



# FEI DRIVING WORLD CHALLENGE RULES

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## **ARTICLE 1. PRINCIPLES**

- 1.1. The FEI Driving World Challenge Series may be organised by any member NF of the FEI.
- 1.2. Each NF will have the opportunity to organise shows in 3 categories based on their level of activity: Category A (highest level meant as a bridge to the first FEI level of competition), Category B (for Novice level Athletes), Category C (for Beginner level Athletes - an Introduction to Driving). Each NF may organise one show per year (unless exceptions permits as per Art. 5.3).

The technical level will increase progressively from one level to the next, allowing NFs to develop the discipline step by step.
- 1.3. All FEI Driving World Challenge shows are open equally to Single Horse and Single Pony Turnouts.
- 1.4. Category A, B and C each consist of Competitions organised over one day:
  - 1) Category C: 1 Day - 1x Combined Dressage/Cones
  - 2) Category B: 1 Day - 1x Combined Dressage/Cones + 1x Combined Marathon
  - 3) Category A: 1 Day - 1x Dressage Test + 1x Cones + 1x Short Marathon
- 1.5. The FEI Driving World Challenge will include an individual ranking per Country and World Ranking for all 3 categories.

In order to be in the rankings, a turnout must successfully complete all the competitions in their category.
- 1.6. Placing: Athletes will be placed according to their final results after successfully completing all competitions in their category.
- 1.7. The Category A, B and C may be organised in either outdoor or indoor arenas between the 1<sup>st</sup> January and the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year.
- 1.8. It is permitted to drive a Horse/Pony taking part in the FEI Driving World Challenge competition in a training session and/or in a National competition on the day prior to the FEI Driving World Challenge competition.

## **ARTICLE 2. HORSE INSPECTION**

- 2.1. The In-Harness Horse Inspection must be carried out by the FEI Veterinary Delegate before the start of the first competition. The turnout will be asked to perform a figure eight to determine the fitness of the Horse/Pony to compete. If a Horse/Pony is starting in two Categories or with two different Athletes, it must be re-inspected before it can start again. This inspection should be performed 10 minutes prior to the Athlete's starting time on the Starting Order list.
- 2.2. The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before the turnout starts the first competition and must be performed under the supervision of the FEI Veterinary Delegate. The Horse/Pony must be presented by the Athletes themselves. An Athlete competing without presenting their Horse/Pony will result in an Elimination.
  - Horses/Ponies will be inspected harnessed to their carriages.
  - Leg bandages, over-reach boots, and brushing boots are permitted, but must be removed if asked.
  - The FEI Veterinary Delegate has the authority to Disqualify the Horse/Pony if it is considered to be unfit to compete at the Event.



- 2.3. FEI GR Art. 137.2: As an exception to the FEI General Regulations, Horses/Ponies taking part in the FEI Driving World Challenge competitions in their own country do **NOT** need to be registered with the FEI and therefore are **NOT** required to have an official, valid FEI Passport, or a National Passport approved by the FEI accompanied by an FEI Recognition Card, as a means of identification and to establish ownership.

All such Horses/Ponies must be properly registered within their National Federation and identifiable by diagram. Unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin, all Horses/Ponies must have a valid vaccination certificate.

### **ARTICLE 3. EQUIPMENT**

- 3.1. It is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fastened Protective Headgear at all times when on a Carriage or mounted.
- 3.2. It is compulsory for all persons on the Carriage to wear a body protector during the Combined Marathon and Short Marathon.
- 3.3. For persons under 18 years of age it is compulsory to wear a body protector at all times when on a Carriage or mounted.
- 3.4. The Athlete must carry a driving whip during the combined Dressage/Cones Competition and the Dressage competition.
- 3.5. Dress is free at all times, but legs must be covered.
- 3.6. Carriages may be 2 or 4 wheeled, and of any conformation.
- 3.7. Boots and bandages are allowed at any time.

### **ARTICLE 4. PARTICIPATION**

- 4.1. There can be a maximum of 60 competition starts in total during each day. If a NF decides to organise more than one Category, and the maximum quota per day is exceeded, then NFs may organise their event over several days, one day maximum per category.

Category C has 1 competition start per Athlete, Category B has 2 competition starts per Athlete, and Category A has 3 competition starts per Athlete.

- 4.2. It is the responsibility of the National Federation to select the participants (Horses/Ponies/Athletes) for the FEI Driving World Challenge in strict accordance with the participation rules and make sure that Athletes and Horses/Ponies comply with these rules.

