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Align with FEI Rules

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Comments

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Member Comments

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.***