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British Carriagedriving

National Horse Driving Trials Rules

Preamble

This book contains the British Carriagedriving rules for Horse Driving Trials effective from 1 January 2020. As from this date, all other texts covering the same matter issued previously are superseded.

The rules are based on the 2014 FEI Driving Rules (effective from 1 January 2014, updates effective 1 January 2020). Matters which are 'particularly British' can be found in the Annexes and these rules must be read in conjunction with the annexes which form part of these rules.

Although this book contains the rules governing Horse Driving Trials Events in Great Britain, it should be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations.

These rules cannot provide for every eventuality. These rules are supplemented by a "Notes for Guidance" document published and updated from time to time on the British Carriagedriving website. When interpreting the rules, the "Notes for Guidance" document should also be taken into account and the rules should be interpreted accordingly. Additionally, in any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances it is the duty of the Ground Jury to reach a decision in the spirit of the sport, taking into consideration whether advantage has been gained and the Welfare of the Horse. Their decision should reflect as closely as possible the intention of these rules and the FEI General Regulations.

Throughout this publication the word 'horse' shall mean horse and/or pony; references to National Events include Regional Events unless otherwise specified; the masculine shall also include the feminine and the singular the plural, unless otherwise stated in a specific rule.

British Carriagedriving is committed to genuine equality of opportunity. This means that we treat all members fairly irrespective of ethnic origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, religion or disability.

A separate publication, 'British Carriagedriving Guidelines for Organisers and Officials' expands on the interpretation of the rules. The most recent edition is available from the British Carriagedriving website:

www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk .

British Carriagedriving Affiliated Clubs may make such changes to the rules as they see fit to facilitate safe and efficient running of their events, as long as such changes are in the spirit of the sport and do not compromise the Welfare of the Horse.

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

All those involved in equestrian sport must adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General Welfare:

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best horse management practices. Clean and good quality forage, feed and water must be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in competition must be restricted to fit horses and athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest periods between training and competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before a competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing horse's welfare or the safety of other horses and/or athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare:

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of horses:

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an event. If a horse is injured or exhausted during a competition, the athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe, a horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from competition.

5. Education:

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the competition horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

CHAPTER I - GENERAL

Article 900 National Rules

1. These Rules are intended to standardise Horse Driving Trials Events in Great Britain as far as is possible, so that the conditions at such events are fair and similar for all athletes.
2. Organising Committees at National and Regional Events and events organized by clubs affiliated to British Carriagedriving may decide to hold one, two or three day events.
3. Qualifying events for the National Championships must (save for Evolution classes), save with the express approval of Council, consist of all three competitions namely Driven Dressage, a marathon comprising of Section A, a Transfer Section and Section B and Cones. All other events may consist of any combination of the three competitions and may, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, include a Combined Marathon or Derby in place of or in addition to any of the other three competitions.
4. Qualifying events for the Evolution classes at the National Championships must be run in accordance with the rules set out in annex 18.

CHAPTER II - STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS

Article 901 Categories and Levels

1. Classes:

All, or any, of the following classes may be held at the same event; classes may be amalgamated if required:

Novice Single Horse	Novice Single Pony
Intermediate Single Horse	Intermediate Single Pony
Open Single Horse	Open Single Pony
Advanced Single Horse	Advanced Single Pony
Open Horse Pairs	Open Pony Pairs
Advanced Horse Pairs	Advanced Pony Pairs
Horse Tandems	Pony Tandems
Horse Fours	Pony Fours
Para drivers	Young Drivers
Evolution Single Horse	Evolution Single Pony

2. Levels of difficulty:

The levels of difficulty are defined by a progressive system. Athletes must successfully progress through the levels as outlined in ANNEX 16, 4.1 to 4.9.

CHAPTER III - CLASSIFICATION

Article 902 Competitions

1. At the conclusion of each competition, the athletes will be classified according to the penalties received in that competition.
2. In each competition, the winner is the athlete with the least number of penalties. Scores will be calculated to two decimal places.

Article 903 Events

1. The Final Classification for individuals is determined by adding together the penalties received in each competition. The athlete with the lowest number of penalties is the winner of the event.
2. Athletes who are Eliminated or Disqualified or who Retire or Withdraw in any one of the competitions cannot be included in the Final Classification. They will only be listed on the result sheet as: Eliminated (E), Disqualified (D), Retired (R) or Withdrawn (W).

Article 904 Equality of Scores

1. If there is an equality of scores on completion of the three competitions, the athlete with the least number of penalties in the marathon will be classified above the others. If there is still an equality of points, the scores in dressage will be the deciding factor.

Article 908 Names of Horses

1. Where possible, the names of the horses, including the spare horse, should appear on all score sheets,

Article 909 Protests and Appeals

For Objections and Appeals, see Annex 12.

Article 910 Official Results

1. Results are "official" as soon as they have been signed by the President of the Ground Jury and published on the official scoreboard. The time at which results are signed and posted and become Official must be marked on all Official Results.
2. Posting of Results
 - 2.1 Provisional results may be posted (on line and/or at the Event) at the discretion of the Scorer. Provisional Results which are posted must be clearly marked as being Provisional and subject to approval by the President of the Jury.
 - 2.2 Official Results are to be posted on the official scoreboard and the Stable Manager's notice board as soon as they are available.
 - 2.3 Comparative dressage scores will be posted but at National and Regional events dressage sheets will not be released until the day after the Dressage Competition is completed.
 - 2.4 In the case of an Appeal, a notice should be posted on the score board and a public address announcement made if possible.

Article 911 Principles

1. Penalties

The Rules concerning the Event and each competition must be strictly enforced by the Ground Jury. Athletes who fail to comply with these rules may incur

Disqualification or Elimination, unless some other penalty is prescribed in the relevant Article.

2. Yellow Warning Card

Where there is abuse of horses in any form, incorrect behavior towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event, or non-compliance with the Driving Rules, the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate, as an alternative to instituting the procedures foreseen in the legal system, may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow Warning Card. The Person Responsible may lodge an appeal in accordance with Annex 12.1.3 of these Rules.

3. Disqualified (D)

Athletes and horses may be disqualified for contravening certain of these rules at any time during an event. An athlete or horse who has been disqualified is prohibited from taking any further part in the event or winning any prize.

4. Eliminated (E)

Athletes will be eliminated from a competition as a penalty for contravening certain rules during the competitions.

Athletes who are eliminated may compete in the subsequent competition(s) in the event.

5. Retired (R)

Athletes, who, for any reason, do not wish to continue, may decide to retire during any of the competitions. If an athlete retires in a competition he is allowed to compete in the subsequent competitions in the event.

6. Withdrawn (W)

Athletes are deemed to have withdrawn if, for any reason, they fail to start in any of the competitions. Once withdrawn, athletes may not take any further part in the event with the turnout in question.

7. Lamé or Unfit Horses

If a horse is deemed to be lame or unfit by the judge at C in Dressage, then the horse must be disqualified and may not compete in any other competition.

If the athlete is eliminated by a member of the Ground Jury in marathon or cones, the horse will be eliminated as well as the athlete.

8. Placings and Prizes

Athletes who Retire or are Eliminated from any competitions may not be placed in that competition or in the final classification.

Athletes may only receive a prize in competitions in which they have competed without Disqualification, Elimination or Retirement.

CHAPTER IV – ELIGIBILITY

Article 912 Minimum Age - Athletes and Grooms at National and Regional Events

1. Classes

Class	Age Athlete	Minimum Age Groom
Horse Fours / Horse Pairs / Horse Tandems	18 years	14 years
Horse Pairs	16-17 years	18 years
Horse Single and all Pony Classes	18 years	14 years
Horse Single and all Pony Classes	14-17 years	18 years
Single Pony	12-14 years	18 years

For minimum age at Affiliated Club Events see Annex 16. For the minimum age at the Young Drivers Championships, see Annex 15.

5. Age

Age is determined from the beginning of the calendar year in which the athlete and grooms reach the designated age.

6. Grooms

6.1 All classes

6.1.1 Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 18 years or older.

6.1.2 Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 14 years or older.

6.3 Para Driving Athletes

The groom must be over 18 years old.

7. General

Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in the disqualification of the athlete.

Article 913 Minimum Eligibility Requirements / Qualification Criteria

See ANNEX 16, paragraph 4.

Article 915 Hors Concours

1. Athletes may take part "Hors Concours" (HC) in National or Regional Events at the discretion of the Organising Committee providing the athlete is qualified.
2. No HC entries will be accepted for the National Championships.
3. 'Hors Concours' entries must be notified to the organiser prior to the start of the event. (See Article 948.1.5)

Article 916 Entries

The maximum number of horses that may be entered for an event must be in accordance with the schedule. Where this is not specified in the schedule it shall be as follows:

Class	number of horses
Singles	1

Pairs/Tandems	3
Fours	5

1. Class and Start Fees

- 1.1 Horses/ponies may be entered in any class for which they are eligible.
- 1.2 All athletes are due to pay a start fee on each entry (including Hors Concours) at all National, Regional and National Novice Single qualifiers at Affiliated Club Events (rates to be published annually by British Carriagedriving). Athletes entering a second turnout for just part of an Event will only be required to pay 50% of the start fee otherwise due. The entry fee is to be determined by the Event Organiser.
- 1.3 Start fees will be payable on entries in international events in Great Britain, by all members entering through British Carriagedriving , when it is possible to qualify for the British Carriagedriving National Championships. Members entering through another National Federation will only be obliged to pay a start fee if they wish to be eligible for qualification for the British Carriagedriving National championships or for their result to count towards the Driver of the Year Points Leagues.
- 1.4 No start fee is payable for the Evolution classes.

2. Withdrawals

Once an entry has been accepted and paid for, the athlete will be assumed to be competing unless the organiser is notified as follows:

- 2.1 Before the official closing date of entry, when a full refund of the entry fee will be given.
- 2.2 By the official withdrawal date as stated in the individual event schedule. Refund of all or part of the entry fee at this stage is entirely at the discretion of the organiser.
- 2.3 Athletes withdrawing after the withdrawal date will forfeit their fees.

3. Penalties

If an athlete fails to notify his intention to withdraw, without proof of reason, he will be penalised as follows:

- 3.1 Fine of £50
- 3.2 He will not be allowed to compete at any other National Driving Trial unless the fine has been paid.
- 3.3 Any fees paid in respect of such entries at another event will not be refunded.

CHAPTER V – ATHLETES AND GROOMS

Article 928 Dress, Safety and Whips

1. Dress in Dressage and Cones

- 1.1 The dress of athletes and grooms must conform to the style of the carriage and harness used.
- 1.2 Jackets or national dress, driving aprons, hats and gloves are obligatory for athletes. Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with no gloves or adapted gloves but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.
- 1.3 Grooms must wear jackets or national dress, hats and gloves. In cones Grooms must remain seated in their proper position between the start line and the finish line.
- 1.4 The President of the Ground Jury may decide that:
 - 1.4.1 jackets may be removed in excessively hot and humid weather.
 - 1.4.2 jackets are not required in special circumstances.
 - 1.4.3 wet weather clothing may be worn and aprons not required in wet weather.
- 1.5 Penalties for improper dress are stated under Articles 957 and 981.

2. Dress in Marathon and Combined Marathon/Derby

- 2.1 Less formal dress is acceptable in the marathon for the athlete and grooms. Shorts are not permitted; infringement will incur 10 penalties per person.
- 2.2 Athletes and grooms must wear securely fastened protective headgear and a suitable back/body protector on the marathon or Combined Marathon/Derby¹. Infringement will incur Elimination. Any athlete / groom who continues on the course without a hard hat or a suitable body/back protector after Elimination, will be disqualified.

3. Dress for under 18s

- 3.1 At all times, whilst on a carriage, all under 18s must wear a body protector and securely fastened protective headgear. Infringement will result in Elimination.
- 3.2 Any athlete/groom who continues in any Competition without a hard hat or a suitable body/back protector after Elimination will be disqualified.

4. Whip for Dressage and Cones

- 4.1 The athlete must carry a driving whip
- 4.2 An athlete must start the competition with a whip in hand or incur 5 penalty points.
- 4.3 If an athlete drops or puts down the whip when in the arena, or if it is not held in the hand, the athlete 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 without any further penalty.
- 4.5 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held / used by the groom but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.

¹ See the Notes for Guidance.

5. Whip for Marathon and Combined Marathon/Derby

- 5.1 The whip can only be used by the athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties. Use of a whip on the marathon and in the Combined Marathon/Derby is optional.
- 5.2 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held / used by the groom but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.

6. Compensating aids

6.1 Para driving athletes who have been assessed as entitled to use compensating aids in a para driving event may use the same compensating aids in all three competitions of an able bodied event provided they clearly indicate on their entry form what compensating aids they are entitled to use.

CHAPTER VI - HORSES

Article 929 Age of Horses

Horses must be 4 years old or over. Failure to comply with this article will result in the disqualification of the horse.

Article 930 Height

1. Driving ponies must not exceed 148 cm without shoes, or 149 cm with shoes. Above these heights, they are classified as horses.
2. There is no minimum height for ponies.

Article 931 Number of Horses

1. The correct number of horses stipulated for each class must be driven throughout each competition. Athletes may not remove one or more horses during a competition and continue with less than the number stipulated for their class.
2. A horse may only take part once in each competition.
3. Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in elimination.

Article 932 Special Conditions

1. Mares are not allowed to compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with a foal at foot. If it is subsequently confirmed that a mare competed under either of these conditions, the mare will be disqualified from all events to which these conditions applied and the case will be reported to British Carriagedriving.

Article 933 Welfare of the Horse (Abuse of Horses and Doping)

1. Abuse of the Horse - Definition

Abuse of a horse means an action or omission that causes, or is likely to cause, pain or unnecessary discomfort to a horse including, but not limited to:

- a) Pressing of exhausted horses,
- b) excessive use of a whip,
- c) an unacceptably severe, badly fitting, broken or damaged bit,
- d) badly fitting harness which might cause distress to the horse, or
- e) damage to a carriage which might cause injury to the horse

2. Wounds and Lacerations

- 2.1 Blood on horses may be an indication of abuse of the horse and must be investigated case by case by any member of the Ground Jury.
- 2.2 Such horses may be eliminated from the Competition. In extreme cases where abuse is evident, further sanctions will be taken against the Athlete, such as a Yellow Warning Card.
- 2.3 In minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, or minor bleeding on limbs, the athlete may be authorised to continue after investigation.

3. Reporting

Stewards or any other Official, must report any instance of abuse of the horse to any member of the Ground Jury as soon as possible. Any instance of cruelty must be noted in the President of Jury's Report.

4. Penalty

- 4.1 Acts deemed as Abuse of the Horse will result in the imposition by the Ground Jury of any or a combination of the following penalties:
 - 4.1.1 Yellow Warning card
 - 4.1.2 Fine
 - 4.1.3 Elimination
 - 4.1.4 Disqualification from the Event

Article 935 Examination and Inspection of Horses

3. In-Harness Horse Inspection

- 3.1 This must take place at all events during and at the site of the 10 minute compulsory rest prior to the start of section B of the marathon. One Veterinarian is responsible for this inspection. It must be performed carefully but rapidly so that the athlete has time to care for the horses before the start of Section B.
- 3.2 The fitness of the horses must be determined by clinical observation, which may include measuring the heart rate, the respiratory rate and the temperature in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations. These observations must be recorded.
- 3.3 The Ground Jury member must eliminate the athlete if their horse is considered to be lame, injured or obviously exhausted and unfit to continue the competition and the athlete may not continue on the marathon.

4. In-Harness Examination

- 4.1 An examination may take place at the finish of Section B of the marathon. If conducted, it must be performed under the supervision of a veterinarian in case any horse needs immediate treatment. The Veterinarian has no authority to disqualify a horse. He must report his findings to the President of Jury as soon as possible after the last athlete has completed the marathon.

6. Removing a Horse from Competition

- 6.1 Each member of the Ground Jury has the right and duty to eliminate any horse at any time which is evidently lame, injured or unfit to continue. No appeal may be made against a decision taken under the terms of this article.
- 6.2 The athlete may retire at any time.

7. Medication Control of Horses

This will be carried out in accordance with Annex 13, paragraph 8.

8. Passports

See Annex 11.

CHAPTER VII - CARRIAGES AND HARNESS

Article 937 Weights and Dimensions

1. General

- 1.1 In all classes, during Dressage, Marathon, Cones and Combined Marathon/Derby, if the carriage has no brakes, breeching is compulsory. Failure to comply will result in elimination. In Single Horse and Single Pony classes breeching is compulsory.
- 1.2 No part of a carriage may be wider than the outside track width, with the exception of hub caps, mud guards and the splinter bar for carriages used in Dressage and Cones.
- 1.3 The track width of all carriages is measured at ground level on the widest part of the rear wheels.
- 1.4 Athletes whose carriages do not conform to the required weights or measurements will be eliminated from the relevant competition.

2. Carriages for Para Driving

- 2.1 Carriages suitable for the disabled athlete must be used. Carriages for Para Driving Singles may be 2 or 4-wheeled.
- 2.2 The Organising Committee or Technical Delegate may refuse the use of a carriage, but must give the reason for the refusal.

3. Dressage and Cones Carriages must comply with the following

Class	Wheels	Grooms	Min. Width
Horse Four	4	2 behind	158cm
Pony Four	4	2 behind	138cm
Horse Pair	4	1 behind	148cm
Pony Pair	4	1 behind	138cm
Horse Single/Tandem	2 or 4	1 behind or beside	138cm
Pony Single/Tandem	2 or 4	1 behind or beside	138cm

- 3.1 Athletes competing in the Advanced class must use the same vehicle for Dressage and Cones. If a different vehicle is used in other classes, it must comply with Paragraph 3 above. Groom/s must be seated.
- 3.2 Artificial extensions to increase the measured width of a carriage are not permitted in cones
- 3.3 All carriages must be measured as soon as the Athlete has left the competition arena.

4. Marathon Carriages and carriages for the Combined Marathon/Derby must comply with the following

Class	Wheels	Min. weight	Grooms	Min. width
Horse Four	4	600kg	2 behind	125cm
Pony Four	4	300kg	2 behind	125cm
Horse Pair	4	350kg	1 behind	125cm
Pony Pair	4	225kg	1 behind	125cm

Horse Single/Tandem	2 or 4	150kg	1 behind or beside	125cm
Pony Single/Tandem	2 or 4	90kg	1 behind or beside	125cm

- 4.1 In marathon, all carriages will be measured before the start of section B and the same carriage must be used for all sections.
- 4.2 The President of the Ground Jury will decide whether all, or a random selection of, carriages will be weighed after the marathon.

Article 938 Equipment

. Lamps or reflectors are not compulsory in any phase.

Article 939 Tyres

1. Pneumatic or air-filled tyres are permitted.

Article 940 Harness, Carriage and Horses

1. Equipment

1.1 Harness

- 1.1.1 The distance between the horse/pony and carriage must not be less than 50cm at all times, fender rolls 40cm.

1.2 Dressage Carriage

- 1.2.1 Horses (Four-in-Hand wheelers or a Pair of Horses): the distance between the traces must be minimum 55 cm (Ponies: minimum 45 cm).
- 1.2.2 Traces must not cross each other. For pairs and fours, swingletrees may not cross the centre line of the carriage.

1.3 Marathon Carriage and Carriage for Combined Marathon/Derby

- 1.3.1 Horses (Four-in-Hand wheelers or a Pair of Horses): the distance between the traces must be minimum 55 cm (Ponies: minimum 45 cm).
- 1.3.2 Traces must not cross each other.

In addition:

1.4 Length of individual pole chains or pole straps

- 1.4.1 The length must be a minimum of 30 cm. The measurement is taken from the centre of the pole head, including the complete quick release.

1.5 Horse yoke or T-bar

- 1.5.1 The total width including the complete quick releases must be minimum of 60cm. When the measurement is taken from the centre of the pole head, to include the complete quick releases, it must be a minimum of 30cm.

1.6 Yokes or T-bars must not be positioned behind any part of the shoulder.

1.7 Pole and the pole straps must be of sufficient length to allow free movement of the horses.

1.8 For Horse Four-in-Hand leaders, the complete lead bar must measure at least 1m and the distance between the traces must measure at least 45 cm.

1.9 For Pony Four-in-hand leaders, the complete lead bars must measure at least 85cm and the distance between the traces must measure at least 35 cm.

1.10 Yoke width or pole straps must be sufficient to allow the free movement of the ponies.

- 1.11 It is not necessary to use the same harness for dressage and cones but in both competitions it must be safe, clean and uniform in appearance and in a style appropriate to the turnout.
- 1.12 The horses must be correctly and fully harnessed to the carriage, including the reins.
- 1.13 Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in a verbal warning or Yellow Warning Card, given by the Ground Jury. Subsequent offences at the same event will be penalised with a second Yellow Warning Card or elimination.
- 1.14 During Dressage, Marathon, Cones and Combined Marathon/Derby, whenever a single horse/pony is harnessed to a carriage breeching is compulsory. Failure to comply results in elimination.
- 1.15 Where forbidden equipment is used or a severe incidence on the welfare of the horse is ascertained, the penalty will be elimination or disqualification.

2. Bandages and Brushing Boots

- 2.1 Bandages and brushing boots are not permitted in Dressage. Failure to comply will result in 10 penalty points.
- 2.2 If a penalty is applied under 940.2.1 above, the bandages or brushing boots must be removed immediately after leaving the arena and the horse(s) inspected by a veterinarian who will report his findings to the President of the Ground Jury.

3. Nosebands, ancillary equipment and blinkers

- 3.1 Any nosebands, attachments or ancillary equipment which impede or are likely to impede the free intake of air into the nostrils of the horse are not permitted.
- 3.2 Blinkers, if used, and ancillary equipment must not impede forward vision or be so close to the eyes as to irritate them.

4. Connecting straps

- 4.1 Connecting straps between neck or breast collars may be used in all Four-in-Hand competitions. The leaders may not be attached to each other in any other way (except by the reins).

5. Auxiliary reins

- 5.1 Auxiliary reins (including any type of check reins) are not permitted when in harness.
- 5.2 Para Driving: driving with a second set of reins or divided reins is not allowed.

6. Tails

- 6.1 Tails may not be tied or attached to any part of the harness or carriage, with the exception of a recognised tail guard. No other ancillary device restricting the free movement of the horse's tail is permitted.

7. Leverage Devices

- 7.1 All rings, terrets and/or other devices which have an extreme leverage effect on the reins or bits are forbidden at any time within the showground.

8. Bits

- 8.1 Bits do not need to be identical.
- 8.2 No bitless bridles or hackamores (even combined with any kind of bits) are permitted when the horse is harnessed to a carriage.

9. Tongues

- 9.1 Tongue guards are only permitted if used correctly. Separate items must not be incorporated around the bit which may cause welfare concerns.

10. Impaired Vision

- 10.1 No attachment or ancillary harness may be positioned between the wheelers and the leaders in such a way as to impair the vision of either of the wheelers.

11. Application or use of devices, substances or implements

- 11.1 An attachment to the pole, traces or shafts, or application or use of any substance, device, or implement which may cause irritation or discomfort to the horse, is forbidden within the showground.
- 11.2 Ear hoods and plugs are permitted. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband and must allow free movement of the ears of the horse.

12. Shoes

- 12.1 Any conventional type of shoe is permitted. Double shoes or additional weight (lead) are not allowed.