- 4.3. Age of Athletes

Categories A, B and C are open to all athletes from the beginning of the year in which they reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- 4.4. Age of Grooms

- **Category A, B and C :**

- Athletes between 12 years old and 17 years old included must have one Groom of at least 18 years of age **on the carriage**.
- Athlete of 18 years and above must have one groom of at least 14 years of age **on the carriage**.



4.5. Age of Horses/Ponies:

- All Horses + Ponies of **5 years of age** and over can compete in **Category C** with **any Athlete**.
- All Horses + Ponies of **6 years of age** and over can compete in **Category B and A** with **any Athlete**.

4.6. Participation restrictions:

i. Athletes:

- Any Athlete that has participated in a CAI2\* or above is no longer eligible to compete in the Challenge.
- Only Athletes that have successfully completed in a National Driving event, Category C or CAI1\* may start in category B and A.
- An Athlete may compete in Category B and C during the same show with the same turnout, unless the Horse/Pony is 5 years old.
- An Athlete may compete with a maximum of 2 turnouts in the same Category. If an Athlete competes with more than one turnout in the same Category, only the score of one turnout will count for the Rankings (National/World). This turnout must be declared before the beginning of the first competition and must start first.

ii. Horse/Pony:

- A 5 years old Horse/Pony may only compete once in the C category at the same show.
- A 6 years old Horse/Pony and above may only compete in three competitions during the same day.
- Category A Horses/Ponies may only start once per day.
- A Horse/Pony may compete with 2 Athletes maximum, provided the Horse does not compete more than the allowed participations as per above.

*Please refer to the point 3 of the Organisers' Guide.*

4.7. Athletes driving more than one turnout in the same Category must complete the official FEI Declaration Form (available to download on the FEI Website, i.e. <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/Driving/downloads>), sign, and submit it to the OC. The OC must in turn submit the signed and completed Declaration Forms to the FEI appointed official before the start of the first competition. A copy of the form (with both signatures) must be submitted to the FEI with the results. The declared turnout must be driven first in all Competitions. The results obtained with the second turnout will not count towards the FEI Driving Challenge World Rankings.

4.8. Other restrictions may apply based on National Federation's participation criteria/technical Eligibility requirements. Athletes must consult the National regulations for such restrictions.

4.9. The NF of the organising country may enter as many Athletes as it wishes for each of the 3 categories, but must respect the maximum number of starts per day as per article 4.1.

4.10. **As an exception to the FEI General Regulations**, in the FEI Driving World Challenge "Athletes Living outside their country of nationality" (as defined in the FEI General Regulations) may compete for their country of residence.

Foreign Athletes from another Challenge NF or from a `non-Challenge´ NF may compete in the FEI Driving World Challenge under the conditions of Art. 101.2, FEI General Regulations.



- 4.11. Athletes and Horses/Ponies participating in the FEI Driving World Challenge do **NOT** need to be registered with the FEI.
- 4.12. If, in the opinion of the FEI appointed official, a turnout proves unsafe to continue, the official may eliminate the turnout and the combination will not be allowed to continue. If the Horse/Pony is entered with another Athlete, it is allowed to start. If the Athlete is entered with another Horse/Pony, they are allowed to start.
- 4.13. Category A, B and C: Draw & Starting order  
For all competitions, a random computer-generated starting list will be published. The starting order will remain the same for the second and third competitions.  
In case an athlete is driving more than one turnout, the declared turnout must be driven first in all competitions.

## **ARTICLE 5. ORGANISATION**

- 5.1. Each NF is directly responsible for the organisation and judging of the Competitions.
- 5.2. Countries may organise Categories A, B and/or C. The Categories must be held during the same period and at the same venue over one, two or three days depending on the number of starts in accordance with Article 4.1. If the Show is held over more than one day, Category C and/or B must be organised first, and Category A on the last day.
- 5.3. Countries may make a special request to the FEI in order to host one or more Challenge shows in separate locations. This will only be granted due to geographical locations, if the country is too large to allow Athletes to compete in one venue.

## **ARTICLE 6. OFFICIALS**

- 6.1. For all Categories:
- One FEI appointed Official that combines both Judge and Technical Delegate or Course Designer and Technical Delegate Functions.
  - One FEI or experienced National Judge (only required if the appointed FEI Official doesn't combine Technical Delegate and Judge function).
  - One FEI or experienced National Course Designer (only required if the appointed FEI Official doesn't combine Course Designer and Technical Delegate functions).
  - One FEI Veterinary Delegate (possible waiver for OV of other discipline, PTV or NHV – requests must be submitted to the FEI prior to the competition for approval).

