Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
DC 974.0	252-25	1	Standard	12/1/2026	Driving	Approved (6/16/2026)

DC974 Tracking #252-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	3/4/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

Add the requirement that a Veterinarian be present for the in harness examination at the end of the Marathon for Short Format competitions to ensure horse welfare.

Proponent Details

Driving

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Linked Rules

Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/26/2026

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/02/2026	**Draft 1: The Council agrees with the Human and Equine Safety & Welfare Committee and would recommend approval of this PRC if a veterinarian was required to be onsite for the duration of the marathon phase at Short Form Driving events, not just for the Harness Examination following the phase.**

Driving

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/23/2026	**Draft 1: The committee feels the veterinarian should be on site for the duration of the marathon phase.**

Member Comments

DC974 Veterinary Delegate

The Organizer must appoint a Veterinarian(s) for the Event and publish a list in the Prize List.

At Short Format Driving Events, the Veterinarian ***must be is required to be on-site for the In Harness Examination following Marathon and*** on-call ***at all other times during the competition, but is not required to be on-site***.