13. Penalties

- 13.1 Contravention of paragraphs 3 to 10, 11.1 or 12 in this Article in competition will incur elimination of the athlete. Contravention of paragraph 11.2 will result in a Yellow Warning Card unless the Ground Jury concludes that the contravention has affected the welfare of the horse or horses involved, in which case contravention will incur elimination
- 13.2 Contravention of any paragraph in this Article at any other time within the showground, with the exception of Article 940.2.1, will result in a Yellow Warning Card. A second offence at the same event will result in a higher penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Article 941 Advertising on carriages, harness and clothing

1. In Dressage and Cones

- 1.1 The name of the harness manufacturer may appear once on each harness on a label no wider than the strap on which it appears and not longer than 10 cm.
- 1.2 The sponsor's name or "logo", or the athlete's "association", may appear on each side of the carriage within a surface area no greater than 400 sq. cm.
- 1.3 The name of the carriage manufacturer may appear on a carriage on a label of not more than 50 sq. cm. Identification of clothing manufacturers may appear only once per item on a surface area not exceeding 3 sq. cm.
- 1.4 Whilst present in the competition arena, the name and/or logo of the individual's sponsor(s) and team sponsor(s) may appear on the surface area not exceeding 80 sq. cm and only once on jackets or top garments at the height of the breast pockets of athletes.
- 1.5 The name and/or logo of the individual's sponsor(s) and team sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding 16 sq.cm on both sides of the athlete's shirt collar.

2. In Marathon and Combined Marathon/Derby

- 2.1 Advertising is allowed on carriages and all clothing. The name of the harness manufacturer may appear once on each harness on a label no wider than the strap on which it appears and no longer than 10cms.

3. Penalties

- 3.1 Contravening any of the rules on advertising will result in a Yellow Warning Card issued by the President of the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate.
- 3.2 The Technical Delegate may arrange random checks to ensure athletes comply with these rules.

Article 942 Safety

1. In the showground, whenever the horse(s) are fully harnessed or being harnessed to a carriage, groom(s) must at all times be in attendance and able to render assistance if needed. Whenever horses are driven, a groom (in the case of a single or pair) or two grooms (in the case of a four in hand) must be on the carriage or, if there is no seat available, at hand on the training field.
2. The athlete may only dismount from the carriage when grooms are at the horses' heads or the reins are given to another responsible person on the carriage.
3. No horse may be led from a moving carriage unless there is an extra person on the carriage whose sole responsibility is the horse being led.
4. Contravening the safety rules will result in a Yellow Warning Card being issued by the Ground Jury. Subsequent offences at the same event will be penalised by a second Yellow Warning Card, or penalty up to elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

CHAPTER VIII - CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Article 943 Participation

1. Method of Driving

- 1.1 Athletes may use any method or style of driving.

2. The Athletes and Grooms

- 2.1 Each athlete must drive the same horse(s) in all the competitions, except where a substitution was decided in compliance with the rules. See Article 946.
- 2.3 Depending on the schedule an athlete can compete twice and in addition he can act as groom.
- 2.4 Groom(s) may participate several times in all competitions at the discretion of the organiser.
- 2.5 During the 60 minute period immediately prior to each athlete's scheduled start time for each competition only the athlete may drive the turnout. Contravention of this rule will result in elimination. The athlete is the only person allowed to handle the reins, use the whip and brake throughout each competition. Each contravention of this rule, even if to prevent an accident, will result in 20 penalties. However, a groom may handle the reins and brake without penalty in all competitions provided the carriage remains stationary.
- 2.5.1 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held / used by the groom, the brake operated by the groom, and the groom holding the finger loop but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.
- 2.6 No person apart from a para driving athlete may be tied to the carriage in any way during the competitions. An athlete may be secured by rope, webbing or belt, provided one end is held by a groom and not wrapped or fastened to the carriage in any way. Failure to comply will result in elimination.
- 2.6.1 Para driving athletes may be secured to their carriage by a lap belt or harness provided it incorporates a quick release mechanism which (in the opinion of the athlete) is suitable, taking into account the risks inherent in Horse Driving Trials and the characteristics of their turnout including size, shape and experience. Para driving athletes wishing to use such a lap belt, harness or other compensating aids must obtain an FEI classification which details the appropriate grading according to the level of disability and any compensation aids they are entitled to use. Para driving athletes must declare their compensating aids to the event organiser on their entry form.
- 2.7 Substitution of a groom during the marathon competition is not permitted under any circumstances and will incur elimination of the athlete.
- 2.8 In Dressage (as part of the test) and Cones, athletes will be required to salute the Jury unless time or layout of the course prevents it.
- 2.9 Passengers may not ride on a vehicle in dressage or cones and may only be carried on the marathon with the prior approval of the President of the Jury.
- 2.10 Each time an athlete dismounts during any competition he will incur 20 penalties.
- 2.11 Athletes will incur penalties each time one or both grooms dismount. 5 penalties on the first occasion, 10 penalties on the second occasion. On the third occasion the athlete is eliminated. Exception in marathon, see Art. 964.5.1.

Article 944 Identification Number

1. Athlete

Athletes will be allocated an event number per turnout on arrival and will retain that number throughout the event. The number must be displayed on any carriage used during the competitions. For easy identification athletes will be provided with marathon numbers by the organisers. It is recommended that grooms wear these numbers both on their front and on their back during the marathon and Combined Marathon/Derby. If this recommendation is not followed, the athlete must ensure that the marathon numbers provided are clearly displayed on each side of their carriage, and that they remain visible throughout the competition, particularly in wet or dirty conditions.

3. Penalties

Failure to display the event numbers of athletes will incur a warning for the first occurrence. A repeated offence will incur a Yellow Warning Card issued by the President of Jury or the Technical Delegate.

Article 945 Outside Assistance

1. Definition

Any physical intervention by a third party not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the athlete or helping the athlete's horse(s), is considered to be outside assistance.

2. Prohibited outside assistance

2.1 Dressage and Cones

- 2.1.1 Any athlete who has received outside assistance may be eliminated by the Ground Jury.
- 2.1.2 In dressage, grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between entering and leaving the arena. They are not permitted to handle the reins or the whip (will incur 20 penalties). For dressage, speak or indicate the course to the athlete is not permitted (will incur elimination). However the groom may handle the reins or the whip without penalty provided the carriage remains stationary.
- 2.1.3 Exception: If the bell has been rung and the athlete has failed to hear the bell, the groom may advise the athlete that the bell has been rung.
- 2.1.4 Athletes and grooms may not use any form of electronic communication equipment during dressage and cones, subject to elimination.
- 2.1.5 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held / used by the groom and/or the groom holding the finger loop but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.
- 2.1.6 Grooms of Para Driving Athletes must sit so that he/she can help in case of need. The Event Organiser or Technical Delegate has the right to disapprove the position of the groom on the vehicle.

2.2 Marathon and Combined Marathon/Derby

- 2.2.1 Obstacle Observers, Ground Observers, Time Keepers or any other Officials may not give directions, advice or information to the athlete, while the athlete is on the course in the marathon in order to assist them. Exceptions: see Article 945.3.

2.2.2 Any athlete who has received physical outside assistance by a third party not riding on the carriage will be eliminated by the Ground Jury. Exceptions: see Article 945.3.

2.3 Penalties: see Article 969.

3. Permitted assistance

3.1 The following are considered to be permitted outside assistance:

3.1.1 Assistance during compulsory rests and in neutral zones between sections.

3.1.2 Assistance to avoid accidents.

3.1.3 Assistance to horses as a result of an accident inside an obstacle, providing the grooms are dismounted.

3.2 Assistance by the groom whereby a horse is led through an obstacle by the bridle ends of the reins while harnessed to the carriage in either marathon or cones will incur 20 penalties for the assistance in addition to the penalties for dismounting.

CHAPTER IX - SUBSTITUTIONS

Article 946 Substitutions

1. Substitutions Before an Event

- 1.1 Substitution of horses/ponies after the closing date of entries may be allowed at the discretion of the organiser.

2. Substitutions During an Event

- 2.1 Substitution of horses or athletes during a competition is not permitted. The penalty will be disqualification.
- 2.2 Athletes in Four-in-Hand classes may start each competition with any 4 of their 5 declared entries.
- 2.3 Athletes in Pair and Tandem classes may start each competition with any 2 of their 3 declared entries.
- 2.4 Athletes in Single classes must start each competition with their single declared entry.

CHAPTER X - DECLARATION OF STARTERS - ORDER OF STARTING

Article 947 Declaration of starters

1. Drivers of all horses must declare which horses/ponies they will use in each competition before starting the event.

Article 948 Starting Order

1. Three Day Events with cones on day 3

- 1.1 Starting order for Dressage will be determined by the organiser.
- 1.2 Starting order for marathon will be determined by the organiser, unless an athlete is competing twice and has one or more entries in a selection class (see 948.1.4).
- 1.3 Starting order for Cones

The athletes will go in reverse order of the results in dressage and marathon, so that the athlete with the most penalty points from driven dressage and marathon will go first and the athlete with the fewest penalties goes last, unless an athlete is competing twice and has one or more entries in a selection class (see 948.1.4).

In the event of equal dressage and marathon penalties, the result of the marathon decides.

The starting order will be:

- a) Retired athletes, followed by
- b) Eliminated athletes, followed by
- c) Athletes competing twice with their turnout in the lowest placing, followed by
- d) The remaining athletes, commencing with the one with the highest number of penalties after dressage and marathon, so that the athlete with the least number of penalties achieved without retirement or elimination will start last.

2. Two Day Events, three day events with marathon on day 3 and events including Combined Marathon/Derby

2.1 The starting order for all three competitions will be determined by the organiser.

3. Selection classes and Hors Concours entries

3.1 For classes used as selection classes the following will apply wherever possible for marathon and cones. The best placed turnout, or the one eligible for selection where the turnouts are in different classes, should go first unless granted an exception by the President of the Jury.

3.2 If an athlete has more than one entry and one is Hors Concours, then this turnout should be driven after the one entered in the competition unless granted an exception by the President of the Jury.

CHAPTER XI - DRIVEN DRESSAGE

Article 949 General

1. The Objective of Dressage

The objective of the Driven Dressage Test is to judge the freedom, regularity of paces, harmony, impulsion, suppleness, lightness, ease of movement and correct bending of the horses on the move. Athletes will also be judged on style, accuracy, and general control of their horses, and also on their dress, condition of their harness and carriage and the presentation of their whole turnout.

2. Novice Safety Check

All athletes in Novice and Evolution classes must present their turnout for a safety check during the warm up for dressage. This will be carried out by a member of the Ground Jury or a suitably experienced individual. The penalty for not presenting themselves is elimination.

Article 950 The Arena

1. The Driven Dressage Arena must be 100m x 40m and laid out in accordance with the Annexes.

2. A smaller arena, measuring 80m x 40m and laid out in accordance with the Annexes, may be used for Novice and Evolution classes.

4. Organisers must ensure that arrangements are in place so that spectators cannot approach closer than 5m from the edge of the arena.

Article 951 Driven Dressage Tests

Details of approved British Carriagedriving Driven Dressage Tests are shown on the British Carriagedriving website. The schedules for all events must state clearly which of these tests is to be used.

Article 952 Conditions

1. Entering the Arena

An athlete who enters the arena before the starting signal or who fails to enter the arena within 90 seconds of the starting signal may be eliminated at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.

2. Memory

The British Carriagedriving Driven Dressage Test must be driven from memory. Speaking or indication given by a groom will incur elimination.

3. Lameness

- 3.1 If the President of the Ground Jury observes a case of marked lameness, he/she must disqualify the horse and eliminate the athlete. There can be no appeal against this decision.
- 3.2 In doubtful cases, after the athlete has finished their test, the President of the Ground Jury may have the horse checked immediately by the veterinarian outside the arena. The horse will be checked while harnessed to the carriage. If the veterinarian confirms the lameness the horse must be disqualified and the athlete eliminated.
- 3.3 In competitions where additional dressage arenas are being used, the duty of the President of the Ground Jury as indicated above shall fall under the responsibility of the Judge at C of the applicable arena.
- 3.4 If a veterinarian is not immediately available, the athlete must be notified on leaving the arena and a steward appointed to remain with the animal in the stable area until the veterinarian arrives.

Article 953 Judging

1. Positions of Judges

When there are 5 judges officiating, they may be seated at CRSVP.

If there are 3 judges, the places may be CBE or CEP or any letter around the arena depending on the driven test and the judges' best view. The President of the Ground Jury will decide the positions.

When there are 2 judges officiating, they may be seated at C and B or C and E.

2. Allocation of marks

The judges will allocate their marks individually. There will be no consultation among judges once the athlete has started the test. Only the judge at C may give penalties for incomplete presentation or incidents.

3. Multiple Turnouts

Pairs, Tandems and Four-in-Hands will be judged as a whole and not as individual horses.

4. Pace

The definition of paces - movements will apply to all types and breeds of horses.

5. Start and Finish

The test starts as the athlete enters the arena at A, unless otherwise stated, and finishes with the final salute. Tests are not timed. The athlete will leave the arena at a trot apart from in the Evolution classes.

Article 954 Movements and their descriptions

1. Halt

The horse must stand square, straight and motionless, remaining on the bit.

2. Walk

The horse walks energetically with a regular four beat movement, remaining in a light contact. The horse is supple with even and determined strides with the hind feet touching the ground in front of the footprints of the fore feet and stretching forwards and downwards.

3. Free Walk

Same definition as for the Walk, but in addition, gaining ground as much as possible, clearly lengthening the frame and stretching forwards and downwards.

4. Working Trot

A forward, active regular trot, with the horse on the bit, carrying himself in balance and rhythm with even, elastic steps, good hock action and clear impulsion. The steps of the hind feet must at least be touching the ground in the footprints of the fore feet.

5. Collected Trot

The horse remains on the bit and moves energetically forward with a greater degree of engagement, leading to an increased flexion of the hocks and fetlock joints and raising up with the forehand, thus allowing for more mobility and elevation of the strides. The neck will be raised and more arched with the poll the highest part. The nose should not be behind the vertical or the neck restricted. The hind legs should take more weight, and cadence should be visible.

6. Extended Trot

- 6.1 The horse lengthens his stride to cover as much ground as possible as a result of greater impulsion from the hindquarters. The athlete allows the horse, remaining “on the bit” without leaning on it, to lengthen its frame to gain ground, with the nose slightly in front of the vertical. The hind feet must clearly over track the prints made by the fore feet.
- 6.2 The horse must remain in balance while maintaining the same rhythm with strides of equal size. Hurried strides are not asked for, and constitute a severe fault.

7. Medium Trot

Between the defined Working Trot and Extended Trot. The horse lengthens his stride to cover less ground than asked for in the Extended Trot but more ground than asked for in the Working Trot as a result of greater impulsion from the hindquarters. The athlete allows the horse, remaining ‘on the bit’ without leaning on it, to lengthen the frame to gain ground, with the nose slightly in front of the vertical. The hind feet should over track the footprints made by the fore feet. The horse must remain in balance while maintaining the same rhythm with strides of equal size. Hurried strides are not asked for and constitute a severe fault.

8. Working Canter

- 8.1 A forward, active pace with regular strides of three time beat. The horse, showing good balance, remains on the bit without leaning on the hand, and goes forward with light cadenced strides and good hock action.
- 8.2 A Canter to the right, for instance, will have the following sequence of footfalls: left hind, left diagonal (simultaneously left fore and right hind), right fore, followed by a moment of suspension with all four feet off the ground before the next stride begins.
- 8.3 The quality of the Canter is judged by the general impression, and the regularity and lightness of the three-beat pace in a clear uphill tendency. The horse must be on the bit and well engaged in the hindquarters with good hock action, and must have the ability to maintain his rhythm and natural balance throughout the movement and the transitions. The horse must remain straight on straight lines and correctly bent on curved lines.

9. Collected Canter

Horses strides are shorter than in working canter, the hocks maintain a clear impulsion and the hind legs take more weight; the point of gravity is moving backwards and the neck and poll coming up more and more with the nose always a bit in front of the vertical showing a clear uphill tendency and self carriage; the basic is a clear three beat and a light steady contact with suppleness and elasticity.

10. **Extended Canter**

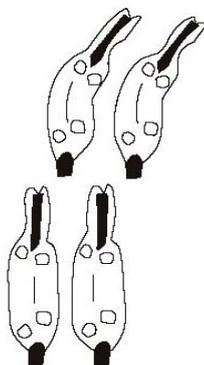
In extended canter the horse covers as much ground as possible with obviously lengthened strides and frame; there should be no hurried strides and the nose should be always in front of the vertical not losing balance and uphill tendency. There should be clear transitions into and out of the extended canter.

11. **Rein Back**

- 11.1 The horse must walk backwards in a straight line, with the legs being lifted and set down in diagonal pairs. The horse must remain on the bit, straight and not evade or resist the contact. The poll should remain the highest point.
- 11.2 Transition to the next movement must be immediate and smooth.

12. **Shoulder In**

- 12.1 Shoulder in for the driven horse is performed in Collected Trot. The leaders are positioned so that the outside leader's tail is in front of the head of the pole. The leaders' shoulders are taken to the inside with a constant angle of approximately 30 degrees and a slight but consistent bend in the neck. The inside hind leg strides forward into the line of the outside front leg so that the horses are working on three tracks. Impulsion, rhythm and engagement must be maintained throughout.
- 12.2 Too much bend in the neck results in loss of rhythm and suppleness. The wheelers must remain straight with no counter bend.



13. **Diagonal Yield**

Horse nearly parallel to centre line crossing legs diagonally, hind direction diagonal front, together with slight flexion to the inside.

14. **Stretching the frame**

Letting the horse take the reins, stretching long and low – forwards and downwards at least to the point of the shoulder over the back while keeping the same rhythm and impulsion. The athlete must keep the reins without losing the contact and bring the horse back to the preceding elevation as soon as the stretching has been shown.

15. **Transitions**

Changes of pace must always be made smoothly and promptly with the horse remaining in balance and on the bit. A transition must be completed as the nose of the horse arrives at the prescribed marker, unless otherwise stated.

16. Change of Pace and Movement

Changes of pace and movement are made when the heads of the leaders reach the point indicated in the test.

17. Terminology

The following must be considered when judging Driven Dressage movements:

- 17.1 Obedience and Lightness – willing response to aids without resistance, and correctness of bend.
- 17.2 Regularity – the regularity, evenness and rhythm with which the horse puts his feet to the ground.
- 17.3 Contact – the connection through the reins between the athlete's hands and the horse's mouth. It should be soft and steady at all times.
- 17.4 Impulsion – the willingness of the horse to go forward energetically at all times and to respond quickly and evenly to changes of pace. The horse must remain in balance while maintaining the same tempo with strides of equal size.
- 17.5 Straightness – carrying the head, neck and body in a straight line with the weight evenly divided among the legs. On curved lines the hind legs need to follow the footprints of the fore feet (no escaping or swinging out).
- 17.6 Collection – roundness and engagement with good hock action, elevated poll allowing the shoulders to move with ease. The horse's energy is contained in a more deliberate pace than the Working Trot.

The haunches are more compressed, the croup is lowered and the forehead elevated to the same degree. The stride is shorter but more powerful than the Working Trot and the front legs will move from the shoulder with greater agility, resulting in lightness and greater mobility throughout. The neck should be more arched. The shortening of the frame is not, and never should be, a result of pulling back, but rather of asking and allowing the horse to move forward into the athlete's hand.
- 17.7 Accuracy – correctness, roundness and correct size of figures and lines (including corners) as asked in the test.

Article 955 General impression

1. Principle

There are two boxes at the end of the Judges' Score Sheets for marks on Athlete and General Impression & Presentation observed by the judges throughout the whole test.

2. Athlete

- 2.1 Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.
- 2.2 Para Driving Athletes in able bodied competitions may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.
- 2.3 Para Driving Athletes are allowed to do one handed movements with two hands, if mentioned in the Masterlist following classification of the Athlete. The

maximal points attributed to the Athlete shall be 4 if the movement is correctly executed.

3. General Impression & Presentation

Appearance of Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness harmonizing of harness and carriage. Fitness, matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout. Clearance and fit of harness. Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete. For Novice or Intermediate classes the judge should not expect the standard achievable by more experienced athletes and should accept marathon harness and three phase vehicles without further penalty.

Article 956 Scoring

1. Marks

1.1 Marks out of 10 will be awarded for each numbered movement and for each heading under General Impression on the following basis:

- 10: Excellent
- 9: Very Good
- 8: Good
- 7: Fairly Good
- 6: Satisfactory
- 5: Sufficient
- 4: Insufficient
- 3: Fairly Bad
- 2: Bad
- 1: Very Bad
- 0: Not Executed

1.2 Half marks can be awarded.

1.3 Whenever a mark of 6.5 or less is given the judge must include a supporting comment in the box provided.

2. Error of Test

If an athlete attempts to perform a movement, or attempts to maintain the pace required and fails to do so, but does not deviate from the track, the President of the Ground Jury may either treat it as an "Error of Course" (see paragraph 3 below), or he may decide to leave the Judges to give the movement an appropriate mark. If an athlete makes no effort to perform a movement in a test, then it may either be treated as an Error of Test or as an Error of Course at the discretion of the President of the Jury.

3. Error of Course

3.1 An "Error of Course" is when an athlete deviates from the required track or when a movement is performed at the wrong pace, or omitted altogether.

3.2 In the event of an athlete making an Error of Course, the President of the Ground Jury will ring the bell and stop the athlete. The athlete must then resume the test from the beginning of the movement where the error was made. If the athlete is in any doubt, he/she may ask the President of the Ground Jury for guidance, without incurring any penalties.

4. Disconnected or Broken Harness

If the reins, pole strap, chains or trace become disconnected or broken, or should the horse get a leg over the pole, trace or shaft, the President of the Ground Jury must ring the bell and a groom(s) must dismount and re-connect or repair as appropriate. The athlete will be penalised for a groom(s) dismounting.

5. Disobedience

Any resistance in the forward movement, kicking or rearing is considered to be disobedience and will be penalised by the judge at C, as follows:

1 st Incident	5 penalties
2 nd Incident	10 penalties
3 rd Incident	Elimination

6. Carriage overturn

A carriage overturning is elimination.

Article 957 Summary of Driven Dressage Penalties

Athletes are liable to the following penalties:

Description	Ref. Article	Penalties
Part of the turnout leaving the arena during a movement		Mark down for inaccuracy
The whole turnout leaving the arena		Elimination
Athlete dismounting	943.2.10 & Annex 8	20 penalties
Entering the arena without a whip	928.4	5 penalties
Dropping or putting down a whip	928.4	5 penalties
No breeching if carriage has no brakes	937.1.1	Elimination
No breeching for Singles	940.1.14	Elimination
Use of bandages or brushing boots (Horse to be inspected after Test)	940.2	10 penalties
Contravening the Rules on Advertising	941	Yellow Warning Card
Person tied to the carriage	943.2.6	Elimination
Groom handles the reins, brake or uses the whip	943.2	20 penalties
Groom speaking or giving indications	945.2	Elimination
Physical outside assistance	945.1	Elimination
Groom(s) dismounting	943.2.11 & Annex 8	1 st incident - 5 penalties 2 nd incident - 10 penalties 3 rd incident – Elimination
Early or late entry	952.1	Possible Elimination
Lame horse	952.3	Disqualification of the Horse and elimination of the Athlete
Incomplete presentation (Athlete, Groom)	928	5 penalties
Errors of course:	956.3	1 st occasion - 5 penalties 2 nd occasion - 10 penalties 3 rd occasion - Elimination
Disobedience:	956.5	1 st incident - 5 penalties 2 nd incident - 10 penalties 3 rd incident – Elimination
Carriage overturn	956.6	Elimination

Article 958 Classification

1. Total Marks

- 1.1 The individual marks awarded by each judge for each movement and for General Impression will be added together and divided by the number of judges to obtain the average score.
- 1.2 In order to adjust the influence of Driven Dressage on the whole event, where the total possible marks for the test are greater than 160, the average score will be multiplied by the coefficient printed on the score sheet to obtain the adjusted average score to be used in the results.
- 1.3 Penalties are only awarded by the President of the Ground Jury at C. Any penalties will be deducted from the adjusted average score and the final total will be deducted from 160 to obtain the penalties for the test.
- 1.4 Scores will be calculated to two decimal places.
- 1.5 The athlete with the lowest score in penalties will be the winner of the Driven Dressage.

