

DRIVING RULE CHANGES – Bureau November 2006

Article 901 ORGANISATION

- 11.2.2 Competitors and horses are not required to qualify as combinations **but in their own class**.
- 11.2.4 For national events to be considered as qualifiers, at least one International Judge must be on the Ground Jury. NFs wishing to use national events as qualifiers must request from the FEI, **prior to the event**, the list of Judges from which the International Judge may be chosen.
- 11.2.5 The International Judge at national **event**, which are used as qualifiers for Championships, must be foreign and approved **prior to the event** by the FEI.

Article 908 FEI STEWARD

a. Duties

- 2.1 Stewards must be appointed under the General Regulations, Article 144 and are responsible for:
- 2.1.1** Checking the vehicles of each Competitor after Competition A and C, and **especially the width of the carriage** before Competition B **and the start and finish of Section E**.
- 2.1.3 Reporting to the President of the Ground Jury any contravention of the Rules, not limited to lamps, tyres, harness or bits.

Article 915 VEHICLES

Equipment

- 2.2 Speedometers and distance counters are not permitted in any of the competitions.
- 2.3 **deleted**.

Article 916 HARNESS

Penalties

Contravention of any paragraph in this Article (other than Article 916.4 above - **penalties within competition**) will incur elimination **during competition and a warning and/or yellow card at all other times during an event**.

Article 922 EXAMINATION AND INSPECTIONS

Second Inspection

- 3.1 This must take place at all Events during, and at the site of, the 10 minute Compulsory Rest at the end of Section D in Competition B. **A Veterinarian and one member of the Ground Jury (when needed)** are responsible for this Inspection. It must be performed carefully but rapidly so that the Competitor has time to care for his horses before the start of Section E.

Article 926 CRUELTY

2.1.3 Reporting to the President of the Ground Jury any contravention of the Rules concerning lamps, tyres, harness or bits.

Article 936 COMPETITORS

3.3 Speedometers, distance counters are not permitted.

Article 947 COMPETITORS

2. Dress

Less formal dress is acceptable for Competition B for the Competitor and Grooms. "Shorts" are not permitted– but gloves and apron are optional. Competitors and Grooms must wear securely fastened protective head gear, under penalty of elimination throughout section E.

Article 948 THE COURSE

Distances and speeds

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Paces	Maximum Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	10km	5km	free	15	14
D	1000 m	800 m	walk	7	6
E	9,000 m	*	free	14	13

Article 950 INSPECTION OF THE COURSE

8.3. Inspection of the Course by Competitors

3.1 At least 48 hours before the first Competitor is due to start Competition B, the whole course must be open for inspection by the Competitors **except under exceptional circumstances, when Organisers have the option to not open sections A and D for inspection with the agreement of the Technical Delegate.**

Article 954 OBSTACLE PENALTIES

3.5 A competitor must stop immediately whenever a horse has its leg over a pole, lead bar **or trace**, when a horse is down and remains down and when instructed to make necessary repair by member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle Observer. Failure to stop and correct the situation before leaving the Obstacle will incur elimination. Time shall continue to run.

Article 956 JUDGES

1. Positions

1.1 One Judge **may** be at the Compulsory Rest after Section D. The Judge must act on the advice of the Veterinary Delegate to decide whether the horses of a Competitor are in a fit condition to continue the competition. The

Veterinarian must abide by the criteria of fitness laid down in the Veterinary Regulations.

Article 958 CLASSIFICATION

Summary of Penalties in Competition B

2.1 Article 947 Contravening the Rules..... Elimination

2.1 Article 947.2 Wearing shorts or not wearing a hat (excluding section E)..5 Penalties

2.3 Article 947.3 Contravening the advertising Rules Fine of CHF 1,000

Article 959 GENERAL

1.3 Championship and CAIO events may have a Drive-off (Article 966) between all Competitors with zero penalties or equality of penalties for first place

Article 960 COMPETITORS AND GROOMS

5.5 Speedometers, distance counters are not permitted.

Article 962 OBSTACLES

4.3 Wooden bridges, or bridges of similar suitable construction approved by the Technical Delegate, with fan shaped wings at the entrance, with the bridge surface not more than 20 cm above the ground with a usable width of three metres and a maximum length of ten metres are permitted, boarded or rail sides are optional. Technical Delegates may grant an exception if the Bridge is of a permanent solid construction with strong side rails. There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (lettered A) and exit (lettered B) with the cones at least 2.5m apart. See Annex 16.3.

6.1 At least 2 hours before the start of Competition C, a plan of the course must be given to the Competitors. At least one hour before the start of the competition for each class in the event, a plan must be posted in the Collecting Ring showing the length, speed in metres per minute and the Time Allowed for that class.

Article 969 TECHNICAL SUMMARY

b. Horses

	Single	Pair	Tandem	Four-in-Hand
Vehicle	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no brake	4 wheels	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no brake	4 wheels
Minimum track width	138 cm	148 cm	138 cm	158 cm
	Single	Pair	Tandem	Four-in-Hand
Clearance between cone pairs *	160 cm	170 cm	160 cm	190 cm
Speed Allowed	250		230	
Distance between consecutive Obstacles *	12 m		15 m	

Distance between Cones in a Serpentine *	8 m	12 m	
Distance between Cones in a Zig-Zag *	11 m	12 m	
"L" Shaped Obstacle *	IN – 3 m OUT – 3 m	IN – 4 m OUT – 4 m	
"U" Shaped and Box Obstacles *	IN – 3 m OTHERS – 4 m	IN – 4 m OTHER – 5 m	
Number of Grooms	1	1	2

* Minimum measurement allowed.

c. Ponies

	Single	Pair	Tandem	Four-in-Hand
Vehicles	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no brake	4 wheels	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no brake	4 wheels
Minimum track width	138 cm			
Clearance between cone pairs *	160 cm		170 cm	
Speed Allowed	250		240	230
Distance between consecutive Obstacles *	12 m			
Distance between Cones in a Serpentine *	8 m		10 m	
Distance between Cones in a Zig-Zag *	10 m			
"L" Shaped Obstacle *	IN – 3 m OUT – 3 m			
"U" Shaped and Box Obstacles *	IN – 2 m OTHERS – 3 m		IN – 3 m OTHERS – 4 m	
Number of Grooms	1			2

* Minimum measurement allowed.