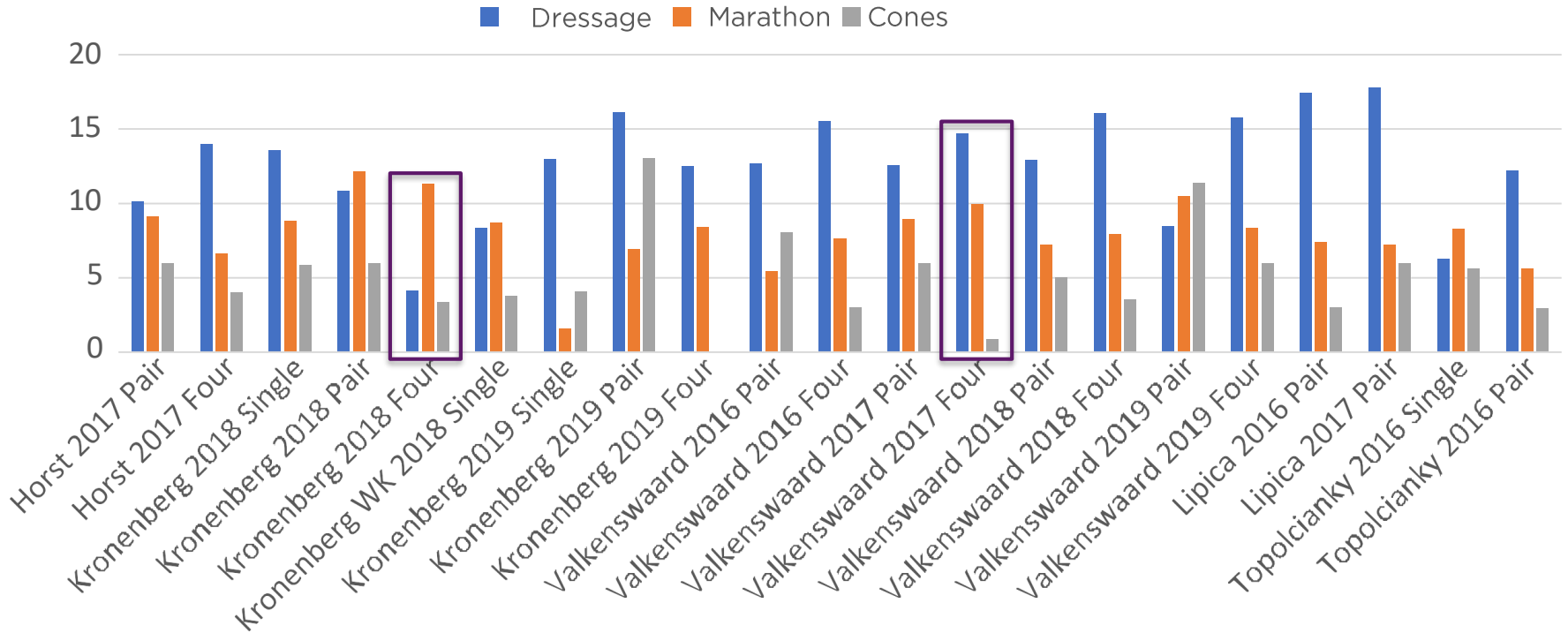
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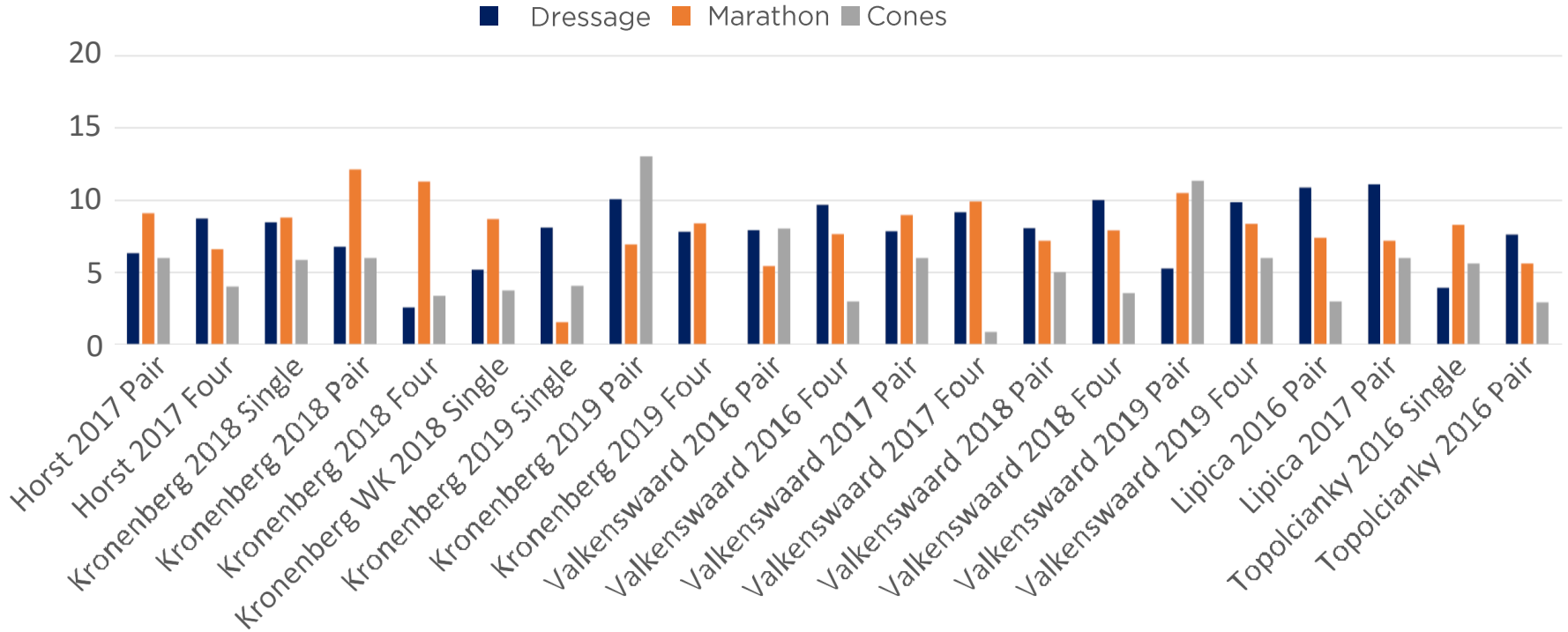