CHAPTER XII - MARATHON

Article 959 General

The objective of the Marathon is to test the fitness, stamina and training of the horses, and the driving skill and general horsemanship of the athlete.

Article 960 The Course

1. General

- 1.1 Maximum distances and speeds must not be exceeded.
- 1.2 The speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in the case of adverse weather or ground conditions.
- 1.3 The course must consist of three sections. The distance must be as close to maximum distance as possible for the National Championships.
- 1.4 The actual distance and time allowed in the Transfer section will be confirmed by the Technical Delegate in conjunction with the President of the Ground Jury.
- 1.5 The total distance in Section B should be approximately 1km per obstacle and not less than 250m between two consecutive obstacles. The total distance in Section B must include the distances through the obstacles.
- 1.6 The distances between the end of one section and the start of the next must not be included in the total length and time of the course.
- 1.7 As an alternative option to Phase A there can be used a controlled Warm-up (min 30 minutes before starting time) in a designated warm-up area with a minimum 7000 square metres, properly stewarded, with a judge and veterinarian in attendance. A marathon-type obstacle for preparation purposes should be provided. Horse inspection and bit/harness control 5 minutes before the start in Section B is compulsory.

2. Marathon sections

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Pace	Speed - km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8000 m	5000 m	free	15	14
Transfer	1500 m	800 m	free	6	5
B	9000 m	6000 m	free	14	13

3. A safety check of the turnout (including any quick release system for Para Driving Athletes) must be made before the start of Marathon and during the 10 minute halt at the end of the Transfer Section.
 - 3.1 Compulsory rests. There must be a compulsory rest of not less than 10 minutes in the designated rest area prior to the start of Section B. When Section A is a "controlled warm up" the compulsory rest may be reduced to 5 minutes.
 - 3.2 The area of the compulsory rest should, if possible, provide some shade and must be large enough to accommodate three turnouts at once and have room for additional motor vehicles.
 - 3.3 Water must be provided at the rest area for the horses.

- 3.4 A farrier must be available at the start of section B. If the athlete has to wait for the farrier for any reason beyond their control, then the athlete will be credited with that time.
- 3.5 In exceptional circumstances, the minimum time required for the Compulsory Rest may be increased by the President of the Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate.
- 3.6 If a horse is not accepted by the veterinarian at the rest area after 10 minutes, or 5 minutes for a controlled warm up, the horse and athlete will be eliminated.
- 3.7 Turnouts may only stand, walk or trot within the rest area.

4. Section and direction signs

- 4.1 The beginning and end of each section must be marked with a pair of red and white flags.
- 4.2 The entire course must be clearly marked with yellow direction markers placed, wherever possible, on the right hand side of the track, to be clearly visible to the approaching athlete. A confirmation directional arrow must be placed after every significant turn.
- 4.3 Sections A and B must have a marker at every kilometre. In Section B the measurement of the kilometres must include the distances through the obstacles.
- 4.4 The marker for a kilometre occurring within an obstacle should be placed on the post supporting the red exit flag.

5. Compulsory turning flags

- 5.1 Sufficient red and white compulsory turning flags must be positioned on the course to ensure that all athletes follow the designated track. Athletes must leave the red flags on their right and the white flags on their left. These compulsory turning flags must be numbered consecutively in each section and they must be placed so they are clearly visible to athletes from a reasonable distance.
- 5.2 The location and number of the flags must be marked on the map of the course to clearly indicate the correct route to be driven between the compulsory turning flags before and after each obstacle. In addition, a list showing the order for driving compulsory turning flags and obstacles must be provided for athletes and officials.
- 5.3 Ground Observers must record the athlete's track through the compulsory turning flags. If any compulsory turning flags are missed out or passed in the wrong sequence, the details must be reported to a member of the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate as soon as possible.

6. Paces

- 6.1 The finish of Section B must not be more than 300m from the exit of the last obstacle unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. A sign clearly indicating the distance to the finish should be positioned at the exit of the last obstacle. If the last obstacle is situated within 300m of the finish, the athletes may stop within 30m of the out gate of the obstacle to repair broken or detached harness without penalty. A 30m marker will be placed on the track to indicate this point if the last obstacle is within 300m of the finish.
- 6.2 Between the 30 m marker of the last obstacle (or 300m) and the finish, the pace must be trot or walk only. The athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each 5 seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.

Article 961 Obstacles in Section B

1. Number of Obstacles

- 1.1 The maximum number of obstacles, natural or artificial, is 6 for Novice Classes, 7 for Intermediate classes and 8 for all other classes. The British Carriagedriving National Championships must have the maximum permitted number of obstacles for each class.

2. Sketches of Obstacles

Accurate sketches of each obstacle showing the location of the compulsory gates, dislodgeable/detachable elements and entry/exit flags must be made available to athletes and event officials before the first inspection of the course.

3. Design and Construction of Obstacles

- 3.1 The number of each obstacle must be clearly displayed on the post supporting the red entry flag.
- 3.2 The entry and exit of each obstacle must be marked by red and white flags (red on the right and white on the left), not less than 20m from the nearest lettered gate, unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. After the finish line of each obstacle a 30 m sign must be established. A dismounted groom in an obstacle must be back on the carriage before the rear axle passes the sign.
- 3.3 The track through an obstacle should not exceed 250m on the shortest 2.5m drivable route (that is not narrower than 2.5m at any point between the entry and exit flags). The track may exceed 250m in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.
- 3.4 Obstacles must be at least 250m apart unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception.
- 3.5 Obstacles must be clearly numbered in the sequence in which the athletes are required to drive them.
- 3.6 Obstacles must not include any feature which might cause damage or injury to the horses.
- 3.7 Artificial obstacles should be solidly constructed and firmly fixed, so that they are unlikely to be moved or broken during the competition. Free standing obstacles should be solidly constructed with knockdowns for protection and clearly marked on the ground, so that the elements can be replaced if moved or broken during the competition.
- 3.8 If the Course Designer includes any element in an obstacle, which in the opinion of the President of the Jury and Technical Delegate could frighten the horses, an alternative route must be provided within the obstacle.
- 3.9 Where a constructed water crossing is included in an obstacle, the depth of the water must not be more than 30cm. Where natural water is used the Technical Delegate may allow a maximum depth of 50cm. The bed of any water crossing must be firm. Where water depth exceeds 50cm a substantial fence, firmly fixed, must be constructed, to prevent horses going into deep water.
- 3.10 If a barrier for crowd restraint is required by local regulations or the organiser, it must not be positioned closer than 20m from the nearest element in the obstacle unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception.

4. Compulsory gates

- 4.1 Obstacles may include up to six compulsory gates marked with red and white letters, which should be lettered alphabetically starting from A, indicating the

sequence in which they must be driven. All markers must also have small letters visible from all angles, where practical.

- 4.2 As an alternative option, a maximum of two letters can be used twice in the same obstacle.
- 4.3 The height of a compulsory gate or any single post must not be less than 1.3m.
- 4.4 The minimum width of a compulsory gate is 2.5m.

5. Dislodgeable/detachable elements

- 5.1 The Course Designer may choose any type of dislodgeable or detachable element, with a preference for balls such as used in cones.
- 5.2 No dislodgeable or detachable element should interfere with, or cause injury to the horse, or damage to the carriages, when they are dislodged. A dislodgeable element consisting of a free standing pole, the whole of which can fall over, is not allowed.
- 5.3 The cup that holds the ball on a dislodgeable element should be a standard 45 - 55mm pipe to hold the balls from the cones driving competition. The cups must be of sufficient depth so that the ball does not rest on the post.
- 5.4 The number of dislodgeable or detachable elements must not exceed 24 in total. .
- 5.5 Athletes will incur 2 penalties for each element dislodged.
- 5.6 A dislodgeable or detachable element is “live” at all times until it is dislodged or completely detached.
- 5.7 An athlete or groom who attempts to prevent a dislodgeable or detachable element from being dislodged will incur 10 penalties.

Article 962 Inspection of the Course

1. Visit of the Technical Delegate

At least three days before the start of the marathon, the entire course, including the obstacles, must be available for inspection and approval by the Technical Delegate.

2. Briefing for Athletes and Officials

- 2.1 If possible, the Technical Delegate should arrange a briefing for members of the Ground Jury prior to the official opening of the course.
- 2.2 Ground Observers, Obstacle Observers and Time Keepers must be briefed by the Technical Delegate or his designated representative before the start of marathon.
- 2.3 Copies of maps of the entire course must be available at the briefing, for those requiring them. The maps must show each section, the location of all the obstacles and numbered compulsory turning flags, kilometre markers, and any areas of the course which are closed to motor vehicles.
- 2.4 Drawings of the obstacles must be available.
- 2.5 A list showing the order for driving compulsory turning flags and obstacles must also be made available.
- 2.6 The Technical Delegate and the Course Designer must also be available to answer questions at a published time the evening before the marathon is due to start. This must be made known to all athletes.

3. Inspection of the Course by Athletes

- 3.1 At least 42 hours before the first athlete is due to start the marathon, Section B must be open for inspection by the athletes, except under exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the Technical Delegate.
- 3.2 The Technical Delegate may impose restrictions on the means of access to certain parts of the course.
- 3.3 The obstacles in Section B may be left open until the first athlete starts Section B.
- 3.4 Athletes using motor vehicles must remain on the roads and tracks designated by the Technical Delegate. The course is closed to motor-vehicles unless otherwise notified in the event paperwork. Athletes and grooms will be allowed to inspect the course on foot or by bicycle, and organisers must provide a well-marked map of the course. Where there is no restriction on motor-vehicles athletes must adhere to the route of the course, but observe any sections closed to motorised vehicles as indicated on the plan of the course, or by official signs.
- 3.5 The obstacles may only be inspected on foot. No motor vehicles or bicycles may be taken inside any part of an obstacle. Failure to comply will be penalised by the issue of a warning for the first infringement and a Yellow Warning Card for the second. Athletes with disabilities must obtain dispensation from the organiser to be exempt from this Article and their vehicles clearly identified. Identification can be obtained from the British Carriagedriving office. Vehicles must be driven at walking pace within the confines of the obstacle.
- 3.6 Anyone riding or driving a motorised vehicle within the Event Location must hold an appropriate driving licence and insurance.
- 3.7 Athletes may not ride or drive their horses on or over any part of the marathon course unless the course incorporates the public highway or is part of the official exercise route, nor enter the dressage or obstacle driving arenas, except when actually competing, unless they have express permission to do so.
- 3.8 Athletes must not ride a horse, or drive any horse drawn vehicle through the obstacles in the 4 days prior to the event in which they are competing, or after an obstacle has been flagged for the event.
- 3.9 If the athlete or any of his team fails to comply with Article 962.3, he is liable to a fine at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

Article 963 Times

1. Timetable

- 1.1 A timetable showing the start of Section A and the timetable of each section, including the compulsory rest, must be drawn up by the Organising Committee for the Ground Jury and Technical Delegate. It must be adjusted in the event of unforeseen circumstances and redistributed.
- 1.2 A timetable showing the starting time for each athlete on Section A (and Section B if practicable) must be provided to the athletes and the Start of Section A timekeeper. Running order lists must be provided to all other Timekeepers, Ground Observers and Obstacle Observers.

2. Times in Sections

- 2.1 The Time Allowed in all sections is calculated according to the average speed selected for that section.
- 2.2 The Minimum Time in Section A is two minutes less than the Time Allowed.

- 2.3 The Minimum Time for Section B is three minutes less than the Time Allowed.
- 2.4 The Time Limit for Section A and Transfer section is the Time Allowed plus 20%. The Time Limit for Section B is twice the Time Allowed.
- 2.5 An athlete who exceeds the Time Limit in any section will be eliminated.

3. Timing

- 3.1 Electronic timing equipment should be used for the timing of athletes in each section and the obstacles, whenever possible.
- 3.2 Time Keepers at the start and finish of each section must record the start and finishing times for each athlete on the Section Timer Record and enter the time on the athlete's Marathon (Green) Time Card.

4. Start and Finish

- 4.1 Athletes should be at the start of Section A at least 10 minutes before their published Start Time.
- 4.2 If an athlete is not ready to start Section A at his scheduled time, the Timekeeper will start him at the earliest available time at his discretion, and record the actual starting time, which must be reported to the Technical Delegate and President of Jury for onward transmission to the scorer at the earliest opportunity. The athlete will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty per second of the time elapsed between his scheduled start time and the time he was ready to start, and he must not be allowed to start less than two minutes before the next athlete's starting time. For the avoidance of doubt, athletes will not be penalised where the start of Section A is delayed for organisational reasons.
- 4.3 Athletes must start each section from the halt with the leading horse behind the start line. The Timekeeper will count down to the start time. If an athlete starts before the Timekeeper gives him authorisation, he will be recalled, a new start time will be given and the Marathon Time Card will be amended. If the athlete fails to stop when recalled, he may be eliminated. A member of the Ground Jury must be made aware of the circumstances as soon as possible.
- 4.4 The timing of the section ends when the nose of the leading horse has passed the finish line. Section penalties will apply until the whole turnout has passed the finish line.

5. Time Penalties in the Sections

- 5.1 In all sections, athletes will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty per second for exceeding the Time Allowed.
- 5.2 Athletes completing Sections A and B in less than the Minimum Time will be penalised 0.25 of a penalty point for each second they are early.

Article 964 Penalties on the Marathon Course

1. Whips

Whips, if carried, may only be used by the athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.

Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held / used by the groom but must have this noted on the Masterlist following classification evaluation.

2. Error of Course

If an athlete fails to pass through a compulsory turning flag (CTF) in the designated sequence, he may return to the point of error and drive the CTF,

provided he has not driven the following CTF or the next obstacle. An athlete who fails to pass through a CTF in the published sequence and direction will be eliminated.

3. Deviation from the Course

- 3.1 Athletes must not deviate from the track for the last 300m of Section B. Athletes who stop, circle, zig-zag or leave the track in any other way will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.
- 3.2 Exception: See Article 960.6.1

4. Incorrect pace

Should one or more horses break into a canter within the last 300m before the finish of Section B and this is not corrected within 5 seconds, the athlete will incur one penalty for every occurrence. If the break continues, the athlete will incur one penalty for every additional completed period of 5 seconds.

5. Dismounting

- 5.1 Outside the obstacles in Section B, grooms and athletes are not allowed to dismount unless the carriage is stationary. If the carriage is not stationary, either or both groom(s) dismounting will incur 5 penalties; the athlete dismounting will incur 20 penalties.
- 5.2 The athlete and all grooms must be on the carriage as it crosses the start and finish line and passes through the compulsory turning flags in each section. Failure to do so incurs 5 penalty points for grooms and 20 penalty points for the athlete on each occasion.
- 5.3 In exceptional circumstances, if warranted due to the condition of the terrain or weather, the Technical Delegate and the President of the Jury may permit grooms in competitions for ponies and single horses to run behind their carriage on designated parts of the course.

6. Stopping

- 6.1 Athletes may stop for repairs to carriages or harness or for any reason beyond the athlete's control anywhere on the course other than while negotiating an obstacle, without incurring penalties, other than loss of time except as in art. 960.6.1.
- 6.2 Athletes will incur 1 penalty point for each commenced 10 seconds that they remain stopped on the course in Section B for any other reason.
- 6.3 If an obstacle is situated within 300m of the finish line, an athlete is allowed to stop to carry out necessary repairs to the harness or carriage without penalty as long as he/she stops within the signed 30m after leaving the last obstacle. Stopping for any other reason between the last obstacle or the 300m sign, whichever is closer to the finish line in Section B, will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.

7. Damaged Carriage/Harness

- 7.1 At the finish of Section B any missing or disconnected trace, pole strap or reins will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.
- 7.2 At the finish of Section B a broken or disconnected pole or shaft or bit will incur elimination.
- 7.3 Carriages must pass the finish of Section B drawn by the number of horses required for its class and on the designated number of wheels. Failure to comply will incur elimination. Broken or missing tyres are acceptable.

- 7.4 If the carriage overturns (on the course or in an obstacle), the penalty is elimination and the athlete may not continue on the marathon.

Article 965 Obstacle Penalties

1. Pace in Obstacles

Athletes may use any pace in the obstacles.

2. Error of Course in an Obstacle

- 2.1 Athletes entering any part of an obstacle without first passing through the entry flags or failing to pass through the exit flags on leaving an obstacle without correcting the error will be eliminated.
- 2.2 The compulsory gates in an obstacle are “free” after an athlete has passed through them in the correct direction and in the correct sequence. Athletes may, therefore, go through them again in any direction at any time (for example, athletes must go through A in the correct direction before going through B. A is now “free” and they may go through it again in any direction as often as they like, and so on).
- 2.3 Athletes who pass through a compulsory gate in the wrong sequence or direction before it becomes “free”, and without correcting the error before passing through the exit flags, will be eliminated.
- 2.4 In order to correct an Error of Course, the athlete must return to and drive the compulsory gate he missed before continuing through the next compulsory gate in the correct sequence. For example, an athlete drives through compulsory gates A and B and then goes through D, missing gate C. In order to correct this error of course, the athlete must go back and drive through gate C before going on to gate D etc. All gates are neutralized until he reaches this gate. Each error corrected shall incur 20 penalties.
- 2.5 Passing through the exit gate of an obstacle without driving all compulsory gates in the correct sequence will be penalised by elimination.
- 2.6 An athlete is not considered to have passed through a compulsory gate in an obstacle until the whole turnout has passed between the flags denoting the compulsory gate.

3. Dismounting

- 3.1 Each time either or both grooms put both feet on the ground in an obstacle, the athlete will incur 5 penalties.
- 3.2 Once grooms have dismounted, they are not required to get back on the carriage and need not follow the athlete through any of the compulsory gates in the rest of the obstacle. Grooms do not have to be on the carriage when it leaves the obstacle. They must get back on the carriage immediately (between the finish line of each obstacle and the 30 m sign) outside of the obstacle. Failure to do so will incur five penalties per incident.
- 3.3 Each time an athlete dismounts in an obstacle he will incur 20 penalties. He must be on the carriage when it leaves the obstacle.
- 3.4 In all incidents (for example trace or reins or lead bar over a part of the obstacle etc.) the grooms must dismount and solve the problem (no climbing over horses or pole). Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.
- 3.5 An athlete or groom may only put one foot on any part of an obstacle without incurring penalties. Contravention of this Article will result in 5 penalties.

- 3.6 A groom may assist the athlete by leading a horse through the obstacle by the bridle end of the reins. The athlete will incur 25 penalties in total. See Article 945.3 and 969.
- 3.7 Groom(s) must be on the carriage when the Athlete enters each obstacle on the Marathon. Failure incurs 5 penalties.

4. Disconnecting

Deliberately disconnecting one or more horses and leading them through any part of the obstacle will be penalised by elimination.

5. Elimination in an Obstacle

The decision whether an athlete is eliminated in an obstacle rests entirely with the Ground Jury.

6. Welfare of the Horse

- 6.1 It is the responsibility of the athlete to stop immediately and put a groom or grooms down whenever a horse has its leg over a pole, shaft, when a wheeler has a leg over the lead bar or the leader's trace, or when a horse is down and remains down. Also, he must stop when instructed to make necessary repairs by a member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle Observer. However a trace down or a pole strap disconnected needs no repair inside an obstacle. The time will continue to run.
- 6.2 Failure to stop and put the groom down to correct the situation before leaving the obstacle will incur elimination.
- 6.3 It is the responsibility of the athlete to stop immediately and put a groom or grooms down whenever a horse has a leg over a trace. Also, he must stop to correct the situation when instructed by a member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle Observer. Failure to stop and put the groom down to correct the situation before leaving the obstacle will incur 30 penalties. The time will continue to run.

7. Timing

- 7.1 The athlete will be timed from when the nose of the leading horse passes between the entry flags until the nose of the leading horse passes between the exit flags. Other obstacle penalties will continue to apply until the whole turnout has passed the exit flags.
- 7.2 Electronic timing equipment should be used to time athletes through the obstacles if at all possible.
- 7.3 The Time Limit for athletes in obstacles is 5 minutes. If an athlete fails to complete the whole obstacle and pass the exit flags within the Time Limit, the Obstacle Observer is to blow two blasts on a whistle indicating to the athlete that the Time Limit has been reached. The athlete must then vacate the obstacle as quickly as possible (with assistance if necessary) and may not continue in the competition.
- 7.4 The time taken for an athlete to complete an obstacle shall be recorded to one hundredth of a second, either manually or electronically.
- 7.5 There is no rounding of time or conversion to penalty points for individual obstacles.

8. Hold Ups

- 8.1 If an athlete arrives at an obstacle while the previous athlete is still negotiating the obstacle, or if the obstacle is not ready to be driven, the athlete is to be held at a point on the course approximately 50m from the entry flags.
- 8.2 One of the Assistant Obstacle Observers is to stop the athlete at that point and start a stopwatch. As soon as the previous athlete is clear of the obstacle and the Obstacle Observer approves a re-start, the Assistant Obstacle Observer will re-start the athlete, informing them of the time they have been held. This should be recorded in whole or half minutes.
- 8.3 In the event of an accident or mishap the Obstacle Observer or other accredited official at an obstacle can stop an athlete once he has completed the obstacle, until such time as a doctor, veterinary surgeon or other appropriate official has checked the fitness to continue of the athlete, the grooms, horses/ponies, vehicle and harness. The 'Hold Up' time will be deducted from the overall time for the section.

Article 966 Judges

1. Positions

- 1.1 One member of the Ground Jury must be at the start of Section A, to ensure that all athletes and grooms are wearing a suitable back/body protector, to ensure that no athletes (other than para driving athletes) are tied to the carriage and to inspect the harness and turnout for safety in all Novice classes.
- 1.2 One member of the Ground Jury must be at the compulsory rest before Section B.. The judge must supervise the measuring of the carriages and correctness of the harnessing (see Article 937.4 and 940) and ensure that no athletes (other than para driving athletes) are tied to the carriage.
- 1.3 One member of the Ground Jury must be at the end of Section B to supervise the inspection of carriages, harness and marathon time cards and when applicable to supervise the weighing of the carriages. An athlete whose carriage is below the minimum allowed weight will be eliminated (see Article 937.4).
- 1.4 The rest of the Jury will be positioned by the President of the Ground Jury.

Article 967 Officials

1. Ground Observers

- 1.1 Ground Observers should be allocated positions around the course by the Technical Delegate from which they can observe the most critical compulsory turning flags.
- 1.2 Ground Observers must be given the starting order of athletes, together with copies of Instructions, the Ground Observers Report and a Control Sheet.
- 1.3 Ground Observers must report all incidents for which an athlete may be penalised, and any other information, to the President of the Ground Jury or member of the Ground Jury periodically and at the end of their period of duty.
- 1.4 Ground Observers cannot eliminate or otherwise penalise athletes. It is the responsibility of the Ground Jury to impose appropriate penalties.
- 1.5 After the competition, Ground Observers must remain in the vicinity of the Secretary's Office until dismissed by the President of the Ground Jury.

2. Timekeepers

- 2.1 Each timekeeper will be provided with a chronometer with a "time of day" display and instructed in its use by the Technical Delegate or the Chief Time

Keeper. The Technical Delegate or his assistant is responsible for the synchronisation of the “time of day” on all chronometers issued to officials.

- 2.2 The timekeeper at the start of Section A must be issued with the starting time schedule and must ensure that athletes have been given a ‘Marathon Time Card’ (Green Card).
- 2.3 All other Timekeepers at the start and finish of each section, must be provided with the complete list of athletes and a running order.
- 2.4 Timekeepers are required to record the start and finish times for their respective section and to enter them on the athlete’s ‘Marathon Time Card’ and the ‘Section Time Record’.
- 2.5 Horses must start from the halt with the nose of the leading horse behind the start line.
- 2.6 The finishing time will be taken as the nose of the leading horse crosses the finish line. The section is finished as the rear axle has passed the finish line.
- 2.7 After the competition, Timekeepers must remain in the vicinity of the Secretary’s Office until dismissed by the President of the Ground Jury.

