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Dear Danielle,

Thank you for submitting a request for a Presidential Modification to the application of DC, the Combined Driving Chapter, on behalf of the USEF Driving Sport Committee. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of substantial, extraordinary circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and is, therefore, approved.

This modification will allow Training level rules, as outlined in attached spreadsheet, to be added to the USEF Driving Rules for the 2020 competition year to ensure this level is offered at USEF licensed competitions.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure all levels of Driving are available to our members. We look forward to receiving updates on the progress of the rewrite of the Driving rules.

Sincerely,

Murray S. Kessler
President

cc: William J. Moroney, USEF CEO
Will Connell, USEF Director of Sport

DC – Combined Driving Chapter
Training Division (section) rules
Requesting effective date of 1/2020

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| DC 901.1 & 2 Categories and Levels | <p>1. Classes: 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), Tandem (HT2), Unicorn (HU3), and Four-in-Hand (H4) Pony: Single (P1), Pair (P2), Tandem (PT2), Unicorn (PU3), and Four-in-Hand (P4) In Training, Preliminary and Intermediate only: Very Small Equine: Single (VSE1), Pair (VSE2), Tandem (VSET2), Unicorn (VSEU3), and Four-in-Hand (VSE4)</p> <p>2. Levels of difficulty : The levels of difficulty are defined by a progressive rating system ranging from the lowest level Training, to Preliminary, to Intermediate, then to the highest level Advanced.</p> |
| DC 907.1.2 Minimum Age <i>See PRC 100-18 for 2020 changes</i> | 1.2 In Training and Preliminary single pony classes, the Athlete minimum age is 12 years. |
| DC 908.1.2 Minimum Eligibility Requirements / Qualification criteria | 1.2 Training and Preliminary division – no minimum requirements |
| DC 922.3 & 4 Weights and Dimensions | <p>3. Dressage Carriages must comply with the following: For Intermediate and, Preliminary and Training levels, the requirement for a groom with a single turnout is at the discretion of the OC. ... [chart] ... For Intermediate and, Preliminary and Training levels, no minimum width is required.</p> <p>4. Marathon Carriages must comply with the following: ... [chart] ... For Intermediate and, Preliminary and Training levels, no minimum weight is required.</p> |
| DC 924.3 Tyres Tires | 3. Pneumatic tyres tires are permitted in Para-Equestrian Driving and in the Training division only . |
| DC 927.5 Safety | 5. For Intermediate and , Preliminary and Training levels, the requirement for a Groom with a Single turnout is at the discretion of the OC. |
| DC 928.2.2.3 Participation | 2.2.3 For Intermediate and , Preliminary and Training levels, the requirement for a Groom with a Single or VSE turnout is at the discretion of the OC. |
| DC 930.3 Outside assistance | <p>3. Permitted assistance ...</p> <p>e. For Intermediate and, Preliminary and Training turnouts without a Groom on the carriage, should Groom assistance be needed, the Athlete may stop and ask for such assistance from any capable person, who may then act as Groom rendering the necessary help, and the turnout shall be penalized with the penalty for Groom down.</p> |
| DC 931.1.1 Substitutions | 1.1 If the Veterinary Commission/ Delegate advise, and the Ground Jury concurs, that a Horse is not fit to take part; or in the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or a Horse (substantiated by a certificate from an official recognized doctor and/or veterinarian), substitutions may be made provided the OC gives its approval up to one hour before the start of the first Competition. For Training , Preliminary, and Intermediate levels where no First Inspection is required, the deadline for substitutions will be one hour before the first Competition |
| DC 935 Driven Dressage Tests | <p>Approved Tests Advanced will use the FEI Driven Dressage Tests published on the FEI website. Intermediate can use either the FEI 1* tests or approved Intermediate tests. Preliminary and Training will use Preliminary</p> |

