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DC901 Categories and Levels

1. Classes:
   1.1. All, or any, of the following classes may be held at the same Event, but each must be classified separately:
   Horse: Single (H1), Pair (H2), and Four-in-Hand (H4)
   Pony: Single (P1), Pair (P2), and Four-in-Hand (P4)
   1.2. In Beginner, Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate only:
   Small Pony: Single (SP1), Pair (SP2), and Four-in-Hand (SP4)
   Very Small Equine: Single (VSE1), Pair (VSE2), and Four-in-Hand (VSE4)
   1.3 The Para-Driving single horse/pony class will follow the Intermediate level and Para-Driving rules. Any other Para-Equestrians may enter any division where their USEF and/or FEI Classification and dispensation will be honored.
2. Levels of difficulty:
   The division levels are as follows, listed from the highest level of difficulty to the lowest level:
   Open Advanced
   Novice Advanced
   Intermediate
   Preliminary
   Training
   Beginner
   2.1 To ensure uniformity, Organizing Committees must send to the Federation a draft prize list for their Event, setting out the general conditions of each Competition and any particular conditions not provided for in these rules, which they wish to present.
3. Competition Format
   3.1 Combined Tests can be run over 1 or 2 days in any of the following formats.

Format 1		Format 2		Format 3		Format 4
Day 1: Dressage		Day 1: Dressage or Cones		Day 1: Dressage & Cones		Day 1: Combined Marathon
Day 2: Cones	Or	Day 2: Combined Marathon or Cones	Or		Or	

3.2 Combined Driving Events can be run over 2 or ~~3~~***more*** days in any of the following formats.

Format 1	Format 2	Format 3
Day 1: Dressage	Day 1: Dressage	Day 1: Dressage & Cones
Day 2: Marathon	Day 2: Cones	Day 2: Marathon
Day 3: Cones	Day 3: Marathon	

The Dressage phase in the above referenced formats may be split over more than one day depending on the number of

participants. This must be stated in the Prize List.

3.3 Short Format Driving Events can be run over 1 or 2 days, using any of the following competition phases or combination of phases: (see participation rules for athletes and horses in DC 928 & 916).

Competition Phase 1	Competition Phase 2	Competition Phase 3
Dressage	Modified Marathon	Cones

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   1.3 Grooms must wear jackets or national dress, hats, and gloves.
   1.4 In cones, grooms must remain seated in their dedicated seat. The first infraction of this rule will incur 5 penalties, second infraction will incur 10 penalties and the third infraction will result in Elimination.
   1.4.1 For Beginner, Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate levels when a marathon carriage is used in dressage or cones, the groom may either sit or stand centered behind the driver and must remain stationary in that position throughout the test/course.
   1.5 The President of the Ground Jury may decide that:
   Jackets may be removed in excessively hot and humid weather; cooling vests may be worn in excessively hot weather except at the times when body protectors are mandatory; or
   Wet weather clothing may be worn and aprons not required in wet weather.
   1.6 Penalties for improper dress are stated under Rules DC941 and DC965. In Cones, it is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fastened protective headgear. Failure to comply results in immediate Elimination from the Cones competition. See GR801. An athlete and/or groom who loses their headgear or whose chin strap becomes unfastened while on course must recover and replace it, and/or immediately refasten it. In such case, the jury will sound the whistle/bell, and stop the time. The athlete will receive 5 penalties and must halt to retrieve their headgear and/or refasten the chin strap. An athlete who continues with a chin strap incorrectly fastened or unfastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the athlete to immediately stop in order to correct the issue.
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2.4 During the In-Harness Inspection, Halt area and Cool Down area, failure to wear such Protective Headgear and body protector where and when required after being notified by an Official to do so, will result in a Yellow Warning Card being issued to the athlete.

2.5 Medical armbands are strongly recommended.

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DC920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses

1. Examination on Arrival.
   1.1 If this examination takes place it must be done upon arrival to 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 competition Veterinarian will examine all horses arriving at the event venue and, if applicable, collect their passports before horses may enter the stables.
   1.4 Any doubtful cases concerning identity or health must be reported to the Veterinary Delegate (if they do not perform the examination themselves) or to the Veterinary Commission as soon as possible and in any case not later than one hour before the first horse inspection.
   1.5 At Short Format Driving Events, Organizers will accept current health paperwork in lieu of an examination upon arrival.
2. First Horse Inspection
   2.1 This must take place at all Combined Driving events for at least the Advanced Level horses before the start of the first competition.
   2.2 Short Format Driving Events do not require a first-horse inspection. A Judge and/or the Technical Delegate can determine if a horse/pony is unfit to compete and whether it must be examined by a veterinarian before continuing in any competition phase.
   2.3 It is conducted by the President of the Ground Jury and the event Veterinarian acting together as an inspection panel with the POJ in charge
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2.4 For safety reasons, horses must be presented in bridles and shown on a loose rein or lead. Each horse must display its identity number (DC 929.2).
2.5 Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs.
2.6 No horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example.
2.7 A qualified individual appointed by the Technical Delegate must be present with a whip. They are the only person who may assist if a horse refuses to trot. Handlers may not carry a whip while showing the horse. The use of a short whip for restraint of stallions and difficult hoses may be allowed by the Inspection Panel upon request.
2.8 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 meters away from the Committee before returning towards the Committee at the trot.
2.9 A veterinarian may be allowed to handle a limb or other parts of the body, but they may not perform any other clinical tests (i.e., flex a limb, or walk or trot a horse in a circle. See FEI Veterinary Regulations, Article 1033).
2.10 In exceptional or doubtful cases, the Inspecting Panel 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.
2.11 A re-inspection on the following day is only possible if the no decision (accepted or not accepted) is made on the day of the First Horse Inspection. The horse must be presented by the same person as before. In the event of equality of votes within the inspection panel, the President of the Jury will have a second and casting vote and the decision will be announced immediately.
2.12 Any horse which is due for re-inspection on the following day and is accepted, can be sampled for prohibited substances.
2.13 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.
2.14 The athlete or their representative who presents the horse must be smartly dressed.

3. In-Harness Horse Inspection
3.1 This must take place at all Combined Driving events prior to the start of ~~Section A/Controlled Warm-up of~~ the Marathon. One veterinarian is responsible for this Inspection.
3.2 The fitness of the horses must be determined by a veterinarian.
3.3 A Ground Jury member must eliminate the athlete if their horse is considered to be lame, injured or obviously exhausted and unfit to continue the competition.
3.4 If a horse entered in the Marathon is not presented at the In-Harness horse inspection, the athlete must be eliminated before the start of the ***Marathon***~~Section A/Controlled Warm-Up~~.
3.5 Short Format Driving Events with a Modified Marathon do not require an in-harness horse inspection. A Judge and/or the Technical Delegate can determine at any time if a horse/pony is unfit to compete and whether it must be examined by a Veterinarian before continuing in any competition phase.

4. In-Harness Examination
The examination must take place between 10 and 15 minutes after the athlete has ***finished the Marathon***~~entered the Cool Down area at all events~~. The horse(s) must be presented by the athlete. It must be performed under the supervision of a treating veterinarian in case any horse needs immediate treatment. The veterinarian has no authority to disqualify a horse. They must report their findings to the President of the Jury as soon as possible.
~~4.1 At Short Format Driving Events, a formal Cool Down is not required.~~

DC944 The Course

1. General

1.1 Maximum Distances and speeds must not be exceeded.

1.2 These speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in the case of adverse weather or ground conditions.

~~1.3 The Marathon Course must consist of two sections (A and B or Controlled Warm-up and B) and a Cool Down in all classes and levels. The Beginner division will not use a Section A, but can use a Controlled Warm-up.~~

1.3.1 At Short Format Driving Events, a Modified Marathon will consist of ~~an optional Controlled Warm-up and Section B with~~ 3-5 obstacles. ~~No formal Cool Down section is required.~~

1.4 The total distance in ***the Marathon***~~Section B~~ should be approximately one km per obstacle and preferably not less than 700m between two consecutive obstacles. The total distance ~~in Section B~~ must include the distances through the obstacles.

obstacles.