3. Obstacle observers

- 3.1 There must be one Obstacle Observer at each obstacle. Each Obstacle Observer must have at least two assistants. The Obstacle Observer must be given a whistle and two stopwatches and instructed in their use by the Technical Delegate or his assistant. They must record the exact time taken by each athlete through the obstacle to 1/100th second.
- 3.2 Obstacle Observers must be given a starting order listing all athletes together with sufficient copies of obstacle reports and diagrams to record each athlete’s time and the sequence of the gates through the obstacle as driven.
- 3.3 In case of an incorrect sequence, a drawing of the route must be recorded.
- 3.4 Obstacle observers must record and report all incidents to a member of the Ground Jury as soon as possible after the incident occurred.
- 3.5 After the competition, Obstacle Observers must remain in the vicinity of the Secretary’s Office until dismissed by the President of the Ground Jury.

Article 968 Classification

1. Conversion of time to penalties

- 1.1 The total time taken by the athlete in the obstacles will be recorded to hundredths of a second and penalties will be calculated to two decimal places. Any time over the Time Allowed in each of the sections will be multiplied by 0.25. Any time under the Minimum Time in Sections A and B will be multiplied by 0.25. There shall be no rounding of times. The penalties for under Minimum Time plus penalties for over Time Allowed and the total obstacle times shall be added to any other driving penalties received, to determine the final score for each athlete in the marathon.
- 1.2 For athletes who are eliminated or retire, see Article 911.
- 1.3 The athlete with the lowest number of penalties will be the winner of the competition.
- 1.4 In the event of an equality of penalties, the athletes will be placed on equal rank.

Article 969 Summary of Penalties in Marathon

Athletes are liable to the following penalties:

Definition	Ref. Article	Penalties
Athlete or Groom wearing shorts.	928.2	10 penalties per person
No protective headgear or no back/body protector on Marathon .	928.2	Elimination followed by Disqualification
Finishing Section B with less Horses than required.	931	Elimination
No breeching with a carriage with no brakes.	937	Elimination
No breeching for Singles	940	Elimination
Contravening the rules on advertising.	941	Warning Yellow Card
Substitution of a Groom.	943.2	Elimination
Groom handling reins, or using whip or brakes when carriage not stationary.	943.2.5	20 penalties
Person tied to the carriage	943.2.6	Elimination
Outside Assistance.	945.2.2.2	Elimination
Groom leading a Horse through an obstacle.	945.3	25 penalties
Incorrect pace	960.6.2 & 964.4	1 penalty for every 5 sec.
Dislodging a dislodgeable Element	961.5.5	2 penalties per occurrence
Preventing a dislodgeable element from being dislodged	961.5.7	10 penalties
Motorised vehicles or bicycles in obstacles.	962.3.5	First Incident - Warning Second Incident - Yellow card
Carriages under weight at end of B or under width at start of B.	937 & 966.1	Elimination
Total time over Time Allowed in all Sections	963.5.1	0.25 penalties/sec.
Total time under Minimum Time in Section A and B	963.5.2	0.25 penalties/sec.
Total time in obstacles.	968.1.1	0.25 penalties/sec.
Athlete fails to stop when recalled	963.4.3	Elimination
Not ready to Start Section A.	963.4.2	0.25 penalties/sec.
Contravening the rule on the use of the whip	964.1	20 penalties
Each deviation from Course after last obstacle.	964.3	10 penalties
Required persons not on carriage passing through a compulsory turning flag, or the start and finish of each Section, each occasion.	964.5	5 penalties
Grooms Dismounting while moving in Section B.	964.5	5 penalties
Athlete Dismounting while moving in Section B.	964.5	20 penalties
Finishing Section B with missing or disconnected Pole strap, trace or reins for each occurrence.	964.7	10 penalties
Failing to pass through compulsory turning flags and obstacles in correct sequence and direction	964.2	Elimination
Finishing Section B with missing wheel.	964.7	Elimination
Finishing Section B with broken or disconnected pole or shaft	964.7	Elimination
Failing to pass through entry flags of an Obstacle.	965.2	Elimination

Groom(s) not on the carriage when crossing start of an obstacle	965.3.7	5 penalties
Grooms not remounting on the carriage immediately outside of an obstacle (per incident)	965.3.2	5 penalties
Failing to pass through exit flags of an obstacle within 5 minutes.	965.7.3	Elimination
For correcting each error of Course in an obstacle.	965.2	20 penalties
Passing between exit flags before completing an Obstacle.	965.2	Elimination
Groom(s) dismounting in an obstacle, each occasion.	965.3	5 penalties
Athlete dismounting in an obstacle.	965.3	20 penalties
Two feet on an element of obstacle.	965.3	5 penalties
Groom climbing over horse back or down the pole in an obstacle	965.3	20 penalties
Disconnecting and leading through an Obstacle.	965.4	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over pole, lead bar or shaft.	965.6	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over trace.	965.6	30 penalties
Carriage overturn	964.7.4	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit in obstacles (5 mins)	965.7.3	Elimination
Horses unfit to continue in rest area	966.1	Elimination
Exceeding the Time Limit in all Sections	968.1.1	Elimination

CHAPTER XIII - CONES

Article 970 General

The Cones Competition is to test the fitness, obedience and suppleness of the horses, and the skill and competence of the athletes.

Article 971 Competitions

1. The Fault Competition - shall be used in Driving Events.

- 1.1 The Fault Competition is conducted on the basis of penalties for obstacles knocked down and for exceeding the Time Allowed. The score from this round will always be used solely to decide the final classification in all events.
- 1.2 There may be a drive-off between all athletes with zero penalties, or equality of penalties, to determine the winner of the Cones Driving Competition.

2. The Time Competition

The Time Competition is conducted on the basis of the time in seconds taken by athletes to complete the course with any penalties for faults converted to penalty seconds. Time Competitions are only to be used to determine the placings in Cones.

Article 972 The Course

1. Building and Measuring the Course

- 1.1 The Course Designer is responsible, under the supervision of the Technical Delegate, for laying out, marking and measuring the course and building the obstacles. The Course Designer must indicate with a dotted line on the course plan how the length of the Course was measured. The President of the Ground Jury must ensure that the length of the course is measured accurately.
- 1.2 The arena should be not less than 5000 m² with a minimum width of 40 m or an equivalent area. Should this not be possible the number of obstacles must be reduced accordingly. unless an exception is granted by the Technical Delegate.
- 1.3 The starting and finishing lines may not be more than 40m nor less than 20m from the first and last obstacles respectively.
- 1.4 The number of obstacles may not exceed 20.
- 1.5 The length of the course must be between 500m and 800m.
- 1.6 Courses must be laid out so that athletes have a chance to maintain a reasonably fast pace throughout the major part of the course. Certain obstacles and combinations of obstacles, such as open and closed multiples, will inevitably slow down the pace but such a layout should be limited to a small proportion of the whole course.
- 1.7 All obstacles should be visible from the Judges' Box.
- 1.8 The President of the Ground Jury must walk the course to inspect it before the start of the competition. The course is the track which the athlete must follow when competing, from passing the start in the correct direction up to the finish. The length must be measured accurately to the nearest metre, taking account, particularly on the turns, of the normal line to be followed by the horse(s). This normal line must pass through the middle of the obstacles. If there is an alternative obstacles, the official distance must be measured by the longest route.

Article 973 Obstacles

1. Cones

- 1.1 The cones forming an obstacle must be at least 30 cm high and made of indestructible plastic material. A weighted ball must be placed in the hollow on top of the cone, so that it falls down only if the cone is touched.
- 1.2 All obstacles consisting of a single pair or double pair (oxer) of cones will constitute a single obstacle.
- 1.3 The obstacle includes the cones, red and white markers, numbers and letters.
- 1.4 The position of one of the pair of cones must be marked on the ground so that a constant position of the obstacle is maintained throughout the competition. Where practicable a line will also be drawn to ensure that the other cone is maintained at the correct angle.
- 1.5 Obstacles that entail reining back are not permitted.
- 1.6 An oxeur will be composed of two pairs of cones in a straight line. The distance between the first set of cones and the second set will be between 1.5 and 3 metres at the option of the Course Designer. The maximum penalties per Oxeur is three penalties for hitting one to four balls. The first set of cones will have the number of the obstacle, the second will only be marked with red and white flags.
- 1.7 A maximum of five oxers are allowed in a Cones course.

2. Multiple obstacles

- 2.1 Multiple obstacles must conform to the design principles. See Annexes 4 and 5.
- 2.2 Variations or new designs must be pre-approved by the British Carriagedriving Council and included in the event schedule.
- 2.3 A multiple obstacle may be constructed of markers or horizontal rails, elevated to a minimum of 40cm and maximum of 60cm in height.
- 2.4 Each group of cones or elements must be clearly separated and associated with one of the sections of the multiple.
- 2.5 A multiple obstacle, other than a Serpentine, Zig- Zag, a Double Box, a Double U or a Wave, must not consist of more than three pairs of cones or dislodgeable elements.
- 2.6 Other than Serpentes, Zig-Zags, Double Boxes, Waves and Double Us, a multiple obstacle may not be longer than 30m measured along the centre line through the obstacle.
- 2.7 There may not be more than 3 multiple obstacles in any course.
- 2.8 In multiple obstacles, athletes can only incur a maximum of 6 penalties in a Double (A & B), 9 penalties in a Triple (A, B & C) and 12 penalties in a Serpentine, Zig-zag, Double Box, Wave or Double U (A, B, C & D) per attempt, plus any penalties for a rebuild as well as penalties for disobedience.
- 2.9 Multiple obstacles may not be used in a Drive-off.

3. Serpentes, Zig-Zags, Double Boxes, Double U and Wave

- 3.1 A Serpentine consists of 4 cones in a straight line facing in alternate directions lettered A, B, C and D (see Annex 5).
- 3.2 A Zig-zag consists of not more than 4 pairs of cones, with alternate left and right cones in a straight line (see Annex 5.2. All centre line cones must be placed in a straight line, either at the front, middle or rear of the cone).

3.3 A Double Box, a Double U and a Wave are illustrated in the Annexes 4 and 5.

4. Water and bridges

4.1 Where Water obstacles and Bridge obstacles are included in the course, prior notification must be given in the schedule for the event.

4.2 Water obstacles must be at least 3m wide, with a depth between 20cm and 40cm and sloping sides. There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the cones 2m apart.

4.3 Knocking down a ball or balls on either A or B will be penalised as 3 penalties for each pair of cones.

4.4 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 20cm above the ground, with a usable width of 3m, and a maximum length of 10m are permitted. Boarded or railed sides are essential. The Technical Delegate may grant exceptions if the bridge is of a permanent solid construction with strong side rails. There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the cones at least 2m apart.

5. Markers

5.1 Each obstacle is defined by a pair of markers; a red marker on the right hand side and a white marker on the left hand side as athletes approach the obstacle. They are placed not more than 15cm outside the elements which form the single and multiple obstacles.

5.2 The whole turnout must pass between the markers. Failure is considered as disobedience (see Article 975.7).

5.3 Decorations and obstructions must be placed on the course before the official course walk. No penalty is incurred if they are touched, displaced or knocked over.

5.4 All obstacles on the course must be numbered in the sequence in which they are to be driven. The number of each obstacle must be indicated on a board placed at the entrance to each single and multiple obstacle.

5.5 Each distinct section of a closed multiple obstacle (Ls, Us and Boxes) must be clearly marked in different colours (see Annex 4). The whole turnout must pass between these markers in the correct alphabetical order.

5.6 The red and white markers and the numbered and lettered boards may be combined, so that the numbers and letters appear on the same posts as the red and white markers, or they may be on separate boards or discs. If possible the numbers of the obstacles should be placed so that athletes can see them as they leave the previous obstacle.

6. Plan of the Course

At least one and a half hours before the start of the competition for each class in the event, a plan of the course with a dotted line how the length was measured, signed off by the Course Designer and the President of the Ground Jury, must be made available for collection by the athletes and be posted in the Collecting Ring; this should show the length, speed in metres per minute and the Time Allowed for each class. Should the timing be adjusted by the Ground Jury, this will be announced by the commentator.

7. Inspection of the Course

- 7.1 The Course must be open for inspection at least one and a half hours before the start of the competition. Only athletes and trainers are allowed to inspect the course on foot and they must be correctly and smartly dressed if walking the course after the start of the first athlete. Athletes and trainers are not permitted to use measuring wheels when inspecting the course. A warning will be issued for the first offence and a Yellow Warning Card from the President of Jury for subsequent offences.
- 7.2 Only the Course Designer and his staff may alter or work on any part of the course. If any athlete, or any person associated with them, alters the course in any way, the athlete will be disqualified.

Article 974 Cones Competition Summary

1. Single Obstacles and Open Multiple obstacles

Division class	Speed m/min	Cones width (cm)	Serpentine (m)	Zig-zag (m)	Wave (m)	Distance between obstacles (m)
Horse fours	240	190	12	13	10/12	15
Horse tandems	230	170	12	13	10/12	15
Advanced Horse pairs	250	170	8	12	8/10	12
Open Horse Pairs	240	170	8	12	8/10	12
Horse single - Adv	250	160	6-8	10-12	8/10	12
Horse single - Open	240	160	6-8	10-12	8/10	12
Horse single _ Inter	230	165	6-8	10-12	8/10	12
Horse single - Nov	220	165	6-8	10-12	8/10	12
Pony fours	240	165	8-10	9-11	8/10	12
Pony tandems	240	165	8-10	9-11	8/10	12
Advanced Pony pairs	250	160	8	11	8/10	12
Open Pony Pairs	240	160	8	11	8/10	12
Pony single - Adv	260	160	6-8	9-11	8/10	12
Pony single - Open	245	160	6-8	9-11	8/10	12
Pony single - Inter	235	165	6-8	9-11	8/10	12
Pony single - Nov	220	165	6-8	9-11	8/10	12

- 1.1 Measurements for Closed Multiple obstacles, see Annex 4.
- 1.2 Reduced Cones: The width of up to five single obstacles can be reduced by 5cm. Such obstacles must be marked differently (colour of cones).
- 1.3 Alternative options: A maximum of 2 single obstacles may offer an alternative single option (see Annex 7).
- 1.4 In exceptional circumstances and in the interests of safety, the Ground Jury, in consultation with the Course Designer and the Technical Delegate, may reduce the speed.

Article 975 Judging Cones Competition

1. Starting the Competition

- 1.1 The Technical Delegate will report to the President of the Ground Jury as soon as the course is ready. The President of the Ground Jury will then authorise the start of the competition.
- 1.2 Once the competition has started only the President of the Ground Jury in consultation with the Course Designer, and the Technical Delegate if present, may decide that a significant error has been committed in the measurement of the course. This may be done at the latest after the third athlete, who has completed the course without a disobedience or any other interruption, assuming that the three athletes in question have started their course prior to the 45-second countdown elapsing, and before the next athlete has started. In this case, the Ground Jury has the option to alter the Time Allowed. If the Time Allowed is increased, the score of the athletes who have driven the course before the time was altered will then be adjusted accordingly, if applicable. If the Time Allowed is decreased, this may only be done on the basis that no athlete having previously completed his round receives time penalties due to the alteration of the Time Allowed.
- 1.3 Whenever the Time Allowed is increased, it may never exceed the time in reference to the maximum length of the course.

2. Penalties

- 2.1 If athletes have entered the arena but fail to start by passing through the start line within 45 seconds of the starting signal, the timing will start.
- 2.2 If an athlete fails to enter the arena when the course is ready, the President of Jury will ring the bell to signify the start for that athlete. If the athlete has not entered the arena within 45 seconds of the first bell, the bell will be rung again and that athlete is then eliminated.
- 2.3 Athletes starting and passing through an obstacle before the starting signal will be penalised 10 penalty points and must restart.
- 2.4 The start and finish lines are neutralised for passing through, from the moment the athlete has passed through the start line until he has passed through the last obstacle.
- 2.5 Knocking down one or both balls of a single obstacle, and knocking down a ball or an element of a multiple obstacle, incurs 3 penalties in each case.
- 2.6 Knocking down a ball or balls on either A or B on a Water or Bridge obstacle will incur 3 penalties for each pair of cones.
- 2.7 Grooms must remain seated in their proper places between the start and finish lines.. For Penalties, see Article 981.
- 2.8 After the last obstacle the athlete must pass through the finish line with the red flag on the right and the white flag on the left.
- 2.9 An athlete may pass between the elements of an Open Multiple obstacle whilst driving between obstacles, without incurring a penalty. If a part of the obstacle is knocked down, see Article 981.
- 2.10 Carriage overturning is elimination.

3. Error of Course

- 3.1 An athlete is considered to have passed through an obstacle when the whole turnout has passed between the markers.

- 3.2 If an athlete attempts to pass through an obstacle in the wrong sequence or direction, the President of the Ground Jury must wait until after the turnout has passed completely through the wrong obstacle before ringing the bell. The athlete is then eliminated.
- 3.3 If an athlete knocks down or dislodges any part of an obstacle which has already been driven, he will incur 3 penalties.
- 3.4 If any part of an obstacle in advance of the one being driven is dislodged or knocked down, the President of the Ground Jury will ring the bell and stop the clock for the obstacle to be re-built. The athlete will incur 3 penalties and 10 seconds will be added to their time. The bell will be rung to indicate to the athlete that the course is ready and the clock will re-start when the athlete reaches the next obstacle on course to continue his round.
- 3.5 If the President of the Jury sounds the whistle/bell while the athlete is on the course, the athlete must halt immediately. If the athlete does not halt, the President of Jury will blow the whistle/bell a second time. If the athlete continues without stopping, he is eliminated. The groom may advise the athlete that the whistle/bell has sounded.
- 3.6 If the Jury is in doubt whether an obstacle has been properly driven, the athlete must be allowed to finish the course. The Jury can then reach a decision.

4. Obstacle Rebuild

- 4.1 If the athlete knocks down any part of an obstacle in the process of a disobedience or refusal, the bell will be rung and the clock stopped for the obstacle to be rebuilt and 10 seconds will be added to the athlete's time, along with any penalties for disobedience (but not for the elements knocked down at the time of disobedience).
- 4.2 When the obstacle is rebuilt, the bell is rung again and the athlete must then retake the complete obstacle and continue his round. The clock will re-start when the athlete reaches the re-built obstacle. The penalty for starting before the bell is elimination.
- 4.3 If an athlete knocks down any part of a multiple obstacle in advance of the element he is driving, or if he breaks out of the multiple obstacle and knocks down an element, then the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the obstacle is rebuilt, and 10 seconds added to the total time taken. He will be penalised for disobedience but not for the elements knocked down at the time of disobedience.

5. Broken Harness

If, at any time after he has started, an athlete has a disconnected pole, shaft, rein, trace, pole strap or chains, or should a horse have a leg over the pole, trace, shaft or leader bars, the President of the Jury must ring the bell and stop the clock. The athlete must put a groom(s) down to correct the problem and will be penalised for a groom dismounting. After the situation has been corrected and the groom has remounted, the President of the Jury will ring the bell and restart the clock.

6. Athletes and Grooms Dismounting

- 6.1 Each time an athlete dismounts he will incur 20 penalties.
- 6.2 Athletes will incur penalties each time one or both grooms dismount: 5 penalties on the first occasion, 10 penalties on the second occasion and on the third occasion the athlete is eliminated.

- 6.3 The grooms must be on the carriage when going through each obstacle. For a groom(s) dismounting to assist through an obstacle by leading the horse by the bridle ends of the reins while the horse is still attached to the carriage, see penalties for leading and dismounting in Article 981. The groom(s) must be on the carriage before the next obstacle.

7. Disobedience

- 7.1 It is considered to be a Disobedience when:
- 7.1.1 The athlete attempts to pass through an obstacle and his horse shies away from the obstacle at the last moment without hitting any part of the obstacle.
 - 7.1.2 The horses run away, or, in the opinion of the President of the Jury, the athlete has lost effective control.
 - 7.1.3 The whole turnout comes to a complete halt, with or without stepping back anywhere on the course, in front of or in an obstacle, or a multiple obstacle, with or without knocking down any element.
 - 7.1.4 Not passing through an obstacle with the whole turnout, running out of a multiple, circling within a multiple or reining back by the athlete between the start and finish line.
- 7.2 A disobedience will incur 5 penalties for the first, 10 penalties for the second and elimination for the third instance. Penalties for disobedience are cumulative wherever they may occur on the course.
- 7.3 If there is a disobedience in a single obstacle, i.e. the whole turnout does not pass through the markers, the athlete has to retake the obstacle. The bell will only be rung if part of the obstacle is knocked down (see Article 975.4).
- 7.4 If there is a disobedience in a multiple obstacle, without knocking down any element, the athlete must continue his drive and is penalised for disobedience (see paragraph 7.2 above).
- 7.5 In the case when a disobedience is connected with knocking down an element (i.e. run-out at C and dislodging the ball) the judge rings the bell, the course is interrupted, the time is stopped and the obstacle rebuilt. The President of the Ground Jury rings the bell again then the athlete has to restart at the letter A of the multiple obstacle and the time starts when the horses nose passes gate A. For the re-building 10 seconds are added once.
- 7.6 If an athlete has a disobedience at any obstacle and knocks down any part of that obstacle he will only incur penalties for the disobedience and 10 seconds will be added for the rebuilding.

8. Resistance

A horse is considered to offer resistance if, at any time and for whatever reason, it refuses to go forward (with or without moving back), turns around or rears. This will be penalised the same as for a disobedience (see Article 975.7).

9. Timing

- 9.1 Each athlete will be timed by stopwatch or by an electronic timing device, from the moment the nose of the leading horse crosses the start line until the nose of the leading horse crosses the finish line, but penalties are incurred until the whole turnout has passed the finish line.
- 9.2 Whenever possible a digital display unit should be visible for the athletes.
- 9.3 Times must be recorded to one hundredth of a second.

9.4 The Time Limit is twice the Time Allowed. Exceeding the Time Limit will incur elimination.

9.5 The Time Allowed is calculated using the following speeds in metres per minute.

Class (Horses)	Speed m/min	Class (Ponies)	Speed m/min
Four-in-Hand	240	Four-in-Hand	240
Advanced Pair	250	Advanced Pair	250
Open Pair	240	Open Pair	240
Tandem	230	Tandem	240
Advanced Single	250	Advanced Single	260
Open Single	240	Open Single	240
Intermediate Single	230	Intermediate Single	230
Novice	220	Novice	220

9.6 Penalty for exceeding the Time Allowed: any time over the Time Allowed in 1/100 seconds, multiplied by 0.5. Penalties will be calculated to 2 decimal places.

