

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	9/1/2025	5/5/2025	

Rule Change Intent

There is a mistake in the text for Training number of gates in the obstacles which is correct in the chart of DC944. The language currently states that there are five obstacles but the correct number is six. This rule will align the rule with the recently approved rule change to remove the inconsistency within the chapter.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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## DC944 The Course

### 2. Marathon: Combined Driving Event sections

DIVISION	Section A					Controlled Warmup	Section B							
	Distance km	Horse Speeds	Pony Speeds	Sm. Pony	VS E	Time	Distance km	Horse Speeds	Pony Speeds	Sm. Pony	VS E	# Obstacles	# of Gates in an Obstacle	Course Marker
Open Advanced	5-9	12-14	11-13	11-13	8-10	Up to 30 minutes	5-9	14	13	13	8-10	7	6	Blue Triangle
Novice Advanced	5-9	11-13	10-12	10-12	8-10	Up to 30 minutes	5-9	12-14	11-13	11-13	8-10	6	<u>6</u> 5	Orange Keystone
Intermediate	5-8	10-12	9-11	8-10	6-8	Up to 30 minutes	5-9	12-14	11-13	10-12	8-10	6	5	Red Circle
Preliminary	4-6	10-12	9-11	8-10	6-8	Up to 30 minutes	5-7	12-14	11-13	10-12	8-10	6	4	Green Square
Training	3-5	9-11	8-10	7-9	5-7	Up to 30 minutes	5-7	11-13	10-12	9-11	7-9	5	3	Black Diamond
Beginner						Up to 30 minutes	4-6	11-13	10-12	9-11	7-9	5	3	White Square
Para	5-8	10-12	9-11			Up to 30 minutes	5-9	12-14	11-13			6	5	Red Circle

## DC945 Obstacles in Section B

### 4. Compulsory Gates

4.1 Obstacles will include compulsory gates marked with red and white signs lettered A up to F, indicating the sequence and direction in which the gates must be driven. Advanced will drive gates A to F; Intermediate will drive gates A to E; Preliminary **and Training** will drive gates A to D; **Training and** Beginner will drive gates A to C.