1.4.1 At Short Format Driving Events, the total distance in a Modified Marathon ~~Section B~~ should be approximately one kilometer per obstacle and preferably not less than 500m between two consecutive obstacles.

~~1.5 The distances between the end of one section and the start of the next must not be included in the total length and time of the course.~~

~~1.6 As an alternative option to the Section A, there can be a controlled warm-up with a maximum time allowed of 30 minutes in a designated warm-up arena of minimum 5000 square meters, properly supervised, with a judge in attendance.~~ ***There must be at least one suitable warm-up area which must be at least 3200 meters squared and/or a suitable warm-up track (which can be the exercise track).***

~~1.6.1 At Short Format Driving Events, a controlled Warm-up may be used but is not required. The Technical Delegate must approve a Warm-up area of any adequate size to accommodate 3 or more entries at a time and the warm-up obstacle is optional.~~

1.7 Before the ***Marathon***~~start of Section B~~, a marathon-type warm-up, made of any material and situated in a separated area, must be provided. ***After the In-Harness Horse Inspection and safety check and before the start of the Marathon.*** Each athlete may use the Warm-up obstacle for a maximum of 2 minutes. Grooms must be on the Carriage during the Warm-up Obstacle, failure to comply will incur a Yellow Warning Card. Grooms may dismount when the turnout is standing still with no penalty.

2. Marathon: Combined Driving Event sections

IVISION	~~Section A~~					~~Controlled Warm-up~~			Section B					
	~~Distance km~~	~~Horse Speeds~~	~~Pony Speeds~~	~~Sm. Pony~~	~~VSE~~	~~Time~~	Distance km	Horse Speeds	Pony Speeds	Sm. Pony	VSE	# Obstacles	# of Gates in an Obstacle	Course Marker
pen dvanced	~~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
ovice dvanced	~~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	6	Orange Keystone
termediate	~~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
eliminary	~~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
aining	~~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
eginner						~~Up to 30 minutes~~	4-6	11-13	10-12	9-11	7-9	5	3	White Square
ara	~~5 – 8~~	~~10-12~~	~~9 – 11~~			~~Up to 30 minutes~~	5-9	12-14	11-13			6	5	Red Circle

2.1. Pace in ***the Marathon***~~Section A, B, and Controlled Warm-up~~ is free for all divisions, except the beginner and training division must only walk or trot ~~in Section B~~ including ***in the*** obstacles.
In the Cool Down area, turnouts must only walk or halt.

3. Short Format Driving Events – Modified Marathon Section(s)

Division	~~Controlled Warm-up (optional)~~	Distance km	Horse speeds	Pony speeds	Sm. Pony speeds	VSE speeds	# of Obstacles	# of Gates in an Obstacle	Course Marker
Open Advanced	~~Up to 30 minutes~~	3.5 – 7	13-14	12-13	12-13	8-10	5	6	Blue Triangle
Novice Advanced	~~Up to 30 minutes~~	3.5 – 7	12-14	11-13	11-13	8-10	5	6	Orange Keystone
Intermediate	~~Up to 30 minutes~~	3.5 – 7	12-14	11-13	10-12	8-10	5	5	Red Circle
Preliminary	~~Up to 30 minutes~~	3 – 6	12-14	11-13	10-12	8-10	4	4	Green Square
Training	~~Up to 30 minutes~~	3 – 6	11-13	10-12	9-11	7-9	4	3	Black Diamond
Beginner	~~Up to 30 minutes~~	3 – 6	11-13	10-12	9-11	7-9	3	3	White Square
Para	~~Up to 30 minutes~~	3.5-7	12-14	11-13			3-5	5	Red Circle

4. Compulsory rests

The In-Harness Inspection is not required; however, the safety check must be performed before the start of the Marathon, as described in DC 920***, and before entering the Warm-up Obstacle***. At Short Format Driving Events, for the Modified Marathon the in-harness inspection and safety check are optional at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

4.1 ~~There must be a halt of 10 minutes in the designated Neutral area prior to the start of Section B. When Section A is a 'controlled Warm-Up', the halt must be reduced to 5 minutes.~~

~~4.2 The Neutral area of the halt should, if possible, provide some shade and must be large enough to accommodate three turnouts at once and have room for additional motor vehicles.~~

4.3 Water must be provided at the ***Warm-up area and finish of Marathon***~~Neutral area~~ for the horses.

4.4 A farrier must be available at the start of the Marathon. At Short Format Driving Events, a farrier can be on-call rather than on-site for a Modified Marathon.

4.5 Para Driving: quick release systems to secure a wheelchair and lap belts or 4 points belts with a quick release system must be checked by the Technical Delegate before the start of the marathon.

4.6 In exceptional circumstances, the minimum time required for the halt may be increased by the President of the Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate.

4.7 Turnouts may stand, walk, or trot within the ***Warm-up***~~Neutral~~ area.

5. ~~Section and~~ ***D***irection signs

5.1 The beginning and end of ***the Marathon***~~each section~~ must be marked with a pair of red and white flags.

5.2 The entire course must be clearly marked with yellow direction markers placed, wherever possible, on the right hand side of the track to be clearly visible to the approaching athlete. A confirmation directional arrow must be placed after every significant turn.

5.3 ***The Marathon***~~Sections A and B~~ must have a marker at every kilometer. ~~In Section B t~~***T***he measurement of the kilometers must include the distances through the obstacles.

5.4 The marker for a kilometer occurring within an obstacle should be placed on the post supporting the red exit flag.

5.5 When multiple divisions/levels are offered, the kilometer markers on the Marathon shall be color-coded and/or shaped.

6. Compulsory turning flags

6.1 Sufficient red and white compulsory turning flags must be positioned on the course to ensure that all athletes follow the designated track. Athletes must leave the red flags on their right and the white flags on their left. These compulsory turning flags must be numbered consecutively ~~in each section~~ and they must be placed so they are clearly visible to athletes from a reasonable distance.

6.2 The location and number of the flags must be marked on the map of the course to clearly indicate the correct route to be driven between the compulsory turning flags before and after each obstacle. In addition, a list showing the order for driving compulsory turning flags and obstacles must be provided for athletes and officials.

6.3 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.

6.3.1 At Short Format Driving Events, ground observers are not required. See DC 948.2.1 for penalties on compulsory turning flags.

7. Paces

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

7.2 Between the 30 meter sign of the last obstacle (or 300m) and finish, pace must be trot or walk only. The athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each 5 seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.

~~8. Cool Down Area~~

~~8.1 At the end of the Section B, a Cool Down area (Arena, Loop or track) of between 800 m and 1200 m in size must be installed. The In-Harness examination, as per DC 920 must be performed between ten and fifteen minutes after the athlete has entered the cool down area. The groom(s) may walk besides the carriage, and additional support personnel may be present in this area. The only penalty that can be incurred in the Cool Down Area is elimination, if the athlete leaves the area before presenting their horses. Brushing boots and bandages may be removed from the horses. After the horses have been examined and cleared by the veterinarians, turnouts must leave the Cool Down Area.~~

~~8.2.At Short Format Driving Events, a formal Cool Down Area is not required.~~

DC945 Obstacles ~~in Section B~~

1. Number of Obstacles
   1.1 Refer to the chart in DC 944.
2. Sketches of Obstacles
   Accurate sketches of each obstacle, showing the location of the compulsory gates, dislodgeable/detachable elements and entry/exit flags must be made available to athletes, team and event officials before the first inspection of the course. In order to avoid Athletes driving a dangerous and unsafe route through an Obstacle, the Course Designer may draw a double line of any color on the course map and on the ground to indicate a track which cannot be crossed at any time by an athlete. If the athlete crosses the area of the course marked by the double line, they will incur 20 penalty points. A Course Designer cannot draw more than 8 double lines on the course map in total. The double lines to be used in the course must be drawn on the ground at least 48 hours before the first start of the Marathon competition.