Article 981 Summary of Penalties in Cones

Athletes are liable for the following penalties:

Description	Ref. Art.	Fault Competition	Time Competition
Athlete entering arena without hat, jacket, gloves or apron.	928	5 penalties	5 seconds
Groom entering arena without jacket, hat or gloves.	928	5 penalties	5 seconds
Driving without a whip in the competition	928.4.2	5 penalties	5 seconds
Dropping or putting down the whip.	928.4.3	5 penalties	55 seconds
No breeching with a carriage with no brakes.	937.1.1	Elimination	Elimination
No breeching in Singles	940.1.14	Elimination	Elimination
If a Groom handles the reins, brake or uses the whip before the Athlete has crossed the finish line.	943.2.5	20 penalties	20 seconds
Person tied to the carriage	943.2.6	Elimination	Elimination
Illegal outside assistance.	945.2	Elimination	Elimination
Failing to start within 45 seconds of bell ring.	975.1.2	Timing starts	Timing starts
Starting and passing through an obstacle before the bell is rung.	975.2	10 penalties and restart.	10 seconds and restart
Failing to pass through start or finish lines.	975.2	Elimination	Elimination
For knocking down one or two balls in the same single obstacle.	975.2	3 penalties	3 seconds
For knocking down an element of a Multiple obstacle.	975.2	3 penalties	3 seconds
For knocking down any part of an obstacle	975.3.3	3 penalties	3 seconds

after it has already been driven.			
Carriage overturn	975.2	Elimination	Elimination
If any part of an obstacle in advance of the one being driven is knocked down, the bell will be rung for the obstacle to be rebuilt.	975.3.4	3 penalties and add 10 seconds	3 seconds and add 10 seconds
Taking an obstacle out of sequence.	975.3.2	Elimination	Elimination
Failure to halt after the bell is rung a second time.	975.3.5	Elimination	Elimination
For causing an obstacle, or part of a multiple to be rebuilt.	975.4.1	3 penalties and add 10 seconds	3 seconds and add 10 seconds
Starting before the bell after an obstacle is rebuilt.	975.4.2	Elimination	Elimination
Athlete dismounting	975.6.1	20 penalties	20 seconds
Groom(s) dismounting	975.6	1 st incident - 5 penalties 2 nd incident - 10 penalties 3 rd incident - Elimination	1 st incident - 5 seconds 2 nd incident - 10 seconds 3 rd incident - Elimination
Groom leading a Horse through an obstacle.	975.6.3	25 penalties	25 seconds
Disobedience:	975.7	1 st incident - 5 penalties 2 nd incident - 10 penalties 3 rd incident - Elimination	
For exceeding the Time Allowed.	975.9.6	Exceeded time multiplied by 0.5	Exceeded time multiplied by 0.5
Exceeding the Time Limit.	975.9.4	Elimination	Elimination
Grooms standing between the start and finish lines	975.2.7	5 penalties	5 seconds

CHAPTER XIV - OFFICIALS

Article 984 Conflict of Interest

1. See Article 158 FEI General Regulations.
2. No person may be an official at an event if his duties will involve a conflict of interest.
3. Subject to Article 984.4 below, the following persons may not be members of a Ground Jury or an Appeal Committee at an event:
 - 3.1 Athletes and owners of horses taking part in the event:
 - 3.2 Regular trainers, employers and employees of athletes.

Note: regular trainers means training a horse/athlete for more than three days in the six month period before an event, or any training during a period of three months before an event.
 - 3.3 Close relatives of owners or athletes.
 - 3.4 Persons having a financial or personal interest in a horse or athlete taking part in any competition.
4. A person who would, by reason of Article 984.3 above, not ordinarily be eligible to be a member of the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee may nonetheless be a member provided the following conditions are satisfied:-
 - 4.1 the person in question does not judge Driven Dressage or Cones for any of the following classes, or have any involvement as a member of the Ground Jury in any decision concerning any Athlete in such classes:-
 - 4.1.1 any class which the person in question or their employer has entered as an Athlete;
 - 4.1.2 any class in which a horse owned by the person in question is entered;
 - 4.1.3 any class which an Athlete who trains regularly with the person in question or is employed by the person in question or is a close relative of the person in question has entered;
 - 4.1.4 any class in which an Athlete or horse in which the person in question has a financial or personal interest is taking part.
 - 4.2 The President of the Jury or (if the person in question is the President of the Jury) the assistant President of the Jury or some other member of the Ground Jury nominated by the President of the Jury, is satisfied that it is appropriate for the person in question to be a member of the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee in all the circumstances.

Article 985 Eligibility of Officials

1. **For National and Regional Events**
 - 1.1 All officials on the British Carriagedriving Officials List must be at least Supporting members of British Carriagedriving.
 - 1.2 The British Carriagedriving Council reserve the right to re-categorise any official or remove him/her from the official British Carriagedriving Officials List without giving any reason. Judges and Technical delegates must attend the National Clinic at least once every two years . Course Designers must attend the National Clinic at least once every three years.

- 1.3 All Judges, Technical Delegates and Course Designers must be chosen from the British Carriagedriving Officials Lists or the respective FEI lists.

Article 986 Judges

1. Appointment

- 1.1 All National Events must have at least three but not more than five judges for each class. Regional events must have at least two judges. Collectively, the judges form the Ground Jury for the event.
- 1.2 The President of the Jury for a National or Regional Event will be appointed by the British Carriagedriving Council. The organisers appoint the other members of the Ground Jury who must be approved by the British Carriagedriving Council.
- 1.3 Senior Level National Judges are defined as ones with at least 5 years of experience. Probationary Judges and Judges on List 3 should only judge Novice, Intermediate and Open single classes.

3. The Duties of the Ground Jury

- 3.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Ground Jury are laid down in the General Regulations.
- 3.2 Each member of the Ground Jury has the right and the duty to eliminate or disqualify any horse which, in his opinion, is lame or unable to continue the competition in accordance with Articles 911.7 and 935.6.1.
- 3.3 The President of the Ground Jury is responsible for the conduct and control of the entire event, in conjunction with the Technical Delegate.
- 3.4 The President of the Ground Jury will have overall control of the duties and responsibilities of the Ground Jury throughout the event.
- 3.5 All the members of the Ground Jury will judge Driven Dressage. In principle the Ground Jury should not judge more than 45 driven dressage tests in a day; however this number may be increased in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.
- 3.6 The President of the Ground Jury is responsible for the control and publication of the results of the competitions and of the event.
- 3.7 The President of the Ground Jury at a National or Regional event must complete the official report form which should be returned to the British Carriagedriving office immediately after the event.

Article 988 Technical Delegate

1. Appointment

The Technical Delegate must be selected by the OC, and for National and Regional Events the appointment approved by the British Carriagedriving Council.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

- 3.1 The Technical Delegate will be required:-
 - 3.1.1 to approve all administrative arrangements from the time he is appointed until the end of the event.
 - 3.1.2 To satisfy himself that the accommodation and catering arrangements for horses, athletes and grooms, and training and exercise areas, are adequate and suitable in all respects.

- 3.1.3 To inspect the arenas and courses to ensure that the technical facilities, requirements and organisation are in accordance with the British Carriagedriving Rules and associated regulations.
- 3.1.4 To ensure that the courses and obstacles are fair and safe.
- 3.1.5 To instruct the Organising Committee and Course Designer to make any alterations which he considers necessary.
- 3.1.6 To ensure that Timekeepers, Ground Observers, Obstacle Observers and Scorers are correctly instructed in their duties, including the use and reading of chronometers and stop-watches.
- 3.1.7 To report to the President of the Ground Jury that the relevant course is ready for the start of the competition.
- 3.1.8 To continue to supervise the technical conduct of the event, including the transfer of data to the scorers, after the President of the Ground Jury has assumed control of the event.
- 3.1.9 To ensure the event appoints a Steward responsible for checking horse passports and vaccinations.
- 3.1.10 To complete (in the case of a National or Regional event) the Report of the Technical Delegate, including names of athletes who failed to withdraw by the specified time and of horses/ponies not entered in their passport names. This should be returned to the British Carriagedriving office immediately after the event.

Article 989 Course Designers

1. Appointment

- 1.1 The Course Designer must be selected by the OC, and for National and Regional Events the appointment approved by the British Carriagedriving Council.

2. Selection

- 2.2 The Course Designer may be the same person for each competition or there may be a different Course Designer for each competition.
- 2.3 The name or names of the Course Designer(s) must be published in the schedule for the event.
- 2.4 Only the Course Designer and his staff may alter or work on any part of the driven dressage arena, the marathon and cones course. Any athlete, or persons associated with an athlete, who tamper with any part of the arena or courses will result in the disqualification of that athlete.

3. Duties

- 3.1 The Course Designer is responsible, under the supervision of the Technical Delegate, for:
 - 3.1.1 Laying out and measuring the arena for Driven Dressage.
 - 3.1.2 Laying out and measuring the course and for the construction of the obstacles in the Marathon.
 - 3.1.3 Designing, laying out and measuring the Cones Course.
- 3.2 The President of the Ground Jury may only order the competition to start when the Technical Delegate has reported that the relevant course is ready.

Article 990 Veterinary and Medical Cover

1. The Organiser must appoint at least one Veterinary Surgeon and one Official Medical Officer who must be available throughout the whole event, and a minimum of two Veterinary Surgeons who must be present on any day/s when the marathon takes place.
2. The Organiser must ensure that both the Veterinary Surgeon and the Medical Officer have access to vehicles to transport them during the marathon.

Article 991 Appeal Committee

1. Composition

- 1.1 An Appeal Committee consisting of a President and at least two other members who have a thorough knowledge of the sport must be appointed for all National and Regional events.
- 1.3 The Veterinary Delegate must be in attendance in an advisory capacity for all cases involving veterinary matters including alleged cruelty to the horse.

4. Meetings

- 4.1 Appeals must be heard by all the members sitting together. The President will decide the time and place of the meeting.
- 4.2 The Committee must hear both sides of the case in appeals against decisions by individual Judges and Officials.

5. Decisions

The decisions of the Appeal Committee are final.

6. Conflict of Interest

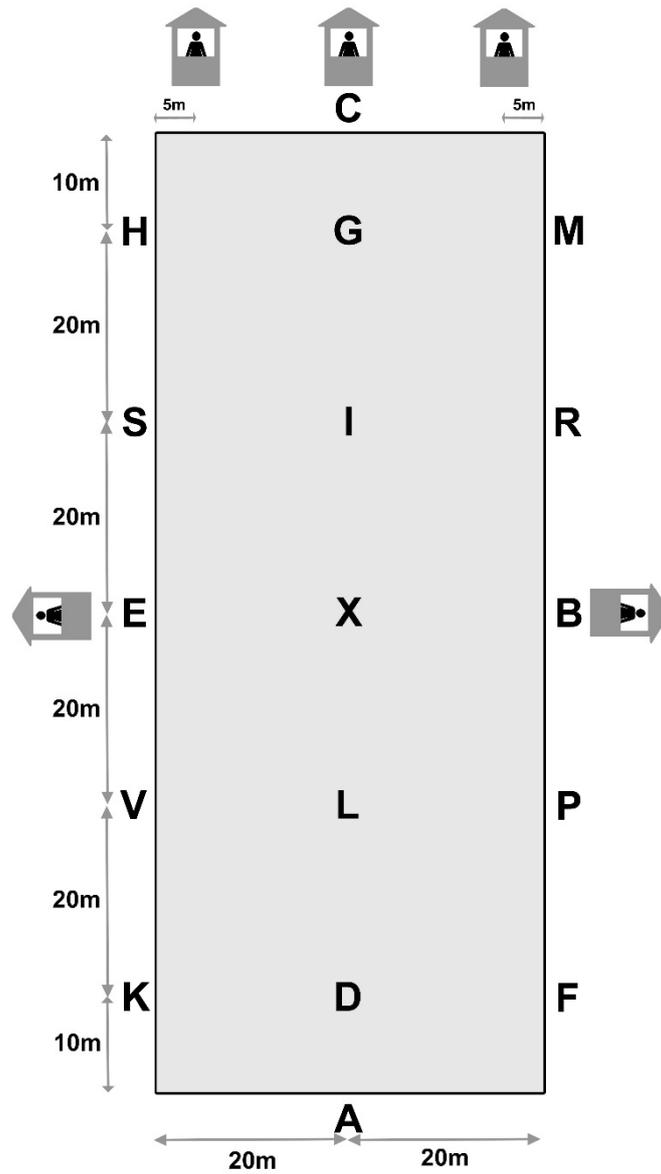
See Article 158 General Regulations and Art. 984 of these Driving Rules

Article 993 Veterinary Services Manager /Treating Veterinarian

A veterinarian, appointed by the Organising Committee, must be available to the Jury, under arrangements approved by the President of Jury.

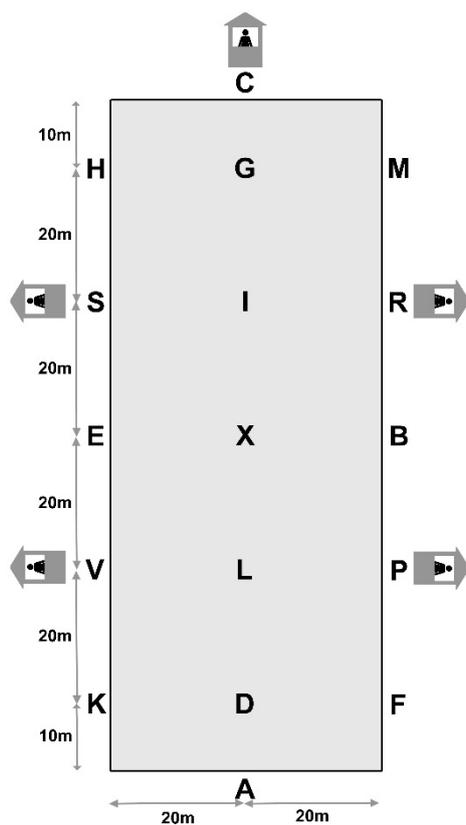
ANNEX 1 Diagram of the Driven Dressage arena – FEI Test 8

Arena dimensions: 40m x 100m



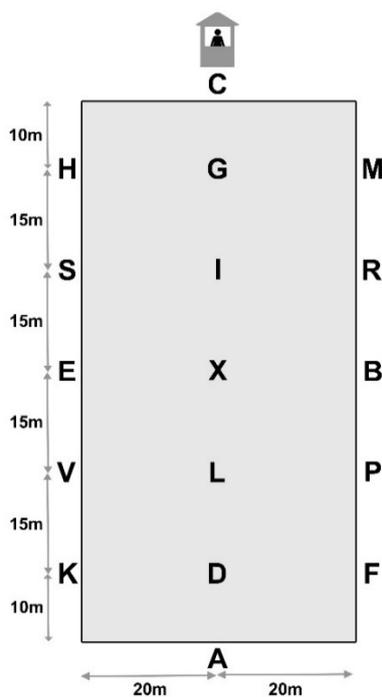
ANNEX 2 Diagram of the Driven Dressage arena

Arena dimensions: 40m x 100m



ANNEX 3 Diagram of the small Dressage arena

Arena dimensions: 40m x 80m



ANNEX 4 Cones: Closed multiple obstacles

(Elements must be separated 20 cm - 40 cm)

1. Single “L”

Construction:

Supports – 40cm to 60cm from ground to top of rail

Elements – must be free standing; parallel or perpendicular single or sectioned rails; separated by 20cm - 40cm spacing

Markers – a pair of red and white markers, set within 15cm

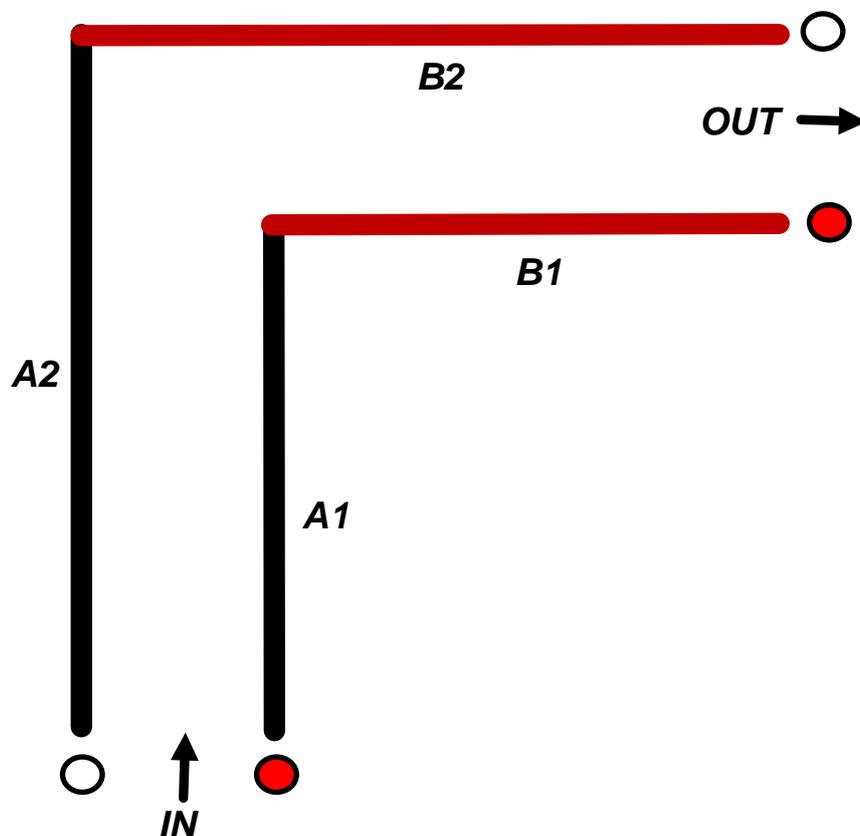
Element.< A> at the IN gate and <> at the OUT gate.

Horse: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B1	B2	OUT
Single	3	8	11	8	11	3
Pair	3	8	11	8	11	3
Four in Hand or Tandem	4	8	12	8	12	4

Pony: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B1	B2	OUT
Single	3	8	11	8	11	3
Pair	3	8	11	8	11	3
Four in Hand or Tandem	3	8	11	8	11	3



2. Double “L”

Construction:

Supports – 40 cm to 60 cm from ground to top of rail

Elements – must be free standing; parallel or perpendicular single or sectioned rails; separated by 20 cm-40 cm spacing.

Markers – indicating each section as follows:

A - within 15 cm of IN.

B - coloured or wrapped rails or markers on the ground.

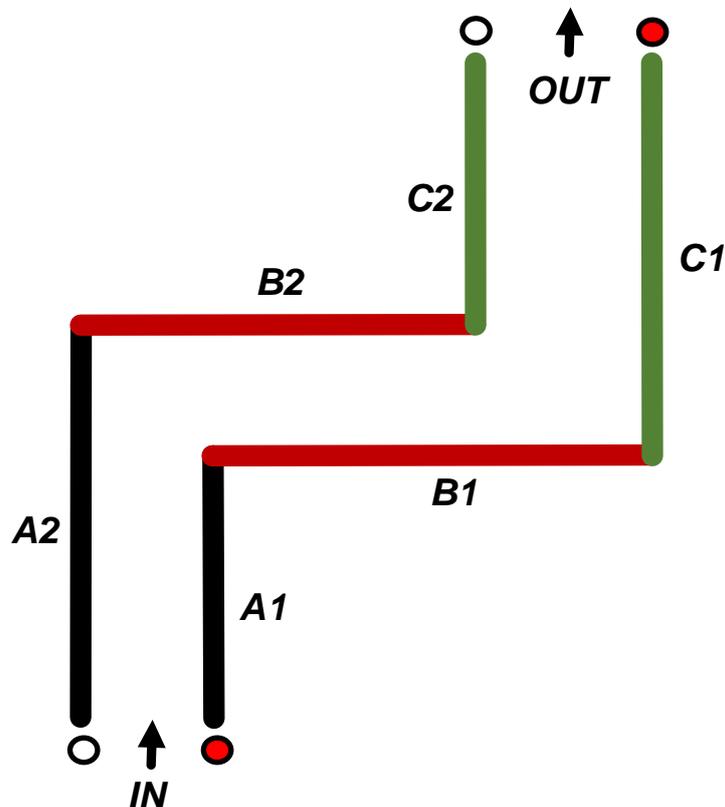
C - within 15 cm of OUT.

Horse: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B	B1	B2	C	C1	C2	OUT
Single	3	5	9	4	10	9	4	9	5	4
Pair	3	5	9	4	10	9	4	9	5	4
Four in Hand or Tandem	4	5	10	5	10	9	5	10	5	5

Pony: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B	B1	B2	C	C1	C2	OUT
Single	3	5	9	4	9	9	4	9	5	4
Pair	3	5	9	4	9	9	4	9	5	4
Four in Hand or Tandem	3	5	9	4	9	9	4	9	5	4



3. Single “U”

Construction:

Supports – 40 cm to 60 cm from ground to top of rail

Elements – must be free standing; parallel or perpendicular single or sectioned rails; separated by 20 cm-40 cm spacing

Markers – indicating each section as follows:

A - within 15 cm of IN.

B – coloured or wrapped rails or markers on the ground.

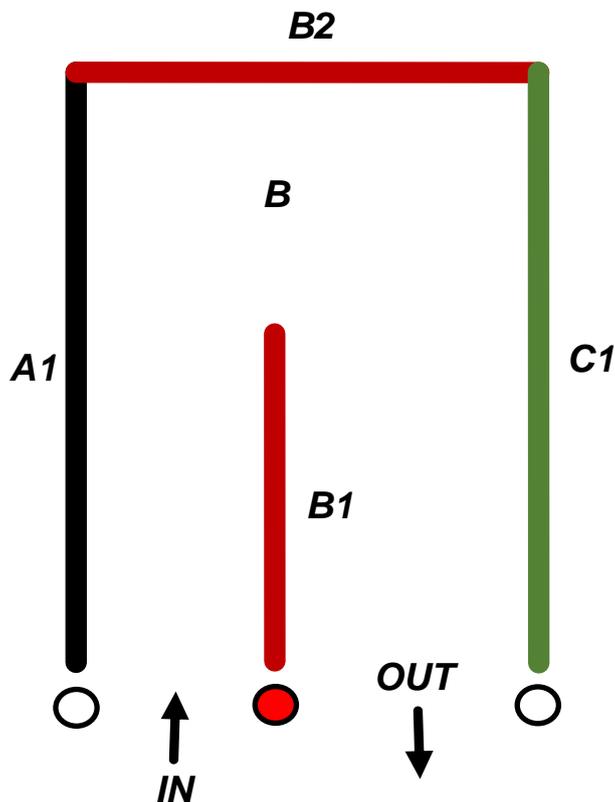
C – outside but within 15 cm of C.

Horse: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	B	B1	B2	C1	OUT
Single	3	9	4	5	7	9	4
Pair	3	9	4	5	7	9	4
Four in Hand or Tandem	4	9	5	5	9	10	5

Pony: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	B	B1	B2	C1	OUT
Single	2	8	3	5	5	8	3
Pair	3	9	4	5	7	9	4
Four in Hand or Tandem	3	9	4	5	7	9	4



4. Double “U”

Construction:

Supports – 40 cm to 60 cm from ground to top of rail

Elements – must be free standing; parallel or perpendicular single or sectioned rails; separated by 20 cm-40 cm spacing

Markers – indicating each section as follows:

A- within 15 cm of IN.

B, C – coloured or wrapped rails or markers on the ground.

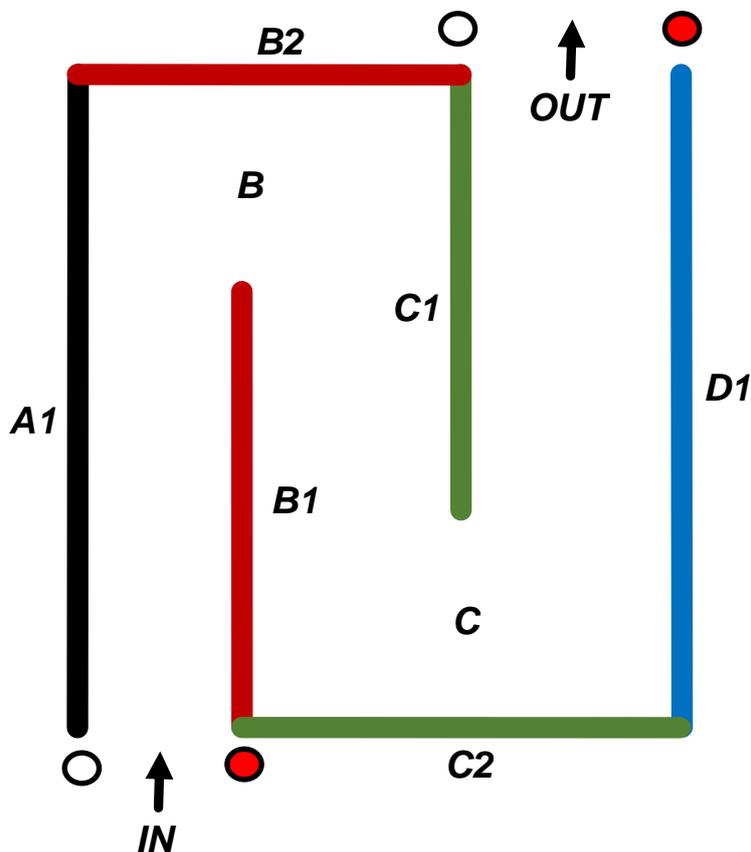
D – within 15 cm of OUT.