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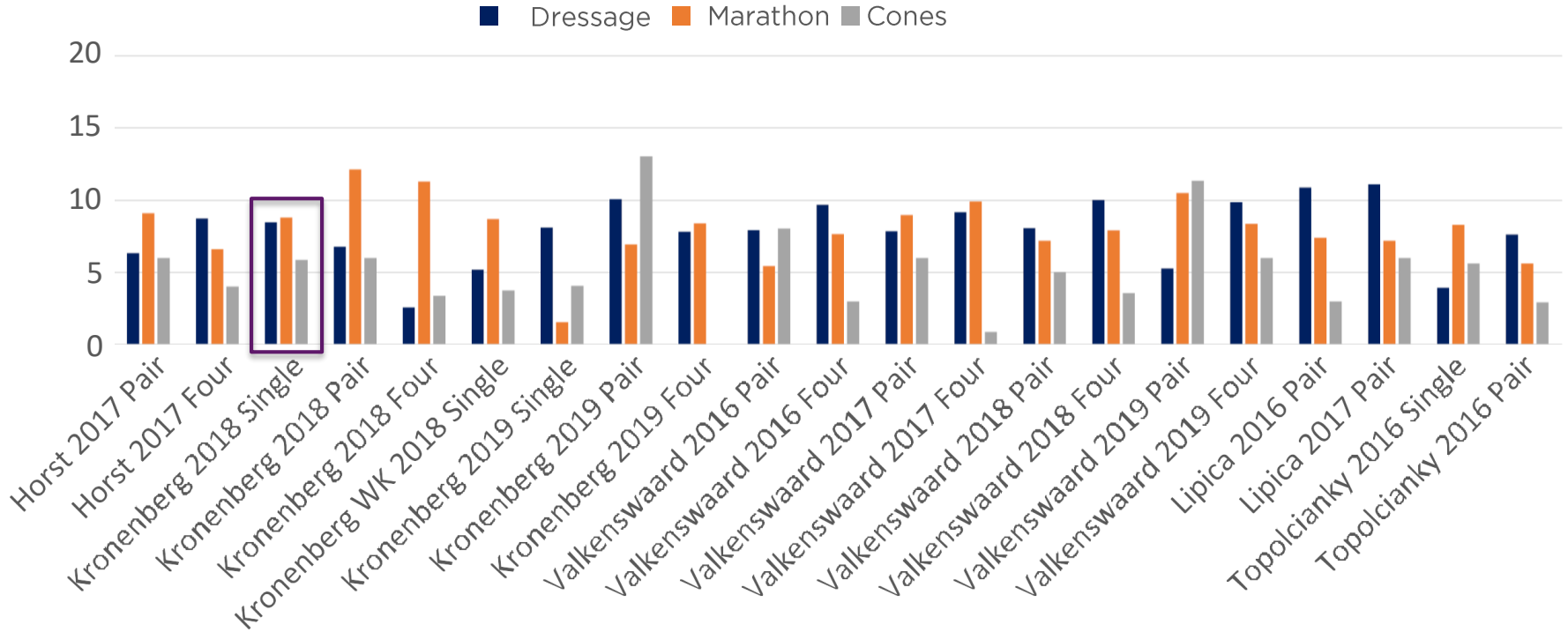
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# FEI Driving World Cup™