DC946 Inspection of the Course

1. Visit of the Technical Delegate
   At least three (3) days before Marathon, the entire course, including the obstacles, must be available for inspection and approval by the Technical Delegate.
   1.1 For Short Format Driving Events, the Modified Marathon course and obstacles must be available for inspection and approval by the Technical Delegate at least 36 hours before the start.
2. Briefing for Athletes and Officials
   2.1 The Technical Delegate must arrange a briefing for members of the Ground Jury and the athletes prior to the official opening of the course.
   2.2 Ground Observers, obstacle observers, and time keepers must be briefed by the Technical Delegate or their designated representative before the start of Marathon.

2.3 Copies of maps of the entire course must be available at the briefing, for those requiring them. The maps must show ~~each section,~~ the location of all the obstacles and numbered compulsory turning flags, kilometer markers, and any areas of the course which are closed to motor vehicles.
2.4 Drawings of the obstacles must be available for athletes, and officials during the briefing.
2.5 A list showing the order for driving compulsory turning flags and obstacles must also be made available.

3. Inspection of the Course by Athletes.
   3.1 At least 48 hours before the first athlete is due to start Marathon, the whole course must be open for inspection by the athletes~~, except under exceptional circumstances, when organizers have the option not to open Section A for inspection, with the agreement of the Technical Delegate~~.
   3.1.1 At Short Format Driving Events with a Modified Marathon, the whole course must be open for inspection by athletes at 12:00 pm (noon) the day before the scheduled start.
   3.2 The Technical Delegate may impose restrictions on the means of access to certain parts of the course.
   3.3 The course is closed for inspection from the time the first athlete starts ***the Marathon*** ~~Section A or Controlled Warm-up. The obstacles in Section B may be left open until the first athlete starts Section B~~.
   3.4 Athletes using motor vehicles must remain on the roads and tracks designated by the Technical Delegate.
   3.5 The Obstacles may only be inspected on foot. No motor vehicles or bicycles may be taken inside any part of an obstacle~~ and the Controlled Warm-up~~. Failure to comply will be penalized by the issue of a Warning for the first infringement and a Yellow Warning Card for the second. Athletes with disabilities must obtain dispensation from the Organizer to be exempt from this DC and their vehicles clearly identified.

DC947 Times

1. Timetable
   1.1 A timetable ***of the Marathon*** ~~showing the start of Section A or Controlled Warm-up and the time table of each Section, including the halt,~~ must be drawn up by the Organizer for the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate. It must be adjusted in the event of unforeseen circumstances and redistributed.
   ~~1.2 A timetable showing the starting time for each athlete on Section A or a Controlled Warm-up must be provided to the athletes and the timekeeper at the start of Section A. Running order lists must be provided to all other timekeepers, ground observers and obstacle observers.~~

~~2.~~ Times ~~in Sections~~
   2.1 The Time Allowed in ***the Marathon*** ~~all Sections~~ is calculated according to the average speed selected~~ for that Section~~.
   ~~2.2 The Minimum Time in Section A is two minutes less than the Time Allowed.~~
   ~~2.3 The minimum time in a Controlled Warm-up is two minutes less than the time allowed.~~
   2.4 The Minimum Time ~~for Section B~~ is three minutes less than the Time Allowed.
   2.5 The Time Limit ~~for Section A and Controlled Warm-up is the Time Allowed plus 20%. The Time Limit for Section B~~ is twice the Time Allowed.
   ~~2.6 The time limit in the Cool Down area is minimum of 10 minutes and maximum of 15 minutes.~~
   2.7 An athlete who exceeds the time limit ~~in any section~~ will be eliminated.

3. Timing
   3.1 Electronic timing equipment should be used for the timing of athletes in ***the Marathon*** ~~each Section and the obstacles~~, whenever possible.
   3.2 Time Keepers at the start and finish of each Section must record the start and finishing times for each athlete on the Section Timer Record and enter the time on the Athlete's Marathon (Green) Time Card.

~~4.~~ Start and finish ~~for Section A, Controlled Warm-up, B, and Cool Down~~
   ~~4.1 Athletes should be at the start of Section A or the Controlled Warm-up at least 10 minutes before their published Start Time.~~
   4.2 If an athlete is not ready to start ***the Marathon*** ~~Section A or the Controlled Warm-up~~ at their scheduled time, the Timekeeper will start the athlete at the earliest available time at their discretion, and record the actual starting time, which must be reported to the Technical Delegate and President of Jury, for onward transmission to the Scorer, at the earliest opportunity. The athlete will be penalized 0.25 of a penalty per second of the time elapsed between their scheduled start time and the time they were ready to start and the athlete must not be allowed to start less than 2 minutes before the next athlete's starting time. For the avoidance of doubt, athletes will not be penalized where the start ~~of Section A~~ is delayed for organizational reasons.
   4.2.1 At Short Format Driving Events, DC 947.4.1 & 4.2 do not apply. Timekeepers can start an athlete out of order with no penalty, but should notify an Official of the change so the timecards can be confirmed. Athlete must start each section from the halt with the leading horse behind the line. The Timekeepers will count down to the start time. If an athlete starts before the Timekeeper gives them the authorization, the athlete will be recalled, a new start will be given and the Marathon Time Card will be amended. If the athlete fails to stop they may be eliminated. A member of the Ground Jury must be made aware of the circumstances as soon as possible.
   4.3 The timing of the section ends when the nose of the leading horse has passed the finish line. Section penalties will apply until the whole turnout has passed the finish line.

~~5.~~ Time Penalties ~~in the Sections Section A, Controlled Warm-up, and Section B~~

5.1 In ***the Marathon*** ~~Section A, Controlled Warm-up, and Section B~~ athletes will be penalized 0.25 of a penalty per second for exceeding the Time Allowed.

Athletes completing ***the Marathon*** ~~Section A, Controlled Warm-up, and B~~ in less than the minimum time will be penalized 0.25 of a penalty point for each second they are early.

DC948 Penalties on the Marathon Course

1. Whips
   Whips, if carried, can only be used by the Athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.
   1.1 Para Driving athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held or used by groom, but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their Federation dispensation following classification evaluation.
2. Error of Course. If an athlete fails to pass through a compulsory turning flag (CTF) in the designated sequence, they may return to the point of error and drive the CTF, provided they have not driven the following CTF or the next Obstacle. An athlete who fails to pass through a CTF or a multiple CTF which is to be drive several times with different numbers, in the published sequence and direction as indicated on the Course plan will be eliminated.
   2.1 At Short Format Driving Events, in the Modified Marathon, an athlete who fails to pass through a CTF in the published sequence and direction will incur 5 penalties per error (and no elimination). Deviation from the Course
   2.1 Athletes must not deviate from the track for the last 300 meters or between the last obstacle and the finish of ***the Marathon*** ~~Section B~~. Athletes who stop, circle, zig- zag, or leave the track in any other way will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.
   2.2 Exception: See DC944.6
3. Incorrect pace
   Should one or more horses break into a canter within the last 300m before the finish and is not corrected within five seconds the athlete will incur 1 penalty for every occurrence. If the break continues, the athlete will incur 1 penalty for every additional completed period of five seconds.
4. Dismounting in the sections
   4.1 During ***the Marathon*** ~~Section A, Controlled Warm-up and Section B~~ (except inside the Obstacles), grooms and athletes are not allowed to dismount unless the carriage is stationary. If the vehicle is not stationary, either or both groom(s) dismounting will incur 5 penalties, the athlete dismounting will incur 20 penalties.
   ~~4.2 In the Cool down area, grooms and additional personnel maybe present to remove boots, attend to horses, and add assistance when needed. Only grooms and additional personnel who are assisting may be present during the cool down period.~~
   4.3 The athlete and all grooms must be on the carriage as it crosses the start and finish lines and passes through the Compulsory Turning Flags ~~in each section (Section A, Controlled Warm-up, and Section B)~~. Failure to do so incurs 5 penalty points for grooms and 20 penalty points for athlete on each occasion.
   4.4 In exceptional circumstances, if warranted due to the condition of the terrain or weather, the Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury may permit grooms in competitions for ponies and single horses to run behind their carriage on designated parts of the course.
5. Stopping
   5.1 Athletes may stop for repairs to carriages or harness or for any reason beyond the athlete's control, anywhere on the course other than while negotiating an obstacle, without incurring penalties, other than loss of time, except as in 960.8.
   5.2 Athletes will incur 1 penalty point for each commenced ten seconds that they remain stopped on the course for any other reason.
   5.3 If an obstacle is situated within 300m of the finish line, an athlete is allowed to stop to carry out necessary repairs as long as they stop within the signed 30 meters after leaving the last obstacle to make necessary repairs to the harness or carriage without penalty. Stopping for any other reason between the last obstacle or the 300m sign, whichever is closer to the finish line ~~in Section B~~ will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.
6. Damaged Carriage/Harness
   6.1 At the Finish ~~of Section B~~ any missing or disconnected trace, pole strap, or reins will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.
   6.2 At the Finish ~~of Section B~~ a broken or disconnected pole or shaft or bit will incur elimination.
   6.3 Carriages must pass the finish ~~of Section B~~ drawn by the number of horses required for the designated class and on the designated number of wheels. Failure to comply will incur elimination. Broken or missing tires are acceptable.
   6.4 Carriage overturn. If the carriage overturns (either on the Warm-up Obstacle, Marathon course or in an obstacle), the penalty is elimination and the athlete may not continue on the Marathon.