Horse: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	B	B1	B2	C	C1	C2	D1	OUT
Single	3	12	4	8	7	4	8	8	12	4
Pair	3	12	4	8	7	4	8	8	12	4
Four in Hand or Tandem	4	13	5	8	9	5	8	10	13	5

Pony: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	B	B1	B2	C	C1	C2	D1	OUT
Single	2	9	3	6	5	3	6	6	9	3
Pair	3	12	4	8	7	4	8	8	12	4
Four in Hand or Tandem	3	12	4	8	7	4	8	8	12	4



5. Box

Construction:

Supports – 40 cm to 60 cm from ground to top of rail

Elements – must be free standing; parallel or perpendicular single or sectioned rails; separated by 20 cm - 40 cm spacing

Markers – indicating each section as follows:

A- within 15 cm of IN.

B – coloured or wrapped rails or markers on the ground.

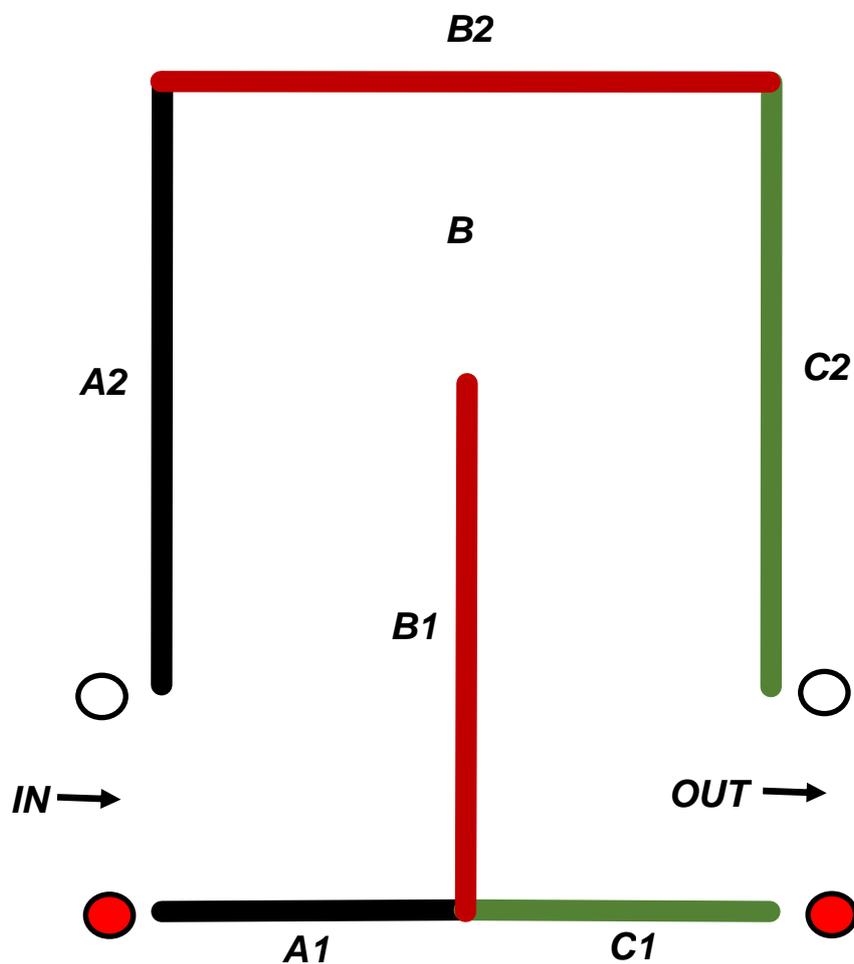
C – outside but within 15 cm of C.

Horse: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B	B1	B2	C1	C2	OUT
Single	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	4
Pair	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	4
Four-in-Hand or Tandem	4	5	9	5	8	10	5	8	5

Pony: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B	B1	B2	C1	C2	OUT
Single	2	3	7	3	6	6	3	6	3
Pair	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	4
Four-in-Hand or Tandem	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	4



6. Double Box

Construction:

Supports – 40 cm to 60 cm from ground to top of rail

Elements – must be free standing; parallel or perpendicular single or sectioned rails; separated by 20 cm-40 cm spacing

Markers – indicating each section as follows:

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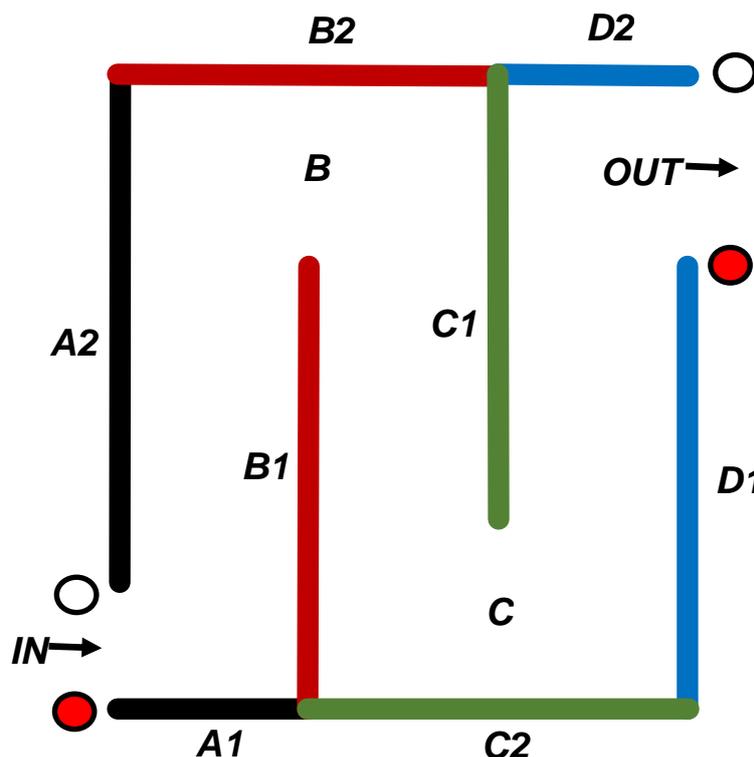
D – within 15 cm of OUT.

Horse: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B	B1	B2	C	C1	C2	D1	D2	OUT
Singles	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	8	7	4	4
Pairs	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	8	7	4	4
Tandems	4	5	9	5	8	10	5	8	10	8	5	5
Fours	4	5	9	5	8	10	5	8	10	8	5	5

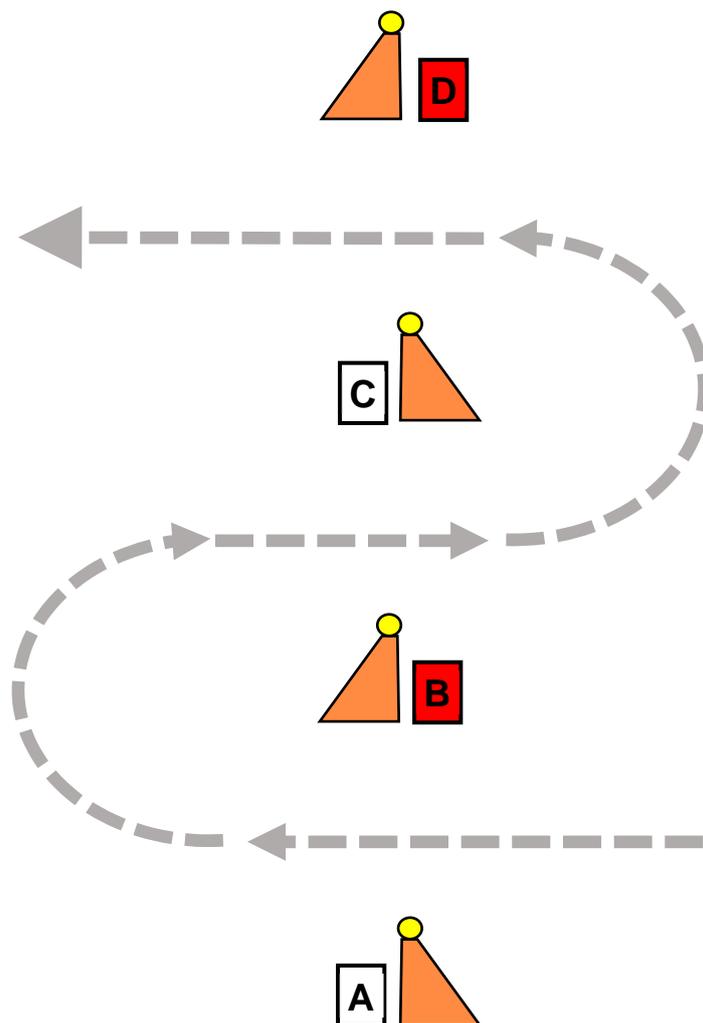
Pony: (minimum measurements)

	IN	A1	A2	B	B1	B2	C	C1	C2	D1	D2	OUT
Singles	2	3	8	3	7	6	3	7	6	7	3	3
Pairs	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	8	7	4	4
Tandems	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	8	7	4	4
Fours	3	4	8	4	7	8	4	7	8	7	4	4



ANNEX 5 Cones: Open Multiple Obstacles

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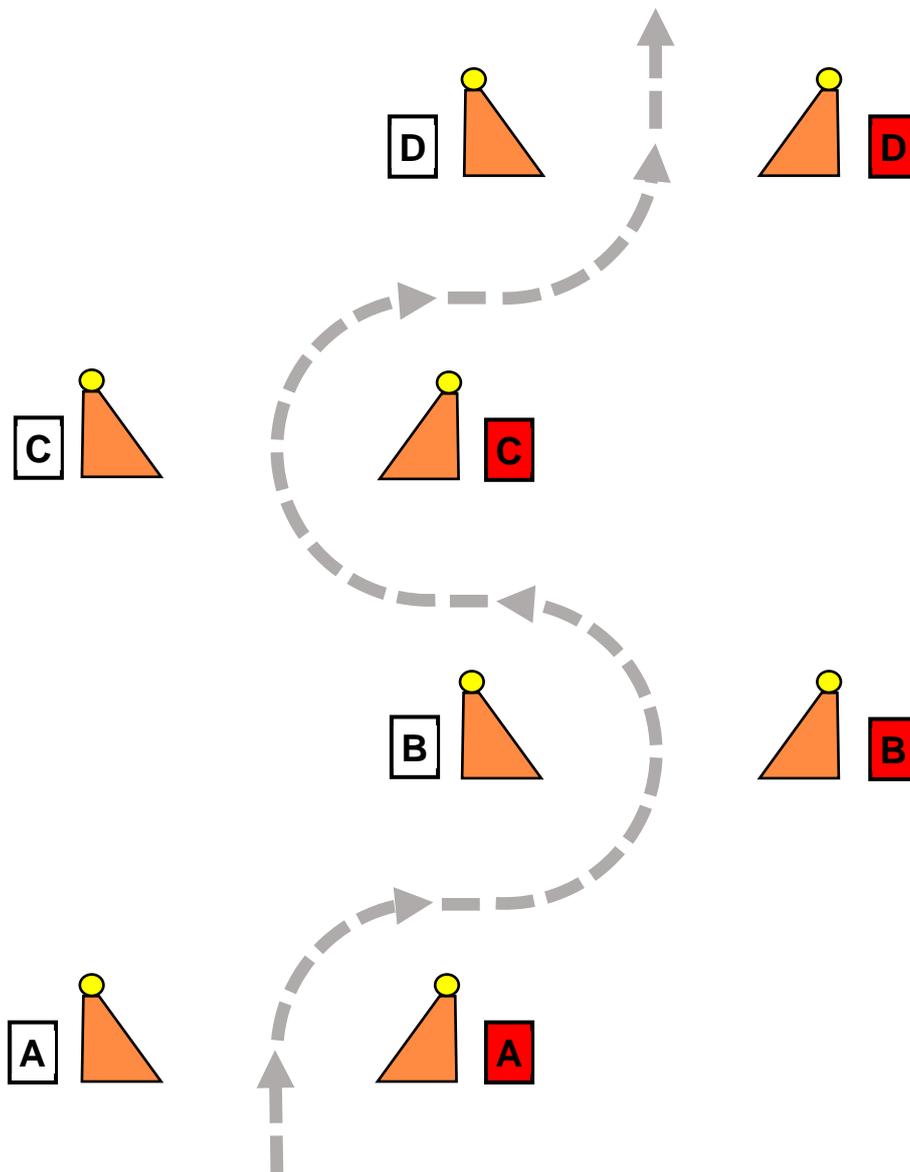


Distance between cones, centre to centre

	Horses	Ponies
Four-in-Hand	12m	10m
Tandem	12m	10m
Pair	8m	8m
Single	8m	8m

Cones to be set in a straight line with marker on opposite sides.

2. ZIG-ZAG:



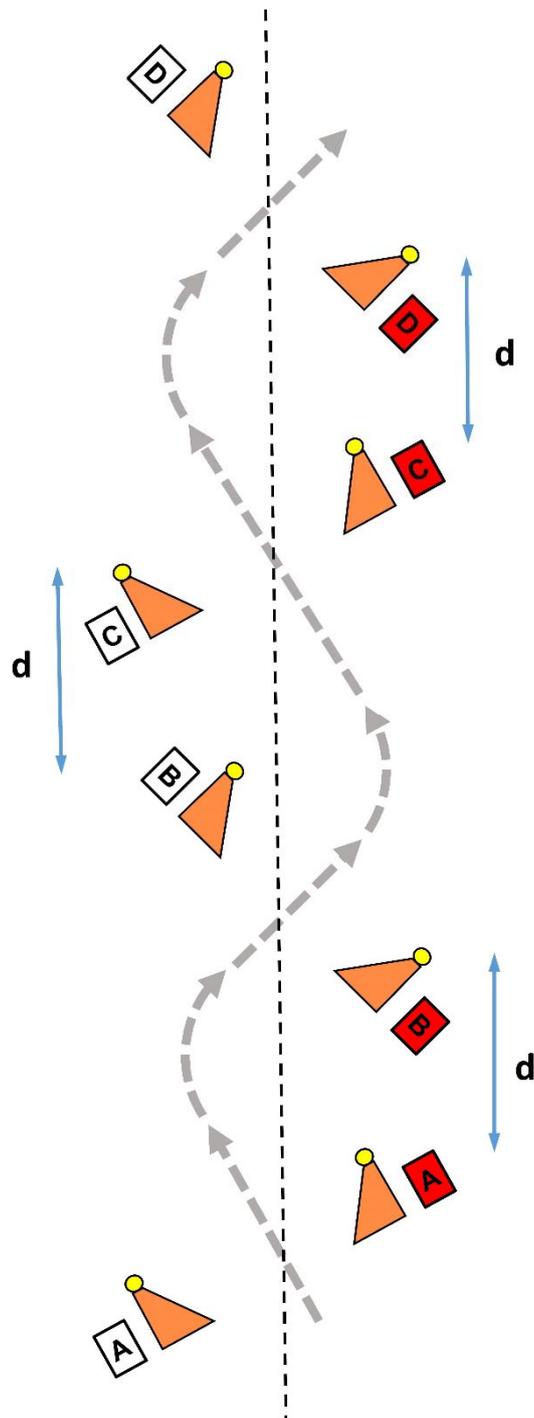
Distance between cones, centre to centre

	Horses	Ponies
Four-in-Hand	13m	11m
Tandem	13m	11m
Pair	12m	11m
Single	12m	11m

Centre line cones to be set in a straight line, either in front, at the middle or at the rear of the cone (as shown above) with markers placed within 15 cm.

The centre line cone shall not be adjusted, the outside cone shall be set to the required track width.

3. THE WAVE:



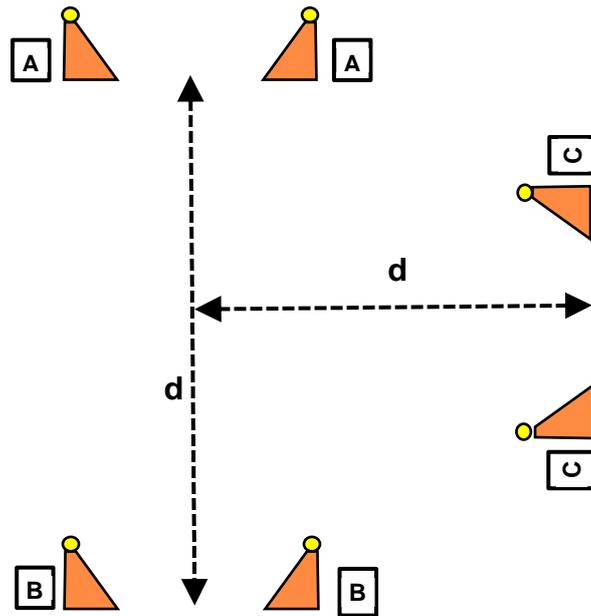
Angle of pair of cones to the middle wave line - approximately 45 degrees.

d = distance between nearest pair of cones - centre to centre

	Horses	Ponies
Four-In-Hand	10-12m	10-12m
Tandems	10-12m	10-12m
Pairs	8-10m	8-10m
Singles	8-10m	8-10m

8. Alternative to ZIG-ZAG

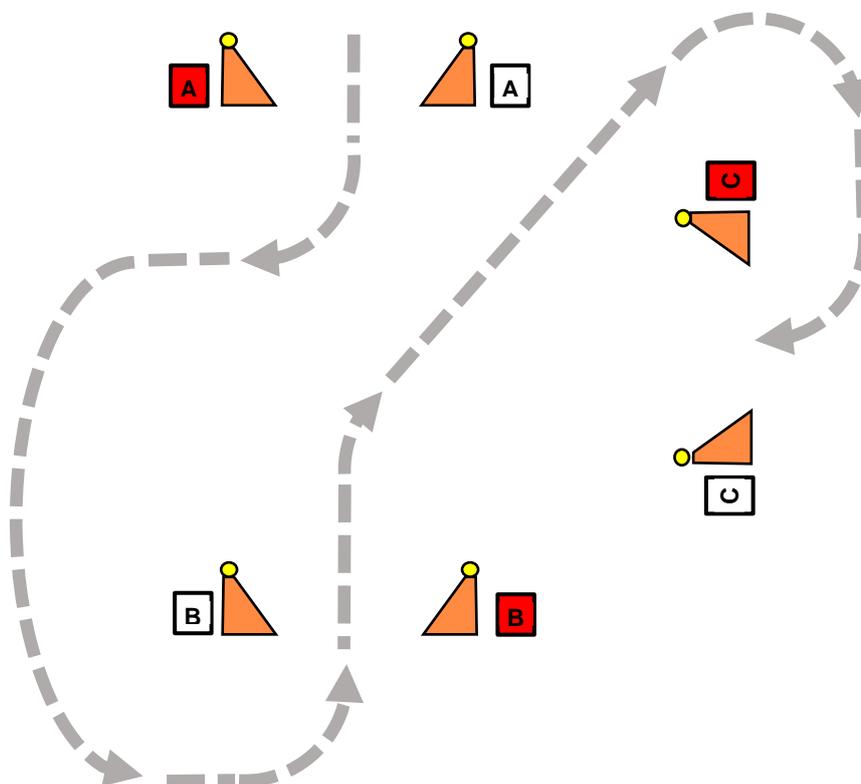
The Triangle



Distance between cones (d)

Four-in-hand	10-12m
Tandem	10-12m
Pair	8-10m
Single	8-10m

Example flagging

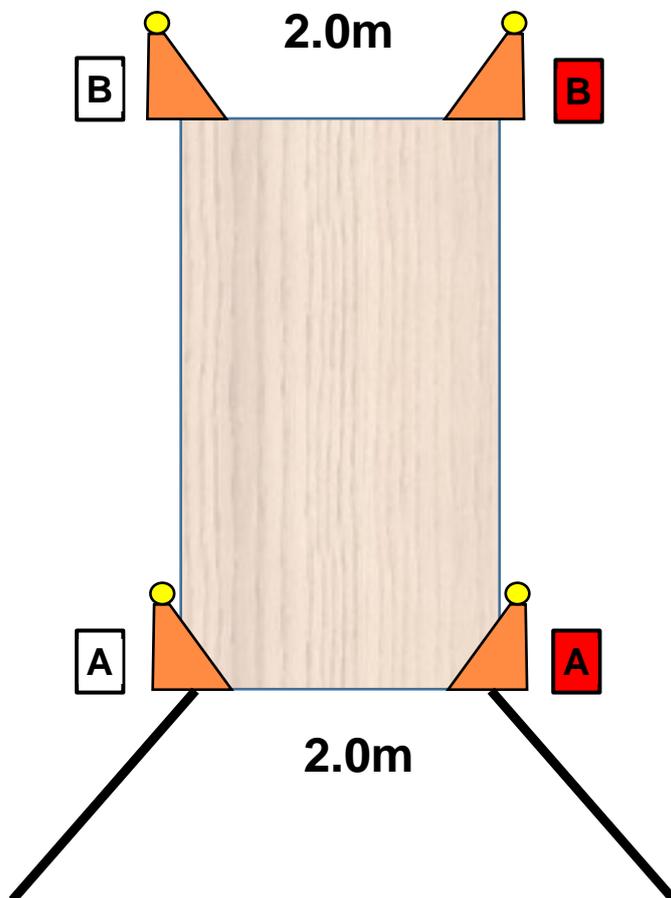


ANNEX 6 Cones: The Bridge

Dimensions:

10m x 3m; maximum 20 cm high with fan shaped wings

Cones required at both ends adjacent to bridge, with red and white letters A at entrance and letters B at exit, set at a constant clearance of 2.0 meters for all classes.



ANNEX 7A Cones: Oxer

An oxer will be composed of 2 pairs of cones in a straight line.

The distance between the first set of cones and the second set will be between 1.5 and 3 metres, at the option of the Course Designer.

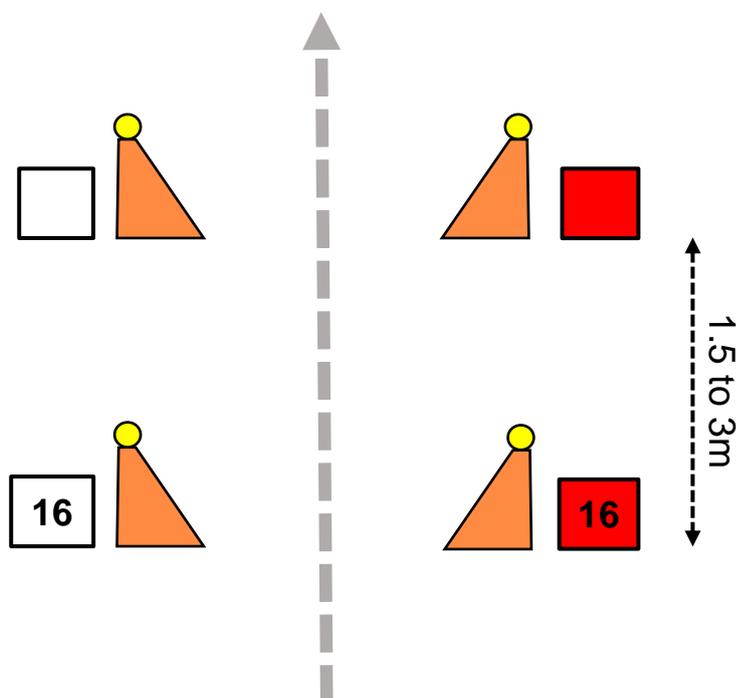
The oxer counts as a single obstacle and the maximum penalty points for knocking down up to 4 balls is 3 penalty points in total.

