

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

Currently the Federation does not award Para-Driving Horse of the Year. Recognition of these horses and ponies will continue to bring attention to and grow the sport of Para-Driving. This rule change adds Para Driving Single Pony and Para Driving Single Horse to the Award Categories outlined in GR 1127 3.a and 3b.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

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3. Award Categories. Awards will be given in the following award categories for the following divisions:

a. Open & Novice Advanced divisions: Combined Driving Single Horse, Combined Driving Pair Horses, Combined Driving Four-In-Hand Horses, Combined Driving Single Pony, Combined Driving Pair Ponies, and Combined Driving Four-In-Hand Ponies.

b. Intermediate, Preliminary, and Training divisions: Combined Driving Single Horse, Combined Driving Pair Horses, Combined Driving Four-in-hand Horses, Combined Driving Single Pony, Combined Driving Pair Ponies, Combined Driving Four-in-hand Ponies, Combined Driving Single Small Pony, Combined Driving Pair Small Ponies, Combined Driving Four-in-hand Small Ponies, Combined Driving Single Very Small Equine, Combined Driving Pair Very Small Equine, and Combined Driving Four-in-hand Very Small Equine.

c. Para-Driving awards will be given in the Para-Driving Single Pony and Para Driving Single Horse categories. Para drivers competing in able bodied Combined Driving divisions will earn HOTY points for the relevant Para-Driving awards in accordance with this section.

c. Horses and ponies competing in combinations (Pair or Four-in-Hand) will accrue points by the driver's entry. A unit for a pair consists of up to three horses or ponies and is still considered the same unit until at least half of the equines have changed. A unit for a four-in-hand consists of up to five horses or ponies and is still considered the same unit until at least half of the equines have changed. A new unit will constitute a new combination and will accrue points as a new entry for that driver.