

FEI DRIVING RULES

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RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMBINED DRIVING EVENTS - 9TH EDITION, 2005

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

1. Article 900 PRINCIPLES

Add:

10. Definitions

10.1 Combined Driving Event - a series of one or more Competitions and commences one hour before the beginning of the scheduled First Horse Inspection and concludes one half hour after the announcement of the final results, unless the approved Schedule provides otherwise.
(Gen. Reg. Art. 101)

(REASON: To clarify existing rules)

2. Article 901.11 ENTRIES

Deletion of Art. 901.11.2.6, concerning the spare Horse

(REASON: No longer applicable)

3. Article 909.1.1 APPEAL COMMITTEE

An Appeal Committee consisting of a President and at least two other members must be appointed for all Championships, CAIO, CAI-A events in accordance with General Regulations, Art. 154.

(REASON: To meet with wishes of various National Federations to reduce costs for Organisers)

4. Article 916 HARNESS

916.3 Tails.

Tails may not be tied or attached to the vehicle, traces or breeching.

(REASON: Welfare of the horse, and stop the practice of braiding tails to the breeching.)

5. Article 918.2 Championships and CAIOs

Championships and CAIOs are open to National Teams. A National Team consists of three competitors of the same Nationality. In the event that a nation can only send two Competitors, they must be entered as a team. An entry from a nation able to send only one entry shall be classified as an individual entry.

(REASON: Clarifying designation for nations able to send only one Competitor. Note difference between "individual entry" and "additional individual entries").

6. Article 918.3.1 Additional Individual Entries.

3.1 At the discretion of the Organising Committee, all National Federations who have submitted a Nominated Entry for a Team may be invited to enter Additional Individual entries. The host nation may enter up to 6 Individual Entries.

3.2 A second Nominated entry date shall be specified in the Schedule should the Organising Committee decide to invite National Federations to submit Additional Individual entries.

3.3 The number of Nominated Competitor entries may be twice the number permitted for Definite Entries as outlined in 3.1 and 3.2 above.

3.4 For individual entries for Combined Pony Championships, see Article 901.11.6.

REASON: Change required to clarify the invitation of additional individual entries is at the discretion of the Organizing Committee; an invitation must go to all nations having entered a team; a second date for Nominated Entries for these "additional individuals" will be declared in the Schedule.

7. Article 919 SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Substitutions before an event

1.1 In the event of an accident or an illness to either a Competitor or to a horse before the event, substitutions may be made providing the Organising Committee gives its approval before the Competitor's horse(s) is to be presented at the First Inspection provided:

REASON: To clarify the deadline for substitution before an event.

8. Article 920.1 DECLARATION OF STARTING HORSES

(Gen. Reg. Art.126)

1.2 Chefs d'Equipe must declare in writing, at least one hour before the start of the Competition, the names of the competitors horses, chosen from those

already definitely entered and approved at the first Inspection, who will be starting in each class.

1.3 Deleted.

REASON: To clarify this rule applies to only declaring horses. (The declaration of a national team is made on the Definite Entry and substitutions are only permitted according to Article 919 from the Nominated Entry List with a time limit of one hour before the Competitor is due to start Competition A on the day in which the substituted Competitor was due to compete).

9. Article 922.2 FIRST INSPECTION

2.5 One steward with a whip must be present. He is 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 horses may be allowed by the Inspection Panel upon request.

REASON: Refer currently existing Veterinary Regulation. This does not change panel's control, but does not prohibit this practice allowed under the VR

10. Article 939 CONDITIONS

4 Lameness

Add

4.3 In competitions where additional Dressage arenas are being used, the references to the President of the Ground Jury in 4.1 - 4.3 above shall be the responsibility of the Judge at C of the applicable arena.

REASON: To clarify responsibility of the Head Judge at the arena where the problem is encountered.

11. Article 947 COMPETITORS

2. Dress

Less formal dress is acceptable for competition B for the Competitor and Grooms. "Shorts" are not permitted. Competitors and Grooms should wear a hat- preferably protective headgear- but gloves and apron are optional for Drivers.

Article 947.2 Wearing shorts or not wearing a hat : 5 Penalties.

(Current 958.2.2 becomes 958.2.3 and so on).

REASON: Excessive previous penalty (elimination) for those not wearing a hat or shorts.

12. Article 947 VEHICLES.

Article 947. 6 Persons on the Vehicle

6.1 In Four in Hand classes, there must only be the competitor and two grooms.

6.2 In Pair classes, there must only be the competitor and one groom.

6.3 In the Single and Tandem Classes, there must only be the Competitor and one groom.

REASON: To clarify that these are the only persons allowed on the vehicle and not extra grooms.

13. Article 951 TIMES

2. Times in Sections.

2.5 The time limit for Section A is the time Allowed plus 20%. The time limit for sections D and E is twice the Time Allowed

REASON: 20% is unrealistic for Section D should the competitor have an unforeseen problem such as loss of a shoe.

Note: this will also apply to Section B in 5 section Marathons.

14. Article 961 THE COURSE

Article 961.1.2 The arena should be not less than 70m by 120m or an equivalent area. Should this not be possible the number of Obstacles must be reduced accordingly, unless an exception is granted by the TD.

REASON: To allow flexibility on number of cones, when using arena smaller than 70m by 120 m.

15. 964 PENALTIES

964.9.7

Penalty for exceeding the time allowed: total time taken by the Competitor, to 1/100second, and any time over the time allowed multiplied by 0.5. There is no rounding of time. Penalties calculated to 2 decimal places.

REASON: To clarify existing rule.

16. Annex IX and Annex X

Remove wording "on the bit" in Walk sections.

Test 6 Movement number 6.

Test 7 Movement number 9

REASON: To conform with Art. 941 Movements - 941.2 Walk

17. Article 940 JUDGING

Add

Article 940.1.2

For Test 8, when 5 Judges are officiating Judges may, as an alternative, be seated at C (President) with one Judge either side of C, 3 meters in from the long side of the arena, and the remaining Judges at B and E.

REASON: To enable Judges to better observe and evaluate the movements contained within Test 8