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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	9/1/2026	1/20/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Extraordinary Change Reason

Whips must be longer for Driving than what is permitted in the General Rules.

Rule Change Intent

The General Rules restrict the length of whips to a length that is not suitable for driving. This rule change will permit the necessary length of the whips for Combined Driving.

Proponent Details

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Linked Rules

Comments

Legal: Legislative Committee voted to approve as EO on 4/7/2026

Driving

Member Comments

DC913 Dress, Safety, and Whips

4. Whip for Dressage and Cones

4.1 The athlete must carry a driving whip. ***There is no restriction on the length of whips provided it does not interfere with safety.***

4.2 An athlete must enter the arena with a whip in hand or incur 5 penalty points.

4.3 If an athlete drops or puts down their whip, when in the arena, or if it is not held in the hand, they will incur 5 penalty points.

4.4 The whip, if dropped, need not be replaced and the athlete may finish without a whip. However, the groom may hand the athlete a spare whip and without any further penalty.

4.5 Para Driving athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held or used by a groom, but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their Federation dispensation following classification evaluation.

5. Whip for Marathon, Modified Marathon and Combined Marathon

The whip can only be used by the athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties. ***There is no restriction on the length of whips provided it does not interfere with safety.***

5.1 Para Driving athlete 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.