The first set of cones will have the number of the obstacle and be marked with red and white flags and the second set of cones will be marked with red and white flags.

This obstacle will be judged as a single obstacle. The oxer may be crossed

A maximum of five oxers are allowed in a Cones course.

Distance between the two pair of cones: minimum 1.5, maximum 3 meters.



ANNEX 8 Definitions

Competition:	A component of a Driving Event: Driven Dressage, Marathon, Obstacle Cones Driving and Combined Marathon or Derby.
Dismounting:	The deliberate departure of an athlete or groom from the carriage or the accidental leaving of (falling off) the carriage by the athlete or grooms.
Driving Event Location:	All land used for the competitions comprising the event, exercising, stabling and parking of vehicles, from the published opening time of the stable area until midnight on the last day of the competition.
Entry:	In Driving, the unit composed by the athletes, horses, grooms, harness and carriage appropriate to a turnout as defined in these Rules.
Event Officials:	See Chapter XIV.
Horse:	Refers to a horse or pony authorised to compete under Chapter VI.
Junior:	See Article 912 and Annex 15.
OC:	Organising Committee
Period of an Event:	A National Driving Event commences one hour before the first dressage test and concludes 30 minutes after the announcement of the Final Results.
Schedule:	An official form outlining the relevant information of an event, including but not limited to the dates and location of the event, the dates by which entries must be received, the disciplines in which competitions will be held, the programme of competitions, the categories, nationalities and other relevant details of invited athletes and horses, the stabling and accommodation available, the value of the prizes and their distribution, and any other relevant details.
Turnout:	A carriage together with the horses, harness, athlete and grooms.
Young Athletes:	See Article 912.

ANNEX 9 Organisation of British Carriagedriving Affiliated Events

1. Affiliation

- 1.1 Requests to hold National or Regional Horse Driving Trials must be made in writing to British Carriagedriving. In the case of new applications the Council will arrange for the site and facilities to be inspected and the organisation approved before affiliation is agreed. Once the date and classes are agreed upon, the appointment of the Technical Delegate, President of the Jury and Safety Officer have been approved, and the event has been included in the British Carriagedriving fixture list, these may not be altered without permission of the Council. The British Carriagedriving Office will supply event organisers with the necessary paperwork for their event and a list of equipment available, if required.
- 1.2 Applications to hold National Novice Single qualifiers at Affiliated Club Events must be made in writing to British Carriagedriving who, after approving the venue, Technical Delegate, Course Designer and Judges, will allocate qualifier classes to events, normally on the basis of achieving the best geographical spread. For detailed information on the officials and course requirements please refer to the 'Guidelines for Organisers – National Novice Qualifier Events' (revised 2014) obtainable from the British Carriagedriving office or on www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk.

2. Start Fees

National, Regional and National Novice Single event organisers will be responsible for collecting Start Fees from all athletes (other than those in the Evolution classes) at the rate to be published by the British Carriagedriving Council in December each year for use in the following year. The fees collected must be remitted to the British Carriagedriving office within ten days following the event.

3. Schedules

The organiser should publish a schedule of competitions not less than six weeks before the event. Schedules need not repeat the rules contained in the Rule Book but should include:

- Classes and competitions to be held
- Conditions of entries
- Approximate timetable
- Number of Dressage Test and size of arena
- Marathon sections included
- Time at which Marathon papers are available and course is open for inspection
- Disclaimer of Liability, Organiser's Reservation of Right,
- Brief instructions how to reach the place of competition
- Health & Safety Clause

4. Programme

- 4.1 All programmes must include the following:-

- Statement that the event is held under British Carriagedriving rules
- Classes and timetables of competitions
- List of entries
- List of Officials, including Organiser, Technical Delegate, Ground Jury, Appeals Committee, Course Builder, Veterinary and Medical Officer, Farrier and Safety Officer.
- Disclaimer of Liability
- Reservation of Right
- Health & Safety Clause

4.2 The following should be included if possible:

- Brief Rules and system of scoring
- Plan of the Marathon Course however simple
- Sketches of Marathon Obstacles
- Plan of Obstacle Driving Course
- Requests that dogs should be kept on leads

5. **Disclaimer of Liability**

The following disclaimer must be printed on all schedules, entry forms and programmes:

“Neither the Organising Committee of any Horse Driving Trials to which these Rules apply, nor British Carriagedriving, nor any land owner, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, accepts any liability for any damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, athletes, grooms, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever”.

6. **Reservations of Rights**

The organiser has the right to:

- Cancel the class or event
- Divide or combine any class (subject to athletes being informed and given the chance to withdraw or change classes)
- Alter the advertised times
- Refuse entry, with or without stating the reason

7. **Health and Safety**

The following statement on Health and Safety must be printed verbatim on all schedules, entry forms and programmes:

“The organiser of this event has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards.”

Detailed guidelines of Health and Safety are published on the web-site www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk .

ANNEX 10 Cone Specifications

FEI approved Driving cones Indoor and Outdoor

Cones

- Material: Plastic, stable enough for use and indestructible
- Height: 30 – 50cm
- The platform: ca 400 X 425 mm
- Angle: 60 °
- Ball hollow on the top of the cone: 40mm diameter
- Colour: no restriction. Reduced Cones ref. Art. 974.1.2
- *Weight of the cones: min. 2.5 kg

Ball:

- Size: 72mm diameter
- *Weight: 200gr

Red and white markers

- Outdoor: strongly recommended: stable enough for use
- Markers: dimension: 330 X 330 mm
- Indoor: sleeves

*Weights: a tolerance of +/- 5% is acceptable



ANNEX 11 National Passports

1. Passports

- 1.1 All horses and ponies must have a recognised, statutory passport and unique identification number (UELN) in compliance with Government regulations.
- 1.2 On collection of event paperwork at events a declaration form must be handed into the event office listing the full names and identification number of the horses/ponies competing at that event.
- 1.3 **Vaccinations** for equine influenza must be given in accordance with the following provisions:-
 - 1.3.1 All proprietary Equine Influenza vaccines are accepted, provided the route of administration complies with the manufacturer's instructions (i.e. intramuscular injection or intranasal).
 - 1.3.2 An initial Primary Course of two vaccinations must be given; the second vaccination must be administered within 21-92 days of the first vaccination.
 - 1.3.3 The first booster must be administered within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the Primary Course.
 - 1.3.4 Booster vaccinations must be administered at a maximum of 12 month intervals, the same day in each year being acceptable for these purposes, however Horses competing in Events must have received a booster within 6 months +21 days (and not within 7 days) before arrival at the Event.
 - 1.3.5. Horses may compete 7 days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course.
 - 1.3.6 Horses that have received the Primary Course prior to 1 January 2005 are not required to fulfil the requirement for the first booster, providing there has not been an interval of more than 12 months between each of their subsequent annual booster vaccinations.
- 1.4. Horses/ponies must be entered at all Affiliated Events and Shows in their registered names. Spot checks of identification, passport and vaccinations of horses/ponies, will be carried out on the first day of the competition at all events on 10% of starters.

2. Penalties.

The following penalties will be imposed if any passports or vaccinations are not in order:

- 2.1 If the athlete is not in possession of statutory passports for all his horses on arrival at the event, he /she will not be allowed to compete. If an athlete is found to have competed with a horse without being in possession of a passport, a fine of £50.00 will be imposed, and the animals will not be allowed to compete in a National Event until the fine has been paid.
- 2.2 If the passport is not correct or, if the record of vaccinations is incorrect, these will be referred to a Veterinary Surgeon and, if confirmed to be out of order, the athlete will be fined £50.00 but may be allowed to compete at the discretion of the President of the Jury. The identification document/passport must be in order and the fine paid before being allowed to compete again.
- 2.3 Horses and ponies not entered in the names shown on their passports will be allowed to continue to compete, but will be fined £20.00.

ANNEX 12 Objections and Appeals at National Events

1 Lodging a Query, Objection or Appeal

1.1 Only the owner, or his authorised agent, or the athlete driving the horse taking part in the competition is entitled to lodge a query, objection or an appeal.

1.2 Query and Objection

1.2.1 A query must be put to the Secretary within half an hour of the posting of the marks. The Secretary will take up the query or complaint with the scorers or the President of the Jury and, if it is justified, a correction will be made.

1.2.2 An objection must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Event/Show not later than one hour after the posting of the scores. In the case of objections to the course or to the qualification of an athlete these must be made not later than one hour before the start of the Marathon.

1.3 Appeal

1.3.1 If the athlete is not satisfied with the decision of the Ground Jury he may lodge an appeal in writing with the Secretary's Office within one hour of the posting of the scores accompanied by a deposit of £50.00.

1.3.2 The Secretary will take the objections to the President of the Jury and if necessary the Appeal Committee (where applicable) whose decision will be final. If the appeal is rejected, the deposit is forfeited, unless the Appeal Committee decides that there had been reasonable grounds for the objection at the time, in which case it may decide to refund all or part of the deposit.

1.3.3 An appeal may be brought against the finding of the Appeal Committee in one or more of the following circumstances:-

- i. evidence has become available to the athlete which could not with reasonable diligence have been made available at the hearing;
- ii. the decision was not one which could reasonably have been made by the Appeal Committee, or that it failed to take into account matters which it ought to have done or that it took into account matters which it ought not to have done; or
- iii. the penalty imposed was too severe.

1.3.4 Appeal Procedure

- i. The appeal must be brought by giving written notice specifying the grounds of the appeal to the Executive Officer of BC within three working days of notification of the Appeal Committee's decision and must be accompanied by a deposit of the sum of £100.00. The amount of any fine imposed must also have been paid. These sums may be refunded dependent upon the outcome of the appeal;
- ii. An appeal will be heard by the Disciplinary Committee of the British Equestrian Federation.

ANNEX 13 British Carriagedriving Conduct and Discipline

1. Agreement to be bound by the Rules

Every member of British Carriagedriving has, by the completion of their membership application form, agreed to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and all rules, regulations and by-laws made thereunder and has agreed that the decisions of the Council and other competent authorities of British Carriagedriving given in accordance therewith shall be final and binding upon them.

- 1.1 Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, rules, regulations and by-laws passed from time to time can be obtained from the British Carriagedriving office.

2. General Rules of Conduct

No member nor any person for whom they are in law responsible shall:

- 2.1 commit any act or conduct themselves in a manner which is in the reasonable opinion of the British Carriagedriving Council:
 - 2.1.1 unsportsmanlike;
 - 2.1.2 ungentlemanly;
 - 2.1.3 prejudicial to the interests of British Carriagedriving;
 - 2.1.4 detrimental to the reputation of British Carriagedriving;
 - 2.1.5 liable to bring British Carriagedriving and/or the sport of Horse Driving Trials into disrepute.
- 2.2. conduct themselves at a Driving Trial or Show in a manner which is improper, abusive, offensive or violent toward a member of the public or to the public in general;
- 2.3. disobey or deliberately ignore any reasonable instruction given by the organiser of an event, Judge, Referee, Official or Safety Officer or to do anything which is liable to disrupt the competition;
- 2.4. argue with, or use abusive language or behave with incivility or contempt toward any organiser of an event, Judge, Referee, Official or Safety Officer at a Driving Trial or Show;
- 2.5. publish any defamatory or malicious criticism of British Carriagedriving, its Council or an organiser of an event, Judge, Referee, Official or Safety Officer;
- 2.6. offer any bribe, payment or inducement to a Judge, Referee, Official or member of British Carriagedriving with a view to affecting the outcome of any entry to or outcome of a competition or selection for any team.
- 2.7. use any drone or remote or radio controlled aircraft of any kind.

3. Driving Rules of Conduct

No member nor any person for whom they are in law responsible shall at any Driving Trial or Show:

- 3.1. drive recklessly or dangerously;
- 3.2. misuse the whip or ill-treat any horse or pony;
- 3.3. compete with a horse or pony which is lame, sick or exhausted;
- 3.4. excessively press an exhausted horse or pony;

- 3.5 allow a horse or pony for which they are responsible as owner and/or driver to compete under the influence of any forbidden substance. Such member shall be in breach of this rule if an analysis of a sample taken from the horse or pony shows the presence in its body fluids of any prohibited quantity of any substance which is either a forbidden substance or one of its metabolites or a substance which cannot be traced to normal and ordinary feeding and which by its nature is likely to affect the performance of that animal;
- 3.6 unreasonably refuse to allow a horse or pony which has or is about to compete in any competition to undergo any properly authorised test or examination if requested to do so by a duly authorised official of British Carriagedriving or of the Organising Committee;
- 3.7 conduct themselves in such a manner that they have or may have committed or have or may have been party or privy to any breach of the Memorandum and Articles of Association or of any rule, regulation or by-law of British Carriagedriving. A member shall be in breach of this Rule in the event that any person who assists, represents or acts on behalf of or is in the employment of such member during the course of any Driving Trial or Show, conducts themselves in such a manner that were they a member of British Carriagedriving they would be in breach of any of these rules;
- 3.8 unreasonably fail or refuse to assist a duly authorised official of British Carriagedriving or of the Organising Committee in their investigations of complaints of misconduct or ill-discipline by any member;
- 3.9 make any statement either orally or in writing to any duly authorised official of British Carriagedriving or of the Organising Committee which they know or have reasonable cause to suspect is untrue or incomplete.

4. Discipline

- 4.1 The President of the Jury (or their appointee) will act as Disciplinary Steward at that Driving Trial or Show. If, in the reasonable opinion of the Disciplinary Steward, any member and/or athlete has acted in breach of these rules, or the Disciplinary Steward shall receive a complaint in writing alleging such a breach, then the Disciplinary Steward shall convene a Committee of Inquiry as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 4.2 The Committee shall consist of any member of the Council present at that event, a member of the Organising Committee and shall be chaired by the Disciplinary Steward
- 4.3 No member of the Committee shall have been involved in the matters forming the basis of the complaint;
- 4.4 The Committee of Inquiry shall call for the member against whom the breach has been alleged ("the Member") to attend before it, together with any witnesses or any person whom the Committee of Inquiry feel in their reasonable discretion could assist it in its deliberations;
 - 4.4.1 Any unreasonable refusal to attend shall be treated as a breach of Rule 3.8 above;
- 4.5 The Committee of Inquiry shall provide the Member with a written statement of the substance of the complaint;
- 4.6 In the presence of the Member, any witness or other person called to assist the Committee of Inquiry shall be called to give their evidence or assistance;

- 4.6.1 The Member shall be entitled to ask any such witness or person any reasonable questions relevant to the complaint;
- 4.7 Once the Committee of Inquiry has satisfied itself that it has heard all relevant evidence reasonably capable of being adduced, it shall invite the Member to put forward their own defence;
 - 4.7.1 The Member may present oral or written evidence and may call and examine witnesses, but shall not be entitled to legal representation;
- 4.8 Once the Committee of Inquiry has heard the Member's representations it shall ask the Member to withdraw, to enable it to conduct its deliberations;
- 4.9 As soon as is reasonably practicable the Committee of Inquiry will re-convene and call the Member before it and announce its decision;
- 4.10 The Committee of Inquiry can impose any of the following penalties:
 - 4.10.1 Dismiss the complaint;
 - 4.10.2 Take no action with regard to the complaint;
 - 4.10.3 Deliver a reprimand;
 - 4.10.4 Suspend the Member and/or horse(s) or pony(ies) from taking any further part in the event;
 - 4.10.5 Disqualify the Member and/or horse(s) or pony(ies) from any part of the event;
 - 4.10.6 Advise the Member that details of the complaint and evidence brought before it will be forwarded to the Council for further action.

5. The Council

- 5.1 If it appears to the Council that any person may, at any time, have been guilty of a breach of these rules or, on the referral to it by a Disciplinary Steward or, on the receipt by the Council of a complaint against a member of British Carriagedriving, or any person assisting a member, the Council may deal with the matter in accordance with the procedure set out below.
 - 5.1.1 The Council shall appoint from its elected members no fewer than three persons who shall comprise the Disciplinary Committee.
 - 5.1.2 No member of the Disciplinary Committee shall have been involved in the matters forming the basis of the complaint;
 - 5.1.3 The Disciplinary Committee will appoint from its own number a Chairman.
- 5.2 The Council shall circulate to the members of the Disciplinary Committee the substance of the allegations of the complaint or, if from a Committee of Inquiry, the Report of the Disciplinary Steward:
 - 5.2.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall in its absolute discretion be entitled to make any enquiries it deems fit.
 - 5.2.2 If, as a result of making any such enquiries, evidence is obtained upon which the Disciplinary Committee intends to rely, the substance of that evidence will be communicated to the Member.
- 5.3 Not less than 21 days prior to the meeting of the Disciplinary Committee the Member shall be notified in writing of the date and venue for the meeting and of the substance of the allegations of the complaint in a statement, or in the case of a referral by a Committee of Inquiry, the Member shall receive a copy of the Report of the Disciplinary Steward.

- 5.4 A member may appear in person to answer the allegations of breach and/or complaint, and may present at the meeting oral or written evidence and may call and examine witnesses, but shall not be entitled to legal representation.
- 5.5 The Member may also submit written evidence and statements for consideration in their absence.
- 5.6 If a member fails to appear before the meeting, the Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to reach a decision and impose a penalty in the absence of the Member.
- 5.7 The Disciplinary Committee can impose any of the following penalties:
- 5.7.1 Dismiss the complaint
 - 5.7.2 Take no action with regard to the complaint
 - 5.7.3 Suspend the Member and/or horse(s) and pony(ies) from taking part in any affiliated event to which these rules apply for a period not exceeding three months. The period of suspension to take effect from such date as the Disciplinary Committee shall decide, being a date not more than five months from the date of the Disciplinary Committee's decision
 - 5.7.4 Disqualify the Member and/or horse(s) or pony(ies) from any part or all of the event
 - 5.7.5 Impose a fine of up to £100.
If a fine is imposed under this rule the Member shall not participate in any affiliated event to which these rules apply until the fine has been paid in full.
 - 5.7.6 Suspend the Member from membership of British Carriagedriving
 - 5.7.7 Expel the Member from membership of British Carriagedriving
- 5.8 The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee will, within seven days of the meeting, notify the Member in writing of the findings of the Disciplinary Committee and of any penalties imposed.
- 5.9 In the absence of manifest error, the findings of and penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Committee shall be final and binding on the Member.

6 Appeal

- 6.1 Any Member whose conduct has been referred to a Disciplinary Committee and who is dissatisfied with the Disciplinary Committee's decision may within 28 days of the decision being communicated to them appeal to the British Equestrian Federation's Appeal Committee subject to the British Equestrian Federation's terms of reference.

7 Promulgation

- 7.1 The Council may in its absolute discretion publish any disciplinary findings, ruling or direction concerning any person or matter in such manner as it thinks fit, whether in the public press or otherwise and every member of the Association shall be deemed to have consented thereto.

8. Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication

- 8.1 It is forbidden for a driver to use, or to administer to any of his horses, or for any person to distribute to a driver, any forbidden substance.
- 8.2 Each person who becomes a member of British Carriagedriving agrees to be bound by the BEF Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules ("BEFAR") which are specifically incorporated by reference in, and form part of,

the British Carriagedriving Rule Book. Copies of BEFAR can be found on the British Equestrian Federation website at www.bef.co.uk and will be supplied to a member in paper format on request. The Equine Prohibited Substances List can be viewed at www.bef.co.uk.

Accordingly, by becoming a member, such person shall be deemed to have agreed, amongst other things:

- 8.2.1 to be bound by, and to comply strictly with, BEFAR;
 - 8.2.2 to submit to the authority of the BEF and/or of British Carriagedriving to apply, police and enforce BEFAR;
 - 8.2.3 to provide all requested assistance to the BEF and British Carriagedriving (as applicable) in the application, policing and enforcement of BEFAR, including (without limitation) cooperating fully with any investigation, results management exercise, and/or proceedings being conducted pursuant to BEFAR in relation to any potential Anti-Doping or Controlled Medication Rule Violation(s);
And except where the FEI has jurisdiction over the potential Anti-Doping or Controlled Medication Violation:
 - 8.2.4 to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any BEF First Instance Hearing Body convened under BEFAR to hear and determine charges and related issues arising under BEFAR;
 - 8.2.5 to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any Sports Resolution UK Panel convened under BEFAR to hear and determine appeals made pursuant to BEFAR; and
 - 8.2.6 not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of the BEF First Instance Tribunal, and Sports Resolution UK.
- 8.3 Any person assisting or inciting others in the contravention of the forbidden substances regulations shall be considered as having committed an offence against the National Rules, and may be subject to disciplinary action.

ANNEX 14 General Regulations for all British Carriagedriving Horse Driving Trials

1. Unless indicated otherwise, all events are run under the current British Carriagedriving Rules.
2. It is **COMPULSORY** for suitable properly secured hard hats to be worn by anyone **RIDING** horses/ponies at any event.
3. It is essential that dogs must be kept on leads **at all times**, and athletes are responsible for ensuring that their dogs do not cause a nuisance. Penalties at the discretion of the Event Organiser will be imposed. Dogs must not be tied to carriages when exercising or competing.
4. Horses/ponies may not be tethered at events. Event Organisers may, at their discretion, permit horses or ponies to be kept in an uncovered pen provided a suitable risk assessment is carried out. Details of what form and size of uncovered pen is permitted will be published in the event schedule.
5. Athletes are responsible for providing their own number holders and bibs.
6. The use of ATVs and motorbikes at events is at the discretion of individual organisers. ATVs and motorbikes must only carry the number of people for which they are designed and must not be ridden by children. The guidance in the British Carriagedriving Safety Policy Statement must be followed and **it is strongly recommended** that suitable and properly secured hard hats should be worn. Any ATV or motorbike driven on a public highway at an event must be road legal and any person driving an ATV or motorbike must have the benefit of adequate and valid third party liability insurance.
7. No horsebox or caravan will be allowed on to an event site unless it is fitted with at least a 1 kg fire extinguisher. Anybody without this may be refused access.
8. The ground beneath all temporary stabling, pens, electric fence enclosures and ground where horses/ponies are tied to the side of lorries for an extended period of time must be protected by matting. Any perforated or permeable matting must also have a waterproof membrane below it and bedding on top.
 - 8.1 Event Organisers may levy a reinstatement charge to pay for ground repairs resulting from non-compliance. This charge will be published in Event Schedules or pre-event paperwork.
9. Only members of the British team and the nominated individual competing at a FEI World or Continental Championship are entitled to wear the Union Jack badge with plain background on their jackets. In addition any athlete who finishes first, second or third in the final individual classification at a CAIO is subsequently entitled to wear the badge. They are entitled to wear the badge permanently.

ANNEX 15 British Carriagedriving Young Drivers Rules

1. Applicability

- 1.1 All Young Drivers competing at National and Regional events must comply with the rules set out elsewhere in these rules. Particular attention is drawn to rule 912 (Minimum Ages) and rule 928.3.1 (Dress for under 18s).
- 1.2 The rules in this annex apply (in addition to those set out elsewhere in these rules) at British Carriagedriving training events for Young Drivers and at British Young Drivers' competitions. They are recommended to affiliated clubs who may adopt them for young driver classes or any classes in which young drivers are permitted to drive.
- 1.3 Athletes remain eligible to attend British Carriagedriving training events for Young Drivers and British Young Drivers' competitions up to the age of 25.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Every athlete attending a British Young Driver's competition for the first time must be assessed for competence and safety, with the horse/pony to be driven, before being allowed to compete.
- 2.2 Athletes between the ages of 8 and 10 (inclusive) may, after assessment, be required to drive a two wheeled vehicle with the groom seated alongside holding a second set of reins.
- 2.3 An assessment can be carried out only by a person approved by British Carriagedriving.