DC950 Judges

1. Positions

1.1 At the ***Finish of the Marathon*** ~~compulsory halt before Section B~~, based on the advice of the veterinarian, a Judge shall decide whether the horses are in a fit condition to continue the competition.
1.2 One member of the Ground Jury must be at the ***Finish of the Marathon*** ~~Cool Down area~~ to supervise the inspection of carriages, harness and Marathon Time Cards and when applicable to supervise the weighing of the carriages. An athlete whose carriage is below the prescribed weight will be eliminated. (See DC922.4).
1.2.1 At Short Format Driving Events, Judges are not required to be present at the end of the Marathon Course.
1.3 The rest of the Jury will be positioned by the President of the Ground Jury.
1.4 Members of the Ground Jury at the end of ***the Marathon*** ~~Transfer or Section B~~ are not required to assist the veterinarian in pulse and respiration checks. Organizers should ensure sufficient volunteers are available to assist the veterinarians.

DC951 Officials

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.
   1.1.1 At Short Format Driving Events, ground observers are not required. See DC 948.2.1 for penalties on 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 penalized, 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 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.
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 their assistant is responsible for the synchronization of the "time of day" on all chronometers issued to Officials.
   2.2 The Timekeeper at the start of ***the Marathon*** ~~Section A or Controlled Warm-up~~ 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. Short Format Driving Events can have one assistant. The Obstacle Observer must be given a whistle and two stopwatches and instructed in their use by the Technical Delegate or their 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.

DC952 Classification

1. Conversion of time to penalties
   1.1 The total time taken by the athlete in the Obstacles will be recorded to 1/100 second and penalties will be calculated to 2 decimal places. Any time over the Time Allowed in each of the Sections will be added together

calculated to 2 decimal places. Any time over the Time Allowed in each of the Sections will be added together and multiplied by 0.25. Any time under the Minimum Time in ***the Marathon*** ~~Sections A and B~~ will be multiplied by 0.25. There shall be no rounding of times. The penalties for under Minimum Time; plus penalties for over Time Allowed and the total obstacle times shall be added to any other driving penalties received to determine the final score for each athlete in Marathon.

1.2 For athletes who are eliminated or retire see DC 911.

1.3 The athlete with the lowest number of penalties will be the winner of the Competition.

1.4 In the event of an equality of penalties, the athletes will be placed on equal rank.

DC953 Summary of Penalties in Marathon

Description	Ref. Rule	Penalties
Athlete or groom wearing shorts.	913.2.1	10 penalties per person
No Fastened protective headgear or no body protector on Marathon	913.2.3 913.2.4	Elimination or Yellow Warning Card
Finishing ~~Section B~~ with fewer horses than required	916.3	Disqualification
Not presenting an Entered horse at the In-Harness horse inspection	920.3.4	Elimination
No breeching with a carriage with no brakes	922.1.1	Elimination
Contravening the rules on advertising	926.3	Yellow Warning Card
Substitution of groom	928.2.7	Elimination
Groom handling reins, using whip and brakes when carriage not stationary	928.2.5	20 penalties
Person tied to the carriage	928.2.6	Elimination
Physical outside assistance	930.2.2	Elimination
Groom leading a horse through an obstacle (also see DC959.6.3)	930.3d	20 penalties
Incorrect pace	948.4	1 penalty for every 5 seconds
Dislodging a dislodgeable element	945.5.5	2 penalties per occurrence
Preventing a dislodgeable element from being dislodged	945.5.7	10 penalties
Motorized vehicles or bicycles in obstacles First Incident Second Incident	946.3.5	 Warning Yellow Warning Card
Carriages under weight at end ~~of B~~ or under width at start ~~of B~~	922 & 950.1.2	Elimination
Total time over time allowed ~~in all sections~~	947.1	0.25 penalties/sec
Total time under minimum time ~~in Sections A and B~~	947.2	0.25 penalties/sec
Total time in obstacles	947.2	0.25 penalties/sec

Athlete fails to stop when recalled	947.4.3	Elimination
Not ready to start ~~Section A~~	947.4.2	0.25 penalties/sec
Contravening the rule on the use of the whip	948.1	20 penalties
Each deviation from course after last obstacle	948.3	10 penalties
Required persons not on carriage passing through a compulsory turn flag, or the start and finish of each Section, each occasion	948.5.2	5 penalties (grooms) 10 penalties (athlete)
Grooms dismounting while moving ~~in Section B~~	948.5.1	5 penalties
Athlete dismounting while moving ~~in Section B~~	948.5.1	20 penalties
Finishing ~~Section B~~ with missing or disconnected pole strap, trace, or reins for each occurrence	948.7	10 penalties
Failing to pass through compulsory turn flags and obstacles in correct sequence and direction	949.2	Elimination For Short Format Modified Marathons: 5 penalties per error
Finishing ~~Section B~~ with missing wheel	948.7	Elimination
Finishing ~~Section B~~ with broken or disconnected pole or shaft	948.7.4	Elimination
Failing to pass through entry flags of an obstacle	949.2.1	Elimination
Groom(s) not on the carriage when crossing start of an obstacle	949.3.7	5 penalties
Failing to pass through exit flags of an obstacle	949.7.3	Elimination
For correcting each error of course in an obstacle	949.2.1	20 penalties
Passing between exit flags before completing an obstacle	949.2.4	Elimination
Groom(s) dismounting in an obstacle, each occasion	949.3.1	5 penalties
Athlete dismounting in an obstacle	949.3.3	20 penalties
Two feet on an element of obstacle	949.3.5	5 penalties
Groom climbing over horse back or down the pole in an obstacle	949.3.4	20 penalties
Disconnecting and leading through an obstacle	949.4	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over pole, lead bar, or shaft	949.6.2	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over trace	949.6.2	30 penalties
Carriage overturn	948.7.4	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit in obstacles (5 min.)	949.7.3	Elimination
Horses unfit to continue in rest area	920.3.3	Elimination

Horses unfit to continue in rest area	920.5.6 937.1	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit in all sections	947.2.5	Elimination
Groom leading horse through the obstacle by the bridle ends of the reins (Also see DC930.3.d)	949.3.6	25 penalties
Stopping on course for reasons other than repairs	948.6	1 penalty per commenced 10 seconds
Passing the marked double line in an obstacle	945.2	20 penalties

DC973 Stewards

1. The appointment of a Steward is at the option of the Organizer. When utilized, the Steward must be chosen from the 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~~ ***the*** Marathon, and if necessary at the end of the ***Marathon*** ~~Cool-Down~~.
     - 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, tires 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 Driving Steward must be clearly identifiable throughout the whole Event.

