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Standard	12/1/2026	2/24/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

- **Reduce the required number of judges from three to two for the Advanced Level, except at events offering a National Championship ((DC 970 1).**

Requiring three judges at the advanced level is excessive at a regular national level competition, where only a handful of drivers may compete. There are not many driving judges and availability has become a significant issue. For a national competition to fly a judge from Europe greatly increases the costs for the organizer. Most driving shows are drawing 30-50 competitors for both the short format CDE and a traditional CDE, where often only 2-5 drivers enter at the Advanced Level. Removing the expense of one judge saves on travel, housing, per diem and judges fees. Most driving shows do not have a large number of advanced level drivers, so the additional expense for a handful of drivers could lead to organizers offering only Beginner to Intermediate levels to minimize expenses.

Driving shows are not breaking even, including when you factor in the driving grants from USEF. At the current time, only venues that can raise significant sponsorship money or are willing to lose money at driving shows, will continue to host driving shows. Finding ways to reduce the financial burden on organizers is paramount to keeping this sport healthy.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Member Services

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Driving

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Licensed Officials

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Member Comments

DC970 Composition of the Ground Jury

1 Ground Jury - Minimum requirements

Category	Judges
National Championships (All Divisions)	3 min
Advanced, Intermediate, Preliminary	2 min
Beginner and Training	1 min
Short Format driving events or Combined Tests (All Divisions)	1 min