3. Grooms

- 3.1 Athletes of 8 - 12 years of age must have a competent groom aged 21 years or over when competing.
- 3.2 In all cases in which the turnout is in danger, the groom of a turnout driven by an athlete aged 18 years or less must take appropriate steps to assist the athlete to regain control including, particularly, in cases where a second set of reins is in use, taking up the reins. No penalties will be incurred as a result of action taken under this rule.
- 3.3 It is the responsibility of the groom to monitor the welfare of both the athlete and the equine.

4. Vehicles and Equipment

- 4.1 The vehicle must fit the athlete. The athlete must be able to brace themselves between a solid foot rest and the back of the seat.
- 4.2 Grooms must wear securely fastened protective headgear at all times when on the carriage for training and exercising.

5. Insurance

- 5.1 All athletes attending British Carriagedriving training events for young drivers or British Young Drivers' competitions must have third party liability insurance. For athletes over 10 years of age this can be by membership of British Carriagedriving or of an affiliated club or by independent insurance. Athletes under 10 years of age must have independent insurance.

6. Notes

- 6.1 Event organisers may make specific modifications to the rules set out elsewhere in these rules to accommodate young drivers. By way of example athletes in the 8 – 12 age group may be allowed to drive a vehicle of 125 cm track width in all three phases. Any such modifications, and details of the age groups to which they apply, must be published in the event schedule.

ANNEX 16 British Carriagedriving Conditions for Participation

1. Membership

- 1.1 Athletes must be Full, Young, Associate or Supporting members of British Carriagedriving appropriate to the level of event entered. Athletes competing in National Novice Singles or Evolution Classes may compete as an Associate member. Athletes competing in Evolution Classes may compete as a member of a BC affiliated club. If an athlete qualifies for and wishes to compete at the National championships in any class other than National Novice or Evolution, then an upgrade to Full membership will be required.
- 1.2 Making an entry for any affiliated Horse Driving Trials Event/Show constitutes implicit acceptance of the British Carriagedriving rules.

2. Age

- 2.1 For age of athletes and grooms see Chapter IV, Article 912.1 and Annex 15.
- 2.2 At Affiliated Club Events, other than the Indoor Horse Driving Trials UK, the minimum age of an athlete or groom is 10 years on the day of the event, but in each case they must be accompanied by a competent adult aged 18 years or over.

3. Grooms

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that their groom or grooms are fit and capable of rendering speedy and efficacious assistance at any time.
- 3.2 The Technical Delegate, the President of the Jury or the official Doctor may at any time stop an athlete whose groom in their opinion appears unfit or incapable and ask them to demonstrate that they can carry out their duties as described above.

4. Athlete Qualifications

The eligibility to compete in a class refers to the athlete, unless stated otherwise.

4.1 Evolution Classes

Open to any driver who has not competed at a National or Regional event (other than in the Evolution Class) in the previous two seasons.

4.2 National Novice Singles Qualifier Classes

Qualifiers for the National Novice Championships (to be run at National, Regional and Approved Affiliated Club Events)

To be eligible to compete in a National Novice Singles Qualifier Class, an athlete must have:

- 4.2.1 successfully completed all three phases, with a minimum three section marathon, at three affiliated club events within the current or previous two seasons. Athletes must submit a photocopy of a Competence Form signed by the Club/Event Secretary to acknowledge completion, and by the Driven Dressage Judge and the Technical Delegate to signify their approval of the athlete's ability to enter a National Novice Qualifier class. Competence forms must be submitted for signature at each event to which they relate before the start of Dressage. Athletes who have completed all three phases of the Indoor Carriagedriving National Championships in the Open Class during the current or previous two seasons need only complete two further affiliated club events, provided the Championship Event Organiser signs their competence card.

4.2.2 or have previously competed in a Novice Qualifier class.

The athlete must not have:

4.2.3 competed in an Intermediate Class or higher at a National or Regional Event, or

4.2.4 finished in the top 3 or the top 50% (whichever is the smaller) of the class in the National Novice Championship, or

4.2.5 won a National Novice Singles Qualifier, in which 3 or more Athletes started the Event, on three occasions (although the Novice status is retained until the end of the season).

4.3 Intermediate Singles Classes

To be eligible to compete in an Intermediate Singles class at a National or Regional Event, an athlete must have:

4.3.1 qualified for the National Novice Championships, or

4.3.2 completed three National Novice events, without elimination, either in the current or previous two seasons, with a driven dressage score of 65 or less, or

4.3.3 competed previously in the Intermediate class.

The athlete must not have:-

4.3.4 won an Intermediate Class, in which 3 or more Athletes started the Event, on three occasions (although the Intermediate status is retained until the end of the season), or

4.3.5 finished in the top 3 or the top 50% (whichever is the smaller) of the class in the National Intermediate Championship, or

4.3.6 competed in an Open Class or Advanced Class at a National or Regional Event. However an athlete from the Advanced or Open Classes may compete in the Intermediate Singles Class with a Novice Horse. They must return to the Open Class after one win and will not be eligible to qualify for the National Intermediate Championship. A Novice Horse is one that has never competed in an Open or Advanced Class.

4.4 Open Singles Classes

To be eligible to compete in the Open Singles class, an athlete must have:

4.4.1 Previously competed in a National Open Class, or

4.4.2 finished in the top 50% of their class at the National Intermediate Championship or qualified for the National Intermediate Championship after completing three Intermediate Events without elimination, either in the current or the previous two seasons, and with a driven dressage score of 65 or less at one of these events.

4.5 Advanced Singles Classes

4.5.1 The eligibility to compete in the Advanced Singles class refers to the athlete.

4.5.2 An athlete may progress to the Advanced Class after they have completed three Open classes at National or Regional Events without elimination, disqualification or retirement with a dressage score of 60 or less at one of these events.

4.5.3 Athletes from the Advanced Singles Class may return voluntarily to the Open Singles Class at any time.

4.6 Pair Classes

To be eligible to compete in a Pair Class, an athlete must have completed the marathon, with a minimum of three sections, without retirement or elimination with a single in a minimum of three Open or Advanced classes at National or Regional Events or with a pair at a minimum of three Affiliated Club Events. An athlete qualifying at Club Events must submit a photocopy of a competence form. The athlete will be asked to present their turnout for a safety inspection before the Driven Dressage at his/her first National or Regional Event with the pair, at a time specified.

4.7 Advanced Classes

Athletes who have previously competed at FEI 3* level or above in any class may progress directly to the Advanced class.

4.8 Tandem Classes

To be eligible to compete in a Tandem Class, an athlete must have completed the Marathon with a minimum of three sections without retirement or elimination with a single in a minimum of three Open or Advanced classes at National or Regional Events, or with a Pair or Tandem at a minimum of three Affiliated Club Events. An athlete qualifying at Club Events must submit a photocopy of a Competence Form. The athlete will be asked to present their turnout for a safety inspection before the Driven Dressage at his/her first National or Regional Event with the Tandem, at a time specified.

4.9 Four in Hand Classes

To be eligible to compete in a Four in Hand Class, an athlete must either (1) have completed 3 affiliated club events (with three section marathons) without elimination (to be demonstrated by the submission of a fully completed Competence Form) and have completed 3 National or Regional Events in any Open or Advanced Class without elimination or (2) have completed the Marathon with a minimum of three sections without elimination or retirement with a pair or tandem at a minimum of three National or Regional events. He/she will be asked to present their turnout for a safety and competence inspection before dressage at his/her first National or Regional event with a team, at a time specified by the organiser.

4.10 Progression to International Competition

Before entering their first domestic international event at 2* level or above, athletes must be eligible to enter the advanced class for their class. Before entering their first international event at 2* level or above outside the United Kingdom, athletes must either (a) complete (without retiral or elimination) two domestic 2* events in the class which they wish to enter with the qualifying dressage score applicable to their class for a World Championship at at least one of them or (b) complete (without retiral or elimination) two National Events and one domestic 2* event in the class which they wish to enter with the qualifying dressage score applicable to their class for a World Championship at at least one of them. An athlete may only enter an international event driving a turnout which they are eligible to drive at a National or Regional event.

4.11 National Championships and National Points Leagues

To be eligible to drive at the National Championships or be included in the Driver of the Year Awards, the athlete must be an International, Full, Associate

or Supporting member of British Carriagedriving, depending on the level of event entered. A member who qualifies for the National Championships at an event entered on a ticket must upgrade to be a full member in order to enter the National Championships.

4.12 Qualification for the National Championships

4.12.1 Qualification for the National Championships refers to the athlete. An athlete may qualify for more than one class providing he/she has been placed in a qualifying position in that class and must nominate which class or classes they intend to contest at the time of entry for the National Championships.

An athlete may only qualify once in each class. If an athlete qualifies for more than one Singles class, or more than one Pairs Class, or more than one Tandem Class, or more than one Four in Hand Class, he/she may only enter one class at the National Championships

If an athlete qualifies in more than one level of Singles or Pairs with the same Horse(s) or Ponies he/she must nominate the higher level class.

If an athlete qualifies with two differently configured turnouts he/she will be permitted to enter with both, provided this can be accommodated within the schedule on the day without the athlete running out of class order/sequence. Any two of the following are permitted: horse or pony four in hand; horse or pony pair horse or pony tandem; single horse or pony.

If an athlete qualifies in a class and also competes without qualifying for the National Championships in a higher class during the season, he/she may still compete at the National Championships in the class in which he/she qualified.

4.12.2 Qualifying Classes for the National Championships

Qualifying Classes National Novice Singles and Evolution

Venue British Carriagedriving approved Affiliated Club Events, National and Regional Events

Qualifying Classes Intermediate Singles, Open Singles and Pairs, Advanced Singles and Pairs, Tandems and Fours

Venue National and Regional Events. Intermediate Classes may occasionally be held at an Approved Affiliated Club Event if an area of the country has limited access to an Intermediate Event.

4.12.3 The number of competitors in a class will be taken as the number who started the competition, as shown in the results sheet, discounting any foreign members.

4.12.4 In order to qualify, a competitor must be a Full, Young or Associate member (depending on the class entered) and must complete all three phases of the competition without elimination or retirement.

4.12.5 Qualification Criteria for all Classes for the National Championships

Number of athletes in the class	Qualification Criteria
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5 or more	The highest two disregarding those already qualified from the first eight places.
1 to 4	The highest place disregarding those already qualified.

5. Further Conditions

- 5.1 The Council reserve the right to downgrade any athlete whose driving, in their opinion, is not up to standard.
- 5.2 The Technical Delegate, President of the Jury, or the Official Doctor may at any time exclude from the competition any athlete who, in their opinion, is injured or unfit, for instance as a result of a fall.
- 5.3 If a presiding Judge at the Driven Dressage test considers that a turnout is unsafe, he/she will advise the athlete on completion of the test and before the athlete leaves the arena, that a report will be submitted to the President of the Jury. The President of the Jury will then discuss the case with the Ground Jury. He/she will advise the athlete of the outcome of this discussion, and if the athlete is then allowed to go on the Marathon, the President of the Jury will ensure that he/she is closely monitored and may be asked to retire at any time that the athlete or their horse are considered a danger.

There is no appeal against the decision of the President of the Jury.

ANNEX 17 Rules for Combined Marathon / Derby

1. These Rules apply when the Organising Committee of a National or Regional Event or of an Affiliated Club event decide, pursuant to article 900.3, to include a Combined Marathon or Derby as well as or instead of one of Dressage, Marathon or Cones. These rules must be read in conjunction with the rules contained elsewhere in these Rules. In particular articles 975.2.1, 2.2, 2.3 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10 will apply.
2. Horses/Ponies may wear boots and/or bandages during the Competition. These must be removed for inspection if required by an Official.
3. Grooms may stand on the carriage and talk to the Athlete throughout.
4. The number of Cone Obstacles may not exceed 12 and the maximum number of Marathon Type Obstacles is two.
5. There are no start and finish gates for Marathon Type Obstacles.
6. The width of the cones will be as follows:-

Horse Four in Hand	1.9m
Horse Pair or Tandem	1.8m
Horse Single	1.6m
Pony Four in Hand	1.8m
Pony Pair or Tandem	1.6m
Pony Single	1.5m
7. Each Marathon Type Obstacle may have up to a maximum of 5 gates. The width of the gates will be as follows:-

Horse Four in Hand	3.5m – 4.0m
Horse Pair or Tandem	3.5m – 4.0m
Horse Single	3.0m – 3.5m
Pony Four in Hand	3.0m – 3.5m
Pony Pair or Tandem	3.0m – 3.5m
Pony Single	3.0m – 3.5m
8. The First and Last Cone Obstacle must be not less than 20m and not more than 40m from the Start and Finish.
9. Every Element in the Marathon Type Obstacles will have a knockdown on it.
10. An Athlete is considered to have passed through a Cone Obstacle or a gate of a Marathon Type Obstacle when the whole Turnout has passed between the Markers.
11. In a Marathon Type Obstacle the parts without lettered gates are free after the bell has been rung and the Athlete has crossed the start line.
12. In each Marathon Type Obstacle, the whole turnout must pass through the lettered gates in the correct sequence and in the correct direction. Once a lettered gate has been driven in the correct sequence it is 'free' and may be driven again in either direction. If an Athlete drives a gate out of sequence or in the wrong direction they incur 20 penalties for an Error of Course. No gates then count until they drive the correct next gate. If the error is not corrected, the Athlete is Eliminated.

13. The course may include a Water or Bridge Obstacle in which case article 973.4 will apply.
14. If an Obstacle (Marathon Type, Cone or Bridge) has been passed it is open and can be passed again. Dislodging or knocking down an element (including the obstacle structure, even if the dislodgeable element belonging to it has already been knocked down) will incur penalties.
15. A Combined Marathon Competition is run as a Fault Competition. The Athlete will incur penalties as set out in the table below and for exceeding the Time Allowed. The Time Allowed for each class will be calculated using the speeds set out in Article 974 unless the Organising Committee decides to use different speeds, in which case this will be stated in the schedule. The penalty for exceeding the Time Allowed is calculated in accordance with article 975.9.6.

Description	Article	Penalties
Dislodging one or two balls in a single obstacle	975.2.5	3 penalties
Dislodging a ball or other dislodgeable element in a Marathon Type Obstacle		3 penalties
Knocking over or down any element of a marathon type obstacle		3 penalties
Error of Course: knocking down any part of an obstacle in advance of being driven, the PGJ will ring the bell and stop the clock for the obstacle to be rebuilt	975.3.4	3 penalties plus 10 seconds added to the time
Corrected error of course in marathon type obstacle	965.2.4	20 penalties
Uncorrected error of course in marathon type obstacle	965.2.3	Elimination
Groom(s) handling the reins, actively using the whip or brake when carriage not stationary	943.2.5	20 penalties
Groom(s) dismounting 1 st or 2 nd time (clock does not stop)		5 penalties per incident
Driver dismounting 1 st or 2 nd time		20 penalties per incident
Groom(s) or driver dismounting 3 rd time		Elimination
First or second disobedience		No penalties
Third disobedience		Elimination
Should the reins, pole strap or traces become disconnected or broken, or a horse get a let over a shaft, trace, pole or bar the PGJ must ring the bell and stop the clock and a groom must dismount and reconnect or correct the situation.	965.3.1 965.6.1	5 penalties for groom down
Failure of Athlete to stop after repeated ringing of the bell	975.3.5	Elimination
Knocking down any part of a cones obstacle after it has already been driven	975.3.3	3 penalties
Failure by Athlete or Groom(s) to wear securely fastened protective headgear or body/back protector	928.2.2	Elimination
Passing through a cone obstacle in the wrong sequence or direction	975.3.2	Elimination
No breeching on a single horse	940.1.14	Elimination
No breeching with a carriage with no brakes	937.1.1	Elimination
Failure to pass through the start and finish flags	975.2	Elimination
Carriage over turns	964.7.4 975.2.10	Elimination
Outside physical assistance	945	Elimination
Failure to have Groom(s) on the carriage when passing through the finish	964.5	Elimination

16. A Derby Competition is run as a Time Competition, on the basis of the time in seconds taken by the Athlete to complete the course with penalties for faults as above converted to penalty seconds.

ANNEX 18 Evolution Classes

This annex sets out the Rules for the Evolution Classes. It is intended that these classes will be run at National and Regional events and at approved club events, at a time to suit the event, but preferably (in the case of National events) on Saturday or Sunday, with National Championship qualification for these classes.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 There will be two Evolution Classes– one each for Horses and for Ponies. Event Organisers may run a separate class for small ponies (under 10.2 hh) if entries justify this. Pairs may compete in the Evolution Class in which case event Organisers may run a separate class for pairs if the entries justify this.
- 1.2 The Evolution Classes will be open to any Young, Full or Associate BC member, and to members of any BC affiliated club, provided they have competed at 2 or more affiliated club events during the current or previous season.
- 1.3 Athletes who have competed at a National or Regional event (other than in an Evolution class) in the current or previous 2 seasons, will be entitled to compete in the Evolution Classes, but will not be eligible for National Championship qualification in those classes and will not be awarded points for the Points Leagues.

2. The Competitions

- 2.1 There will be a minimum of 2 Judges, one of whom must be on National list 1 or 2.
- 2.2 Rule 928.2 (Dress for Marathon) will apply throughout. Rule 940.2 (bandages or boots in dressage) will not apply.
- 2.3 Marathon vehicles (according to rule 937.4) to be used in all three phases.
- 2.4 There will be a safety inspection in the collecting area.
- 2.5 For small ponies the groom need not be on the carriage (but must be in close attendance) if the Event is held in a secure arena. In all other cases grooms to stand throughout, but article 957 (Penalties in Driven Dressage) and Article 981 (Penalties in Cones) will (apart from the penalties relating to dress) apply during Dressage and Cones respectively.
- 2.6 Dressage will take place either in an 80 x 40 or a 100 x 40 arena, either with Dressage around the Cones in the same arena or, at the organiser's discretion, with Cones in a separate arena immediately after dressage.
- 2.7 The Dressage test will be published on the British Carriagedriving website.
- 2.8 If Dressage and Cones take place in the same arena then, on completion of Dressage, the Athlete will salute the Judge at C, the bell will be rung and the Athlete will continue straight on to the Cones phase (in the same arena).
- 2.9 The Cones phase will comprise 8 - 10 Cones Obstacles set at 145 cm.
- 2.10 The Time Allowed will be calculated based on a speed of 220 m/minute.
- 2.11 In addition to Dressage and Cones there will be a maximum of 2 Marathon Obstacles outside the arena.
- 2.12 On completion of the cones the Athlete will leaves the arena and present to the Obstacle Judge.
- 2.13 The 2 Marathon Obstacles will be positioned adjacent to the arena when

possible. The maximum number of gates allowed in both Marathon Obstacles will be 9.

- 2.14 The Marathon type Obstacles will be driven twice each and will be individually timed and the relevant parts of Articles 968 and 969 (Classification and Penalties in Marathon) will apply.

3. Miscellaneous

- 3.1 There will be a competitor briefing at a time to be fixed by the Event Organiser.
- 3.2 When requested the Event Organiser will (if possible) pair each Evolution athlete with a National or Regional driver as a buddy, and organise a course walk at a time to suit Athletes and buddies.
- 3.3 Classes may be amalgamated and HC and Multiples accepted at the discretion of the Organiser.
- 3.4 The Event Organiser will be entitled to charge a reduced entry fee for Athletes who agree to act as Stewards, Helpers and Officials for the National or Regional Event.
- 3.5 No start fees will be payable.

ANNEX 19 Team GBR Athlete Selection Procedure

The selection of Athletes to receive invitations to compete at the Royal Windsor Horse Show will be made by the Chef d'Equipe for each class receiving invitations, subject to ratification by Council. Selection should be based on the objective of developing the international performance of TeamGBR. Drivers will be required to have achieved their FEI 3* status by the end of the preceding calendar year.

The selection procedure for FEI Championships (other than Championships for Para driving athletes, Championships for Youth and Championships for Young Horses) shall be as set out below.

The purpose of the selection procedure is to ensure that the best team possible is selected with the best chance of winning medals. It is strongly recommended that Athletes considering putting their names forwards for selection should attend events abroad before doing so, in order to gain as much experience as possible.

1. At the first Council meeting after each Championships, Council will appoint a Selection and Ratification Panel for the next Championships. The Selection and Ratification Panel will consist of the Chef d'Equipe or (in the case of any perceived conflict of interest) the Team Trainer, the chairman of British Carriagedriving (or his appointee) and a third member appointed by Council, being a suitably qualified and experienced driver having no perceived conflict of interest.
2. As soon as possible after appointing the Selection and Ratification Panel, Council will ask the Chef d'Equipe to make a recommendation as to which events should be the selection events for the Championships. As soon as possible thereafter Council will decide (taking into account any recommendation received) which events will be the selection events for the Championships. For championships on a two year cycle there will be four selection events. For championships on a one year cycle there will be three selection events. The National Championships in the year before the Championships will, in addition to other National events, be available as one of the selection events (although HC entries will not be accepted). The events will be chosen with a view to finalising teams in sufficient time to allow pre-Championship team training and preparation.
3. The names of the members of the Selection and Ratification Panel, and the events chosen as the selection events, will be announced as soon as possible.
4. Only Athletes who have achieved FEI 3* rating may put their names forward for selection.
5. Prior to their first selection event, Athletes must state their interest in writing, sign the World Championship Selection Application Form, and (at the same time as submitting that form) pay the sum of £200 to British Carriagedriving to be held on behalf of the Class Fund. Results from selection events prior to the Form being completed and £200 being paid will not be considered for selection.
6. Each Athlete may compete for selection with any number of Horses, but must complete at least one event (not HC) with each Horse. The final decision as to which Horse(s) will (if the Athlete is selected) be taken to the Championships will be taken by the Athlete in conjunction with the Chef d'Equipe and Team Trainer. In exceptional cases a Horse which has not completed any selection events may be entered for the Championships with the approval of the Selection and Ratification Panel.
7. Subject to paragraph 14, two team members for each Championship for Horses and one team member for each Class for Pony Championships will, subject to ratification by the Selection/Ratification Panel, be selected on the basis of points scored in the selection events.

8. For classes with four selection events the best three results (at different selection events) of each Athlete will be counted. For classes with three selection events the best two results (at different selection events) of each Athlete will be counted.
9. At each selection event points will be awarded based on the final event placing of each Athlete competing for selection (and disregarding any Athletes not competing for selection or who have not complied with paragraph 5, above) i.e. 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points etc. An Athlete competing with more than one turnout in a selection class will only score points for their best placing.
10. The Selection and Ratification Panel will meet at, or as soon as possible after, the final selection event. The panel will have available to them, in an advisory capacity, the Team Vet and (if not on the panel) the Team Trainer and Chef d'Equipe.
11. Subject to paragraph 14, the two Athletes (for each Championship for Horses) or the Athlete (for each Class for Pony Championships) having the lowest points shall, provided they fulfil all relevant FEI qualification requirements, be selected, subject to ratification by the Selection and Ratification Panel.
12. Should there be an equality of points scored, the marathon scores at mutually contested events will resolve placings.
13. Subject to paragraph 14, the third team member for each Championship for Horses and the second team member for each class for Pony Championships will be selected by the Selection and Ratification Panel. The Selection and Ratification Panel will select the Athlete who, in their opinion, best complements the strengths of the driver or drivers selected on points and best enhances the team's chances of winning medals. Any individual entries will be selected by the Selection and Ratification Panel. No Athlete will be eligible for selection under this paragraph unless they have competed at at least one selection event.
14. For the World Equestrian Games the two Athletes who will make up the team will be the Athlete with the lowest number of selection event points and the Athlete selected by the Selection and Ratification Panel under paragraph 13.
15. When the Selection and Ratification Panel has reached a decision the Council Representative will inform the British Carriagedriving office which Athletes have been selected as team members and as individuals. In all cases where the decision of the Selection and Ratification Panel is unanimous, that decision shall be final and not subject to approval by Council. In all other cases the majority decision of the Selection and Ratification Panel shall be subject to approval by Council. If approval by Council is required Council will meet (by video or phone if necessary) as soon as possible after the meeting of the Selection and Ratification Panel.

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