ANNEX 10

ADDENDUM FOR PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRIVING

Assistance

The ultimate responsibility regarding the use of permitted assistance lies with the PE Athlete.

Grade I Athletes must have an able-bodied whip on the carriage. A Groom must be available at the ring side to assist every Grade 1 PE Athlete in Driven Dressage and Cones.

A Groom may accompany a Grade 1 PE Athlete in Marathon either in the carriage or following behind the carriage on a bicycle. In ~~Section B of~~ ***the*** Marathon all Grade 1 PE Athletes must be accompanied by an additional Groom either in the carriage or following by a team member behind the carriage on a bicycle, moped, ATV (quad bike) or similar. Team members on bicycles or mopeds etc. are not permitted to drive through the obstacles but must wait for the PE Athlete to complete the entire obstacle before proceeding.

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules

Proposed Change

DC920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses

2. First Horse Inspection

2.1 This must take place at all Combined Driving events for at least the Advanced Level horses before the start of the first competition.

2.2 Short Format Driving Events do not require a first-horse inspection. A Judge and/or the Technical Delegate can determine if a horse/pony is unfit to compete and whether it must be examined by a veterinarian before continuing in any competition phase.

2.3 It is conducted by the President of the Ground Jury and the event Veterinarian acting together as an inspection panel with the POJ in charge

2.4 For safety reasons, horses must be presented in bridles and shown on a loose rein or lead. Each horse must display its identity number (DC 929.2).

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

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

2.7 ~~A qualified individual appointed by the Technical Delegate must be present with a whip. They are the only person who may assist if a horse refuses to trot. Handlers may not carry a whip while showing the horse. The use of a short whip for restraint of stallions and difficult hoses may be allowed by the Inspection Panel upon request.~~ ***Handlers may carry a whip of up to 120cm only, if necessary.***

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses

4. In-Harness Examination

The examination must take place between 10 and 15 minutes after the ***turnout finishes the Marathon***~~athlete has entered the Cool Down area at all events~~. The horse(s) must be presented by the

athlete. It must be performed under the supervision of a treating veterinarian in case any horse needs immediate treatment. The veterinarian has no authority to disqualify a horse. They must report their findings to the President of the Jury as soon as possible.

4.1 At Short Format Driving Events, a formal Cool Down is not required.

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Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC921 Permitted Carriages

1. For all divisions ***below Advanced*** in Dressage and Cones, either dressage or marathon carriages of appropriate widths are permitted. The same carriage must be used in both phases, should an incident occur to the carriage, the POJ has discretion to allow a different carriage to be used for the different phase.
2. ***For Advanced, a maximum of two (2) carriages (excluding training carriages), which must meet the requirements (see DC922), can be used in a competition.***

~~2.~~**3.** Only marathon carriages are permitted for Marathon phase. For Advanced, marathon carriages must be the appropriate weight (see DC 922).

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Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC922 Weights and Dimensions

1. General
   1.1 When the carriage has no brakes, breeching is compulsory. For all single horses and ponies breeching is compulsory at all times. Failure to comply will result in elimination.
   1.2 No part of a carriage may be wider than the outside track width, with the exception of hub caps, mud guards and the splinter bar for carriages used in Dressage and Cones.
   1.3 The track width of all carriages is measured at ground level on the widest part of the rear wheels.

1.4 Athletes whose carriages do not conform to the required weights or measurements will be eliminated from the relevant competition. ***As of July 1, 2026, measuring a carriage must comply with the process per Annex 11 of the FEI Driving Rules. Short Format competitions are not required to use cone lifters.***

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FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules

Proposed Change

DC925 Harness, Carriage, and Horses

12. Shoes. Any conventional type of shoe is permitted; double shoes, or additional weight (lead) are not allowed. ***Horses may compete wearing hoof boots. Horses competing wearing hoof boots must present at any required Horse Inspection wearing hoof boots. Hoof boots must be removed at the request of a Licensed Official to allow for evaluation of the horse's hooves.***

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FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules

Proposed Change

DC927 Safety

1. In the showgrounds, whenever the horse(s) are fully harnessed or being harnessed to a carriage, groom(s) must at all times be in attendance and able to render assistance if needed. Whenever horses are driven, a groom must be on the carriage or it there is no seat available, at hand on the training field.
2. The athlete may only dismount from the carriage when grooms are at the horses' heads, or the reins are given to another responsible person on the carriage.
3. No horse may be led from a moving carriage.
4. At any time on the competition grounds, whenever horse(s) are connected to a carriage, no person under the age of ***10***~~14~~ may be on that carriage unless they are driving in a specified class.

DC937.1 Tracking #096-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent

Intent

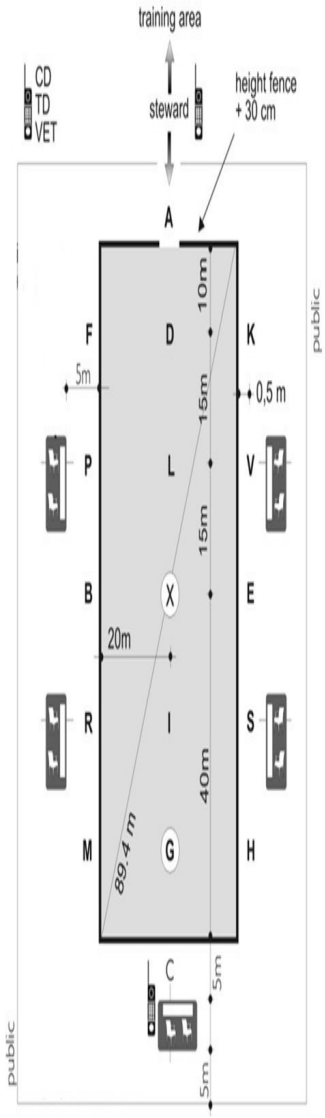
Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC937 Judging

1. Positions of Judges
   When there are five Judges officiating they may be seated at CRSVP ***or CMHEB (M and H Judges positioned on the short side)***, if there are three judges the places may be at CVP or CBE ***or MCE or HCB (M and H Judges positioned on the short side)***. The President will decide the positions. When there are two (2) judges officiating, they may be seated at C and B or C and E or C and V. When there is 1 Judge, they sit at C. ***The position of the Judges must be stated in the Prize List.***

ANNEX 3 Driven Dressage Arena 80 m x 40 m



DC939.2 Tracking #083-25 Draft #1 Approved

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FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC939 General Impression

1. Principle
   There are 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. Athlete

2.1 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. ***Harmony between horse(s) and athlete.***

2.2 Para-Driving 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.

2.3 Para Driving Athletes are allowed to do one handed movements with two hands, when mentioned in the FEI Classification Master List of active Para Driving Athletes or their Federation dispensation following the classification of the athlete. The maximum points attributed to the athlete shall be 4, if the movement is correctly executed.

3. General impression & Presentation
Appearance of 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.~~

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FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC944 The Course

2. Marathon: Combined Driving Event sections

IVISION	Section A					Controlled Warm-up			Section B					
	Distance km	Horse Speeds	Pony Speeds	Sm. Pony	VSE	Time	Distance km	Horse Speeds	Pony Speeds	Sm. Pony	VSE	# Obstacles	# of Gates in an Obstacle	Course Marker
pen dvanced	5-9	12-14	11-13	11-13	8-10	Up to 30 minutes	5-9	***12-***14	***11-***13	13	8-10	7	6	Blue Triangl
ovice dvanced	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	6	Orange Keysto e
	5 – 8	10-12	9-11	8-10	6-8	Up to 30	5-9	12-14	11-13	10-12	8-10	6	5	Red

termediat						minutes								Circle
reliminary	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
raining	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 Diamo d
eginner						Up to 30 minutes	4-6	11-13	10-12	9-11	7-9	5	3	White Square
ara	5 – 8	10-12	9 – 11			Up to 30 minutes	5-9	12-14	11-13			6	5	Red Circle

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC945 Obstacles in Section B

1. Number of Obstacles
   1.1 Refer to the chart in DC 944.
2. Sketches of Obstacles
   Accurate sketches of each obstacle, showing the location of the compulsory gates, dislodgeable/detachable elements and entry/exit flags must be made available to athletes, team and event officials before the first inspection of the course. ~~In order to avoid Athletes driving a dangerous and unsafe route through an Obstacle, the Course Designer may draw a double line of any color on the course map and on the ground to indicate a track which cannot be crossed at any time by an athlete. If the athlete crosses the area of the course marked by the double line, they will incur 20 penalty points. A Course Designer cannot draw more than 8 double lines on the course map in total. The double lines to be used in the course must be drawn on the ground at least 48 hours before the first start of the Marathon competition.~~

DC949 Obstacle Penalties

1. Pace in Obstacles
   Athletes in the Preliminary division and above may use any pace in the obstacles. The beginner and training divisions must only walk or trot in the obstacles (DC948.4 applies for incorrect pace*)*.