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## Rule changes for 2023-2024

- Qualification for the Series
- Allocation of legs
- Drive-off for Competition 1
- Whips
- Course Designer for the Final
- Others



# Qualification for the Series – Art. 2.7

- 2.7 No more than two Outdoor Qualifying Competitions per country can be submitted by an Athlete in support of qualifying for the Series. Continental and World Championships will not count towards the maximum two Outdoor Qualifying Competitions per country.

## Allocation of legs - Art. 2.15 (NEW)

- 2.15 The FEI shall organise a teleconference meeting with the Athletes for the purpose of the allocation process set out in Article 2.14 above and shall give the Athletes reasonable notice of such meeting. Athletes who cannot attend the meeting or who do not send a representative shall lose their right to select Legs and shall have their Legs allocated to them by the FEI.

## Allocation of legs - Art. 2.16 (**NEW**)

- 2.16. If it is not possible to allocate the required number of Athletes to each Leg according to the process set out in Articles 2.14 and 2.15 above, the final overall allocation will be made by the FEI, in its sole discretion, having regard to the preferences of the relevant Athletes and in accordance with the principle of fairness.

## Allocation of legs - Art. 2.16 (**NEW**)

- In deciding upon the final overall allocation of Legs pursuant to this Article 2.16, the FEI may reallocate Legs that had been selected by the Athletes pursuant to the process in Article 2.14 and 2.15 above.
- The final allocation shall be communicated in writing by the FEI to the Athletes and shall not be subject to challenge or appeal.

# Allocation of legs Art. 2.17 (**NEW**)

- 2.17. The Athletes will use their final FEI Driving World Cup™ Qualification Standings number of that year as their carriage number during the entire event Legs for the season.



# Drive-off for Competition 1 - Art. 5.2

- In order to respect an even playing field for all Athletes, it is proposed to remove the option of a Drive-off opened to only the three best Athletes for the first day of competition. Instead, OCs would be able to choose between organising a Drive-Off for all Athletes, or not organising a Drive-Off at all.

## Whips – Art. 8.10 (NEW)

- 8.10. The whip can only be used by the Athlete at all times during the Event. Longs whips (more than 3 meters) are only allowed in the Training and Warm-Up Arena. Long whips are not allowed in the Competition Arena at any time. Grooms are allowed to hand the whip to the Athletes but may not use the whips on the horses. Grooms are allowed to use a whip when lunging Horses.

# Course Designer for the Final Art 10.7

- 10.7. At the Final, the Course Designer may not be from the country in which the Final is to be held. The CD is appointed by the FEI and may not be the same for two consecutive years. The appointed Course Designer for the final must at least have officiated as Course Designer during an FEI Driving World Cup™ Leg within the current season.

# Others

- Other modifications include a clarification regarding penalties when an error of courses occurs - Art. 12.3 & 12.4;
- The removal of the option of having a Technical Delegate (Art. 10.5), updates to the Officials list (Annex 2); and
- Minor language modifications.