

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2021	6/11/2021	

Extraordinary Change Reason

Since the Federation does not license Chief Stewards for national competitions, the inclusion of this role within national rules creates an unfairness to the Federation by being unable to successfully host combined driving competitions as it is impossible to have the acceptable officials. Defining the roles as written in this rule change proposal is critical in order to for the Federation to be correct and accurate.

Rule Change Intent

At the national level USEF does not license Combined Driving Stewards. The steward language within the Combined Driving chapter reflects FEI rules. In order to avoid confusion, the steward language should be changed to Combined Driving Technical Delegates as they, the TDs, are the correct officials for national driving competitions. In addition, ground observers, timekeepers, and obstacle observers are not USEF officials and should be referred to as Competition Staff.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Driving

USDF

DC918 Welfare of the Horse (Abuse of Horses and Doping)

3. ~~Reporting Stewards~~**Licensed Officials**, or any other **Competition** Official, must report any instance of abuse of the Horse to any member of the Ground Jury as soon as possible **and submit an Eye Witness Abuse Report Form**.

DC926 Advertising on carriages, harness and clothing

3. Penalties

Contravening any of the rules on advertising will result in a Yellow Warning Card issued by the President of the Ground Jury or the ~~Chief Steward~~**Technical Delegate**.

DC927 Safety

4. Contravening the safety rules will result in Yellow Card being issued by the Ground Jury or the ~~Chief Steward~~**Technical Delegate**. Subsequent offences at the same event will be penalized by a second Yellow Warning Card or penalty up to Elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

DC951 Officials **Competition Staff**

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 Ground Jury or a member of the Ground Jury periodically and at the end of their period of duty.

1.4 Ground Observers cannot eliminate or otherwise penalise 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.

2. Timekeepers

2.1 Each Timekeeper will be provided with a chronometer with a "time of day" display and instructed in its use by the Technical Delegate or the Chief Timekeeper. The Technical Delegate or his assistant is responsible for the synchronisation of the "time of day" on all chronometers issued to Officials.

2.2 The Timekeeper at the start of Section A must be issued with the starting time schedule and should ensure that Athletes have been given a Marathon Time Card (Green Card)

2.3 All other Timekeepers at the start and finish of each Section must be provided with the complete list of Athletes and a running order.

2.4 Timekeepers are required to record the start and finish times for their respective Section and to enter them on the Athlete's "Marathon Time Card" and the "Section Timer Record".

2.5 Horses must start from the halt with the nose of the leading horse behind the start line.

2.6 The finishing time will be taken as the nose of the leading horse crosses the finish line. The section is finished as the rear axle has passed the Finish Line.

2.7 After the competition, Timekeepers must remain in the vicinity of the Secretary's Office until dismissed by the President of the Ground Jury.

3. Obstacle observers

3.1 There must be one Obstacle Observer at each obstacle. Each Obstacle Observer should have at least two assistants. The Obstacle Observer must be given a whistle and two stopwatches and instructed in their use by the Technical Delegate or his assistant. They must record the exact time to 1/100th second taken by each Athlete through the obstacle.

3.2 Obstacle Observers must be given a starting order listing all Athletes together with sufficient copies of Obstacle Reports and diagrams to record each Athlete's time and the sequence of the gates through the obstacle as driven.

3.3 In case of incorrect sequence, a drawing of the route must be recorded.

3.4 Obstacle Observers must record and report all incidents to a member of the Ground Jury, as soon as possible after the incident occurred.

3.5 After the competition, Obstacle Observers must remain in the vicinity of the Secretary's Office until dismissed by the President of the Ground Jury.

DC971 Technical Delegate

1. Selection

The Technical Delegate must be chosen from:

1.1 The USEF list of Combined Driving Technical Delegates;

1.2 The list of FEI Level 2, 3 or 4 Technical Delegates;

1.3 The list of approved Combined Driving Technical Delegates of another country with an approved USEF Guest Card;

1.4 ~~For additional restrictions, refer to GR1304.~~

2. Duties and Responsibilities

~~2.1 At Championships and CAIO Events the Technical Delegate will be required to approve all administrative arrangements from the time he is appointed until the end of the Event. 3.2 To satisfy himself that the accommodation and catering arrangements for Horses, Athletes and Grooms, and training and exercise areas, are adequate and suitable in all respects.~~

~~2.3 Inspection of the Arenas and Courses to ensure that the technical facilities, requirements and organisation are in accordance with the FEI Driving Rules and associated Regulations.~~

2.1 In addition to the rules outlined in GR1034 and GR1035, Combined Driving Technical Delegates have the following responsibilities.

2.2 The Technical Delegate is responsible for inspection of the Arenas and Courses to ensure that the technical facilities, requirements and organization are in accordance with the USEF Driving Rules and associated Regulations.

2.43 To ensure that the Courses and obstacles are fair and safe and that knowledge of local conditions does not give an advantage to local Athletes.

2.54 To instruct the OC and Course Designer to make any alterations which he considers necessary.

2.65 To ensure that timekeepers, ground observers, obstacle Judges and scorers are correctly instructed in their duties, including the use and reading of chronometers and stopwatches.

2.76 To report to the President of the Ground Jury that the relevant Course is ready for the start of the Competition.

2.87 To continue to supervise the technical conduct of the Event, including the transfer of data to the Scorers, after the President of the Ground Jury has assumed control of the Event.

3. The Technical Delegate may assign the following duties to other qualified individuals:

3.1 Checking and measuring all the carriages after Driven Dressage and Cones, at the start of Section B in Marathon, and if necessary, at the end of section B.

3.2 Checking the bit of every Horse after Driven Dressage and Cones, and before and after Marathon. Unacceptable bits must be reported to the President of the Ground Jury.

3.3 Checking that Athletes comply with the Rules pertaining to Advertising.

3.4 Reporting to the President of the Ground Jury any contravention of the Rules pertaining to Carriages, lamps, tyres, harness, bits or Advertising.

3.5 The Technical Delegate must be clearly identifiable throughout the whole Event.

4. Conflict of Interest

See FEI GRs Article 158 and DC968, **GR10, and GR1304** of these Driving Rules.

DC972 Course Designers

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See DC968, **GR10, and GR1304** of these Driving Rules.

DC973 Chief Steward

The appointment of a Steward is at the option of the Organizer. When utilized, the Chief Steward must be chosen from the USEF or FEI list of approved Stewards. The President of the Jury may assign the above responsibilities to other qualified individuals.

~~2. Duties~~

~~2.1 Driving Stewards are responsible for:~~

~~2.1.1 Checking and measuring all the carriages after Driven Dressage and Cones, at the start of Section B in Marathon, and if necessary at the end of section B.~~

~~2.1.2 Checking the bit of every Horse after Driven Dressage and Cones, and before and after Marathon. Unacceptable bits must be reported to the President of Jury.~~

~~2.1.3 Checking that Athletes comply with the Rules pertaining to Advertising.~~

~~2.1.4 Reporting to the President of the Ground Jury any contravention of the Rules pertaining to Carriages, lamps, tyres, harness, bits or Advertising.~~

~~2.1.5 Other duties as specified in the General Regulations.~~

~~2.2 Stewards, or any other Official, must report to the President of the Ground Jury as soon as possible any incident of cruelty.~~

~~2.3 The Chief Driving Steward must be clearly identifiable throughout the whole Event.~~

~~3. Conflict of Interest~~

~~See DC984 these Driving Rules.~~