2. Error of Course in an Obstacle
   2.1 Athletes entering any part of an obstacle without first passing through the entry flags or failing to pass through the exit flags on leaving an obstacle without correcting the error will be eliminated.
   2.2 The compulsory gates in an obstacle are “free” after an athlete has passed through them in the correct direction and in the correct sequence. Athletes may, therefore, go through them again in any direction at any time (for example, athletes must go through A in the correct direction before going through B. A is now “free” and they may go through it again in any direction as often as they like, and so on).
   2.3 Athletes, who pass through a compulsory gate in the wrong sequence or direction before it becomes “free” and without correcting the error before passing through the Exit Flags, will be eliminated.
   2.4 In order to correct such an error of course, the athlete must return to and drive through the compulsory gate they missed before continuing through the next compulsory gate in the correct sequence (for example, an athlete drives through compulsory gates A and B and then goes through D (missing gate C). In order to correct this error of course, the athlete must go back and drive through gate C before going on to gate D, etc. All gates are neutralized until they reach this gate. Each error corrected shall incur 20 penalties.
   2.5 Passing through the exit gate of an obstacle without driving all compulsory gates in the correct sequence will be penalized by elimination.
   2.6 An athlete is not considered to have passed through a compulsory gate in an obstacle until the whole turnout has passed between the flags denoting the compulsory gate.
   ~~2.7 An Athlete is not considered as having crossed a double line as per DC 945.2 until the whole turnout has crossed the double line.~~

DC953 Summary of Penalties in Marathon

Description	Ref. Rule	Penalties
Athlete or groom wearing shorts.	913.2.1	10 penalties per person
No Fastened protective headgear or no body protector on Marathon	913.2.3 913.2.4	Elimination or Yellow Warning Card
Finishing Section B with fewer horses than required	916.3	Disqualification
Not presenting an Entered horse at the In-Harness horse inspection	920.3.4	Elimination
No breeching with a carriage with no brakes	922.1.1	Elimination
Contravening the rules on advertising	926.3	Yellow Warning Card
Substitution of groom	928.2.7	Elimination
Groom handling reins, using whip and brakes when carriage not stationary	928.2.5	20 penalties
Person tied to the carriage	928.2.6	Elimination
Physical outside assistance	930.2.2	Elimination
Groom leading a horse through an obstacle (also see DC959.6.3)	930.3d	20 penalties

Incorrect pace	948.4	1 penalty for every 5 seconds
Dislodging a dislodgeable element	945.5.5	2 penalties per occurrence
Preventing a dislodgeable element from being dislodged	945.5.7	10 penalties
Motorized vehicles or bicycles in obstacles First Incident Second Incident	946.3.5	Warning Yellow Warning Card
Carriages under weight at end of B or under width at start of B	922 & 950.1.2	Elimination
Total time over time allowed in all sections	947.1	0.25 penalties/sec
Total time under minimum time in Sections A and B	947.2	0.25 penalties/sec
Total time in obstacles	947.2	0.25 penalties/sec
Athlete fails to stop when recalled	947.4.3	Elimination
Not ready to start Section A	947.4.2	0.25 penalties/sec
Contravening the rule on the use of the whip	948.1	20 penalties
Each deviation from course after last obstacle	948.3	10 penalties
Required persons not on carriage passing through a compulsory turn flag, or the start and finish of each Section, each occasion	948.5.2	5 penalties (grooms) 10 penalties (athlete)
Grooms dismounting while moving in Section B	948.5.1	5 penalties
Athlete dismounting while moving in Section B	948.5.1	20 penalties
Finishing Section B with missing or disconnected pole strap, trace, or reins for each occurrence	948.7	10 penalties
Failing to pass through compulsory turn flags and obstacles in correct sequence and direction	949.2	Elimination For Short Format Modified Marathons: 5 penalties per error
Finishing Section B with missing wheel	948.7	Elimination
Finishing Section B with broken or disconnected pole or shaft	948.7.4	Elimination
Failing to pass through entry flags of an obstacle	949.2.1	Elimination
Groom(s) not on the carriage when crossing	949.3.7	5 penalties

start of an obstacle		
Failing to pass through exit flags of an obstacle	949.7.3	Elimination
For correcting each error of course in an obstacle	949.2.1	20 penalties
Passing between exit flags before completing an obstacle	949.2.4	Elimination
Groom(s) dismounting in an obstacle, each occasion	949.3.1	5 penalties
Athlete dismounting in an obstacle	949.3.3	20 penalties
Two feet on an element of obstacle	949.3.5	5 penalties
Groom climbing over horse back or down the pole in an obstacle	949.3.4	20 penalties
Disconnecting and leading through an obstacle	949.4	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over pole, lead bar, or shaft	949.6.2	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over trace	949.6.2	30 penalties
Carriage overturn	948.7.4	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit in obstacles (5 min.)	949.7.3	Elimination
Horses unfit to continue in rest area	920.3.3 937.1	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit in all sections	947.2.5	Elimination
Groom leading horse through the obstacle by the bridle ends of the reins (Also see DC930.3.d)	949.3.6	25 penalties
Stopping on course for reasons other than repairs	948.6	1 penalty per commenced 10 seconds
~~Passing the marked double line in an obstacle~~	~~945.2~~	~~20 penalties~~

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC945 Obstacles in Section B

1. Number of Obstacles
   1.1 Refer to the chart in DC 944.
2. Sketches of Obstacles
   Accurate sketches of each obstacle, showing the location of the compulsory gates, dislodgeable/detachable elements and entry/exit flags must be made available to athletes, team and event officials before the first inspection of the course. In order to avoid Athletes driving a dangerous and unsafe route through an Obstacle, the Course Designer may draw a double line of any color on the course map and on the ground to indicate a track which cannot be crossed at any time by an athlete. If the athlete crosses the area of the course marked by the double line, they will incur 20 penalty points. A Course Designer cannot draw more than 8 double lines on the course map in total. The double lines to be used in the course must be drawn on the ground at least 48 hours before the first start of the Marathon competition.
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 30m sign must be established. A dismounted groom in an obstacle must be back on the carriage before the rear axle passes the sign.
   3.3 The track through an obstacle should not exceed 250m on the shortest, 2.5m drivable route. That is not narrower than 2.5m at any point, between the entry and exit flags. ~~The track may exceed 250m in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.~~ A legal drivable route for VSE entries through an obstacle must not be narrower than 200cm at any point.

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules

Proposed Change

DC945 Obstacles in Section B

5. Dislodgeable/detachable elements

5.1 The Course Designer may choose any type of dislodgeable/detachable element with a preference for

balls such as used in Cones.

5.2 All dislodgeable/detachable elements may not interfere with, or cause injury to the horse or damage to the carriages, when they are dislodged.

5.3 The cups that hold the ball on a dislodgeable element should be a standard 45 - 55mm pipe to hold the balls from the cone driving competition. The cups must be of sufficient depth so that the ball does not rest on the post.

5.4 The number of dislodgeable/detachable elements must not exceed 24 in total on fixed obstacles, heavy mobile obstacles must have one dislodgable/detachable element each, not counting in the 24. When mobile elements are used, this number can be increased. For Beginner, Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate levels, the number of dislodgeable elements is not limited subject to approval of the Technical Delegate.