| See PRC 106-18 & EO changes for 2020 | approved tests for each level. The Prize Lists for all events must state clearly which of these Tests is to be used. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| DC 938.5.a | <p>a. Lengthen Stride in Trot.</p> <p>For Training, Preliminary and Intermediate levels, this trot is used as a preparation for the extended trot. While maintaining the same rhythm, the horse covers more ground than in the working trot. He must lengthen and lower the frame and stride while remaining on contact.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DC-12 Marathon DC 944.2 The Course | <p>2. Marathon: Combined Driving Event Option 1 – Three section Marathon: [Advanced chart] [Intermediate chart] [Preliminary chart] Training</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="326 594 1544 898"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Section</th> <th rowspan="2">Maximum Distance</th> <th rowspan="2">Minimum Distance</th> <th rowspan="2">Pace</th> <th colspan="4">Speed KM/hr</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Horse</th> <th>Pony</th> <th>Sm Pony</th> <th>VSE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>5000 M</td> <td>3000 M</td> <td>Free</td> <td>14</td> <td>13</td> <td>12</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfer</td> <td>1500 M</td> <td>800 M</td> <td>Free</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>6000 M</td> <td>4200 M</td> <td>Trot Only</td> <td>13</td> <td>12</td> <td>11</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Section | Maximum Distance | Minimum Distance | Pace | Speed KM/hr | | | | Horse | Pony | Sm Pony | VSE | A | 5000 M | 3000 M | Free | 14 | 13 | 12 | 9 | Transfer | 1500 M | 800 M | Free | | | | | B | 6000 M | 4200 M | Trot Only | 13 | 12 | 11 | 9 |
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| DC 944.2 The Course (continued) | <p>...</p> <p>Option 2 – Two Section Marathon [Advanced chart] [Intermediate chart] [Preliminary chart] Two Section Marathon: Training</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="326 1157 1520 1451"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Section</th> <th rowspan="2">Maximum Distance</th> <th rowspan="2">Minimum Distance</th> <th rowspan="2">Pace</th> <th colspan="4">Speed KM/hr</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Horse</th> <th>Pony</th> <th>Sm Pony</th> <th>VSE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>6500 M</td> <td>5800 M</td> <td>Free</td> <td>Max 11 Min 9</td> <td>Max 10 Min 8</td> <td>Max 9 Min 7</td> <td>Max 7 Min 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>6000 M</td> <td>4000 M</td> <td>Trot Only</td> <td>13</td> <td>12</td> <td>11</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Section | Maximum Distance | Minimum Distance | Pace | Speed KM/hr | | | | Horse | Pony | Sm Pony | VSE | A | 6500 M | 5800 M | Free | Max 11 Min 9 | Max 10 Min 8 | Max 9 Min 7 | Max 7 Min 5 | B | 6000 M | 4000 M | Trot Only | 13 | 12 | 11 | 9 | | | | | | | | |
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| DC 945 Obstacles in Section B | <p>1. Number of Obstacles 1.1 The maximum number of Obstacles, natural or artificial, is eight for National Championships. In all other National events, the maximum number is seven and the minimum is five. The maximum number of obstacles for Training level is five.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DC 945.4.1 Obstacles in Section B See PRC 103-18 for 2020 changes | <p>4. Compulsory gates 4.1 Obstacles will include compulsory gates marked with red and white letters, which should be marked A up to F, indicating the sequence in which they must be driven. Advanced will drive gates A to F; Intermediate will drive gates A to E; Preliminary and Training will drive gates A to D.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DC 945.5.4 Obstacles in Section B | <p>5.4 The number of dislodgeable/detachable elements must not exceed 24 in total. When mobile Elements are used, this number can be increased. For Training, Preliminary and Intermediate levels, the number of dislodgeable elements is not limited subject to approval of the Technical Delegate.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DC 949.1 Obstacle Paces | <p>1. Pace in Obstacles Athletes in the Preliminary division and above may use any pace in the obstacles. The training division should only walk or trot in the Obstacles.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

DC-13 Cones
DC 957.4.6
Obstacles

4.6 Water obstacles may not be used as part of a **Training or** Preliminary level course.

DC 958.1.1

1.1 Standard Cone Settings apply to **Training,** Preliminary and Intermediate Levels ONLY.

Add Training column to existing chart & note training in "For any and all vehicles outside of above measurements" section

| | Vehicle Track Width | Standard Cones Setting | | |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Training | Preliminary | Intermediate |
| Marathon Vehicle | | | | |
| Horse/Pony Singles and Pairs | 125 – 130 cm | 160 cm** | 155 cm** | 150 cm** |
| ** Add 10 cm for tandems and teams | | | | |
| Presentation Vehicle | | | | |
| All Ponies | 138 – 145 cm | 175 cm** | 170 cm** | 165 cm** |
| Single and Tandem Horses | 138 – 145 cm | 175 cm** | 170 cm** | 165 cm** |
| Horse Pair | 148 – 155 cm | 185 cm | 180 cm | 175 cm |
| Horse Team | 158 – 165 cm | 205 cm | 200 cm | 195 cm |
| VSE Vehicles | | | | |
| Size A | 98 – 106 cm | 135 cm** | 130 cm** | 125 cm** |
| Size B | 107 -115 cm | 145 cm** | 140 cm** | 135 cm** |
| Training, Preliminary and Intermediate – For any and all vehicles that are outside of the above measurements, the cones setting is determined by measuring the carriage at the widest part of the rear wheels and then adding the following clearance: | | | | |
| | | Training | Preliminary | Intermediate |
| All Classes | | 35 cm + track width** | 30 cm + track width** | 25 cm + track width** |
| VSE | | 30 cm + track width** | 25 cm + track width** | 20 cm + track width** |

DC 959.9.5
Judging Cones
Competition

9.5 The Penalty for exceeding the time allowed: any time over the time allowed in hundredths of seconds, multiplied by 0.5 Penalties will be calculated to two decimal places.

Add Training row to existing chart

| Division | | Single or Pair | | Four in Hand or Tandem |
|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Training | VSE | 160 mpm | | 170 mpm |
| | Horse/Pony | 180 mpm | | 190 mpm |
| Preliminary | VSE | 180 mpm | | 170 mpm |
| | Horse/Pony | 200 mpm | | 190 mpm |
| Intermediate | VSE | 190 mpm | | 180 mpm |
| | Horse/Pony | 220 mpm | | 210 mpm |
| | | Single | Pair or Tandem | Four in Hand |
| Advanced | Pony | 260 mpm | 250 mpm | 250 mpm |
| | Horse | 250 mpm | 250 mpm | 240 mpm |

DC 962.3 Time Competition

Add Training row to existing chart

3. Pace:

| Division | | Single or Pair | | Four in Hand or Tandem |
|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Training | VSE | 160 mpm | | 170 mpm |
| | Horse/Pony | 180 mpm | | 190 mpm |
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| | | Single | Pair or Tandem | Four in Hand |
| Advanced | Pony | 260 mpm | 250 mpm | 250 mpm |
| | Horse | 250 mpm | 250 mpm | 240 mpm |

DC 970.1 Ground Jury Composition

Add Training row to existing chart

1. Ground Jury – Minimum requirements

| Category | Judges |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Advanced | 3 minimum |
| Intermediate and Preliminary | 2 minimum |
| Training | 1 minimum |