5.5 Athletes will incur 2 penalties for each element dislodged.

5.6 ***Elements connected to each other by means of a rigid, structural connection are counted as one element.***

5.7 A dislodgeable/detachable element is “live” at all times until it is dislodged or completely detached.

~~5.7~~***5.8*** An athlete or groom who attempts to prevent a dislodgeable/detachable element from being dislodged will incur 10 penalties.

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC946 Inspection of the Course

1. Visit of the Technical Delegate
   At least three (3) days before Marathon, the entire course, including the obstacles, must be available for inspection and approval by the Technical Delegate.
   1.1 For Short Format Driving Events, the Modified Marathon course and obstacles must be available for inspection and approval by the Technical Delegate at least 36 hours before the start.
2. Briefing for Athletes and Officials
   2.1 The Technical Delegate must arrange a briefing for members of the Ground Jury and the athletes prior to the official opening of the course.
   2.2 Ground Observers, obstacle observers, and time keepers must be briefed by the Technical Delegate or their designated representative before the start of Marathon.
   2.3 Copies of maps of the entire course must be available at the briefing, for those requiring them ***or electronically at least 48 hours before the first athlete is due to start Marathon***. The maps must show each section, the location of all the obstacles and numbered compulsory turning flags, kilometer markers, and any areas of the course which are closed to motor vehicles.

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC946 Inspection of the Course

1. Visit of the Technical Delegate
   At least three (3) days before Marathon, the entire course, including the obstacles, must be available for inspection and approval by the Technical Delegate.
   1.1 For Short Format Driving Events, the Modified Marathon course and obstacles must be available for inspection and approval by the Technical Delegate at least 36 hours before the start.
2. Briefing for Athletes and Officials
   2.1 The Technical Delegate must arrange a briefing for members of the Ground Jury and the athletes prior to the official opening of the course.
   2.2 Ground Observers, obstacle observers, and time keepers must be briefed by the Technical Delegate or their designated representative before the start of Marathon.
   2.3 Copies of maps of the entire course must be available at the briefing, for those requiring them. The maps must show each section, the location of all the obstacles and numbered compulsory turning flags, kilometer markers, and any areas of the course which are closed to motor vehicles.
   2.4 Drawings of the obstacles must be available for athletes, and officials during the briefing.
   2.5 A list showing the order for driving compulsory turning flags and obstacles must also be made available.
3. Inspection of the Course by Athletes.
   3.1 At least 48 hours before the first athlete is due to start Marathon, the whole course must be open for inspection by the athletes, except under exceptional circumstances, when organizers have the option not to open Section A for inspection, with the agreement of the Technical Delegate.
   3.1.1 At Short Format Driving Events with a Modified Marathon, the whole course must be open for inspection by athletes at 12:00 pm (noon) the day before the scheduled start.
   3.2 The Technical Delegate may impose restrictions on the means of access to certain parts of the course.
   3.3 The course is closed for inspection from the time the first athlete starts Section A or Controlled Warm-up. The obstacles in Section B may be left open until the first athlete starts Section B.
   3.4 ***Only one person per turnout is allowed to follow/accompany the turnout on the ground, in between obstacles, using the same track as the turnout. Only the use of bicycles for this purpose is allowed. The use of bicycles on the track may be restricted by the Organizer***.
   ~~3.4~~***3.5*** Athletes using motor vehicles must remain on the roads and tracks designated by the Technical Delegate.
   ~~3.5~~***3.6***The Obstacles may only be inspected on foot. No motor vehicles or bicycles may be taken inside any part of an obstacle and the Controlled Warm-up. Failure to comply will be penalized by the issue of a Warning for the first infringement and a Yellow Warning Card for the second. Athletes with

disabilities must obtain dispensation from the Organizer to be exempt from this DC and their vehicles clearly identified.

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC947 Times

1. Timetable
   1.1 A timetable ~~showing the start~~ of ***the Marathon*** ~~Section A or Controlled Warm-up and the time table of each Section, including the halt,~~ must be drawn up ***and distributed*** ~~by the Organizer for the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate~~. It must be adjusted in the event of unforeseen circumstances and redistributed.
   ~~1.2 A timetable showing the starting time for each athlete on Section A or a Controlled Warm-up must be provided to the athletes and the timekeeper at the start of Section A. Running order lists must be provided to all other timekeepers, ground observers and obstacle observers.~~

DC950.1 Tracking #090-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC950 Judges

1. Positions
   1.1 At the compulsory halt before Section B, based on the advice of the veterinarian, a Judge shall decide whether the horses are in a fit condition to continue the competition.
   1.2 One member of the Ground Jury must be at the ~~Cool Down area~~ ***finish*** to supervise the inspection of carriages, harness and Marathon Time Cards and when applicable to supervise the weighing of the carriages. An athlete whose carriage is below the prescribed weight will be eliminated. (See DC922.4).
   1.2.1 At Short Format Driving Events, Judges are not required to be present at the end of the

Marathon Course.

DC957.1 Tracking #098-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC957 Obstacles

1. Cones
   1.1 The cones forming an obstacle must be at least 30 cm high and made of indestructible plastic material. ***Beginning July 1, 2026, the specifications for the cones forming an obstacle must be exactly as shown in Annex 7 of the FEI Driving Rules. Short Format competitions are not required to use cone lifters.*** A weighted ball must be placed in the hollow on top of the cone, so that it falls down only if the cone is touched.

DC959.2 Tracking #091-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Align with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

DC959 Judging Cones Competition

1. Starting the Competition

1.1 The Technical Delegate will report to the President of the Ground Jury as soon as the course is ready. The President of the Ground Jury will then authorize and announce the start of the competition.

Starting the Cones course

After the bell run, the Athlete has 45 seconds to cross the start line.

1.2 At Short Format Driving Events, the POJ can appoint a Cones judge to oversee the course and document any penalties or errors. Any eliminations or disqualifications must be confirmed by an appropriate Licensed Official.

2. Penalties

1.1 If Athletes have entered the Arena but fail to start by passing through the start line within 45 seconds of the starting signal the timing will start.
1.2 If an Athlete fails to enter the Arena when the Course is ready, the President of Jury will ring the bell to signify the Start for that Athlete. If the Athlete has not entered the arena within 45 seconds of the first bell, the bell will be rung again and that Athlete is then eliminated.
1.3 Athletes ~~starting and~~ passing through an obstacle before the starting signal will be penalized 10 penalty points and must restart. ***After the starting signal the Athlete will be allowed to start.***

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Driving

Intent

Allign with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

ANNEX 11 OTHER COMPETITION FORMATS

The below competition formats are permitted.

The Head-to-Head Competition

Refer to Annex 12 of the FEI Driving Rules.

Top Score Competition

Refer to Annex 12 of the FEI Driving Rules.

DR120.4 Tracking #073-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Dressage

Intent

The FEI is reversing a recent rule change on measuring spur length for Children and Pony Riders: "The shank may not be longer than three point five centimetres (3,5 cm) measured from the boot to the tip." The USEF rule needs to be changed as a result.

Proposed Change

DR120 Dress

4. Spurs. Spurs must be made of metal. Only English-style spurs are permitted, as described below.
4.1 If spurs are worn, a separate spur must be worn on each boot. The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the center of the spur when on the rider's boot. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. However, swan necked spurs are permitted.
The inside arm of the spur must be smooth and one or both arms may have rubber covers. If rowels are used, they must be blunt/smooth and free to rotate. Metal spurs with round hard plastic knobs (metal or plastic) on the shank are permitted ("Impuls" spur) and the knobs may rotate. "Dummy" spurs (without shank) are permitted. Armless spurs are permitted.
4.2 Spurs are optional during competition in all FEI Tests.
4.3 The maximum length for spurs in all classes except the FEI Children tests and the FEI Pony tests is 5.08cm (2 inches) including rowels. Only blunt metal spurs (i.e., with no rowels) no longer than 3.5cm are permitted for FEI Pony Rider tests and FEI tests for Children. ***Except for FEI Pony Rider tests and FEI tests for Children, the length of the spur is measured from the base to the end of the shank. For FEI Pony Rider tests and FEI tests for Children,*** spur length is measured from the ~~base~~ ***boot*** to the end of the shank.
4.4 Offset spurs without rowel are permitted for riders having an appropriate Federation Dispensation/ Classification Certificate.

DR122.14 Tracking #072-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Dressage

Intent

Allow Young Horses in USEF competitions to use the same procedure as used in FEI Young Horse events.

Proposed Change

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests.
[…]
12. After the awards for a class have been presented, the judge's score sheet should be given to the competitor. The score sheet must be provided directly to the competitor or their representative. Privacy must be maintained. Score sheets may be provided electronically to the competitor, but they shall, upon request, also be provided with a printed copy.
13. Participation in prize-giving (awards) ceremonies by placed rider/horse combinations may be mandatory and failure to participate may result in loss of prizes and prize money at the discretion of Competition Management. Specific requirements and penalties for failure to participate in prize-giving ceremonies must be announced in the prize list. It is recommended that dress and saddlery for ceremonies be the same as in the competition, but that dark or white leg bandages or boots are also allowed. Bell boots are permitted. Rosettes should be placed on the horses' bridles prior to the ceremony. The judge at "C" should be invited to participate in the prize-giving. Competition Management is responsible for the safe conduct of ceremonies and must excuse any horse that threatens the safety of participants. At all times when horses are grouped together, riders and/or grooms are responsible for their actions. Carelessness or irresponsible behavior may result in possible penalties under Federation rules.
14. For FEI Tests for 4, 5 and 6-year old horses, and the USEF test for 4-year old horses, Young Horses must be permitted to enter the arena for familiarization, before the bell is rung. Riders may either start the test inside the arena or go outside before starting the test.
15. It is recommended that scorers may not be a competitor, or an owner, coach, trainer or family member of a competitor/horse in the class(es) in which they are scoring.

EV122.3 Tracking #081-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Eventing

Intent

At dually licensed USEF/ FEI competitions, many of the Cross-Country courses will remain the same between the equivalent FEI level and USEF level. As such, the USEF rules regarding Cross Country tend to align with the FEI rules, in order to make it easier and financially sustainable for Course Designers to comply

with the rules when using the same course for an FEI level and USEF level.

The intent of the USEF and FEI rules were to penalize athletes who try to avoid the question set by the Course Designer, however, the current language can also penalize an athlete who may choose the black flag alternative. Black flag alternatives provide a viable option for athletes/horses, and the current language accidentally restricts a Course Designer when planning out appropriate black flag alternates, especially when they may be constrained by area, terrain, time, or budget. The FEI approved a rule change to ensure athletes are being penalized correctly and does not inadvertently penalize them when taking the appropriate black flag alternates. The proposed is to align with this language change.

Proposed Change

EV122 Cross-Country Phase Definitions of Faults

3. CIRCLES.

a. At an Obstacle composed of several elements (e.g., A, B, C, etc.) a Horse must be penalized once it has jumped the first element and before it has jumped the last if:

1. The Horse passes around the back of ~~any~~ ***the next*** element of the lettered combination that it subsequently jumps.

2. The Horse crosses between the elements. See diagrams in Appendix 7. Also, see EV145.1c for possible exceptions at options.

b. After being penalized for a refusal, run-out or circle, an Athlete is permitted to cross their original track, without penalty, in order to make another attempt and may also circle one or more times without penalty, until they represent their Horse at the Obstacle.

c. At separately numbered Obstacles, an Athlete may circle between or around the Obstacles, without penalty, provided they have not represented their Horse at the second or subsequent Obstacles.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Eventing

Intent

At dually licensed USEF/ FEI competitions, the same jump judges/volunteers, Licensed Officials, cross country courses, and scoring software may be used for both the FEI and USEF levels. In order to ensure consistent application of penalties, especially when the FEI and USEF levels are running concurrently, the proposed aligns with the FEI rule change on penalties for missing a marker (FEI Art. 548.1).

Proposed Change

EV122 Cross-Country Phase Definitions of Faults

c. MISSED MARKER. To clear an Obstacle, the Horse's head, neck, and points of both shoulders must pass between the Obstacle markers. If the marker is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the Obstacle. If the Obstacle is not navigated as described a ~~**15**~~ ***9***-point penalty must be assessed.

EV123 Cross-Country Phase Scoring

1. FAULTS AT OBSTACLES, DISOBEDIENCES AND FALLS. To facilitate accurate administration of EV109.2 (Loss of Qualification) Athlete Falls will be denoted as "RF" on official score sheets and results.

Fault	Penalty	Applicable Level	Reference
[…]			
Missed Marker	~~15~~ ***9*** penalties	All	EV122.5

APPENDIX 2 - PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS

2. DEFINITIONS

2.2.1

When achieved at a National Horse Trials an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring.
-Not more than 45 penalty points in the Dressage Test; and
-No jumping penalties at Obstacles on the Cross-Country phase unless specified otherwise, and
-Not more than 75 seconds (30 penalty points) exceeding the Optimum Time; and
-Not more than 16 penalties at Obstacles in the Show Jumping phase.
-25 penalty points received for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a national MER. Exceptions to the national qualification requirements noted below for the Advanced, CCI4*, and CCI5* levels may only be approved by an Ad Hoc Committee of the ESC. Requests for exceptions should be made 14 days prior to the closing date for the Advanced level and 14 days prior to the definite entry date for the CCI4* and CCI5* levels.

Exceptions for MERs: The first activation of a frangible device (11 penalties) or one missed marker (~~15~~ ***9*** penalties) will maintain the MER result on Cross-Country.

VA107.1 Tracking #074-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Vaulting

Intent

Allign with the FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

VA107 Equipment

1.The FEI Rules on Equipment will be applied where there is not a specification in these rules.

2.~~1.~~ Required: All equipment must be used without changing the purpose of its manufactured state:

a. Bridle with noseband or lungeing cavesson (which may be used instead of a bridle and may be used with or without a snaffle)

1. Except for the buckles and padding, the headstall and noseband must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material.

2. Padding is allowed on bridles.

b. Snaffle bit

1. Bits must have a smooth surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited.

2. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex.

3. Bits may have up to two (2) joints; unjointed bits must be made from flexible rubber or synthetic material.

4. Rubber bit guards are permitted.

(See Annex 1 of the current FEI Rules for Vaulting for visuals on acceptable Bridles and Bits)

c. Two (2) side reins or 3- Point Reins.

1. Side reins must be attached to the bit or cavesson and one (1) point of contact on the surcingle on the same side.

2. Either two side reins, or 3- Point Reins are permitted. ***Side reins are attached from the surcingle to the bit rings or to the lunge cavesson rings on the same side.*** 3- Point Reins are attached from the surcingle ***only*** through the bit rings back to the surcingle on the same side ***(attachment of 3- Point Reins through the lunge cavesson is not permitted)***. The distance between the two attached points (top and bottom) on each side of the surcingle must not be greater than 40 centimeters. The 3-Point Reins must be adjustable only as per manufacture and any homemade modification of the adjustments of the 3- Point Reins (for example making a knot ***or adding a clip for attachment to the bit***) is not permitted. (Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted). See the FEI Rules for Vaulting Article 719.2.5.

VA116.1 Tracking #075-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Proponent
FEI Rule Change	2/1/2026	Vaulting

Intent

Allign with FEI Rules.

Proposed Change

VA116 Compulsories

1. Compulsory Test for 3*A Squad is performed to the left or to the right.

    a. Each vaulter, including the 3*A Squad substitute, if there is one, must perform all compulsory exercises as follows:

        1. Vault on

        2. Flag

        3. Mill

        4. Scissors Forward

        5. Scissors Backward

        6. Stand

        7. Flank 1st part***, push off to the inside*** ~~(back to seat astride)~~

        ~~8. Swing off from the seat astride to the outside~~