Note: with the exception of the FEI appointed Official, all other appointments are the responsibility of the organising NF/OC in strict accordance with the FEI Driving World Challenge Rules.

- 6.2. The **FEI appointed Official** responsibilities include the inspection and approval of the arena and courses.

The completion of the Official's Report. The Official's Report must be completed and signed (an electronic signature is acceptable) and returned to the FEI within 14 days of the competition.



**6.3. Judge** Responsibilities include:

- The judging of the Combined Dressage Test, with the Judge placed at C.
- The judging of the Cones competition (if applicable), with the Judge placed at C.
- The judging of the Short Marathon competition (if applicable)
- The judging of the Combined Maraton competition (if applicable)

If the OC/NF wishes to appoint more Judges, they may do so but they must be placed at P and/or V. Their scores will however not be taken into consideration for the FEI Driving World Challenge results.

**6.4. Technical Delegate** Responsibilities include:

- Approval of the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the show including accommodation of Horses/Ponies and Athletes
- Liaison with the Chief Medical Officer or medical services of the show in regards to the Medical plan as well as the implementation of the Serious Incident Management Protocol.
- For all competitions the Technical Delegate will inspect and approve the courses, arenas and facilities for exercising and training, including the type and dimensions of obstacles and measurements of courses, with particular reference to their suitability for the level of the Competition.
- The Technical Delegate is specifically required to measure all courses to ensure they are of the indicated distances. The Technical Delegate must be able to inspect the courses early enough to allow for modifications to be made.

**6.5. Course Designer** Responsibilities include:

- The construction of the Cones Course in accordance with the specific plans and guidelines of the FEI Driving World Challenge (published on: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/Driving>).
- For the Short Marathon the Course Designer is responsible for the layout, measurement, preparation and marking of the route for the short Marathon in accordance with the specific plans and guidelines of the FEI Driving World Challenge (published on: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/Driving>), construction and marking of the Marathon Obstacles.
- The Course Designer role during the Short Marathon is to work with the Technical Delegate or Judge (as applicable as per Art. 6.3 and 6.4) to deal with judging queries, sanctions (dangerous driving, abuse of Horse, incorrect behaviour, welfare of the Horse), reviewing of course/obstacles during Short Marathon in case of bad weather situations.
- The Course Designer is responsible to ensure that all frangible technology are fitted in accordance to the rules & up to-date guidelines.

**6.6. Veterinary Delegate** responsibilities, refer to Article 2.

**ARTICLE 7. THE CATEGORIES**

- 7.1. Category A:**
- 1) Dressage Test CAI1\*
  - 2) Cones course (with time allowed)
  - 3) Short Marathon (2 obstacles)

- Category B:**
- 1) Combined Dressage/Cones test
  - 2) Combined Marathon (2x Marathon-type obstacles, and 8-12x Cone-type obstacles)

- Category C:**
- 1) Combined Dressage/Cones test



- 7.2. The size of the arena for all competitions in all Categories (A, B and C) is **80x40 meters and may be indoor or outdoor.**
- 7.3. All courses are designed each year by an experienced FEI Course Designer appointed by the FEI. NFs are responsible for the appointment of the Course Designer who will be in charge of building the courses in accordance with the plans designed by the FEI appointed Course Designer (ref. Art. 6.5).
- 7.4. All courses must be built in accordance to the specific course plans and course building instructions for the FEI Driving World Challenge (published on: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/Driving>).
- 7.5. There must be a suitable Warm-Up Area for all competitions.
- 7.6. Scoring system  
Please refer to the scoring sheet of each category for the scoring system of each competition.
- Categories A:
- 1) Dressage Test Scoring as per Scoring Sheet and penalty seconds as per Art. 8.1
  - 2) Cones Course scoring as per scoring sheet and penalty seconds as per Art. 8.3
  - 3) Short Marathon Competition scoring as per scoring sheet and penalty seconds as per Art. 8.5
- Categories B:
- 1) Combined Dressage/Cones Test Scoring as per Scoring Sheet and penalty seconds as per Art 8.2
  - 2) Combined Marathon Competition Scoring as per Scoring sheet and penalty seconds as per Art 8.4
- Categories C:
- 1) Combined Dressage/Cones Test Scoring as per Scoring Sheet and penalties seconds as per Art 8.2
- 7.7. In Category A and B, the Athlete with the least number of penalties will be the Winner. In Category C, the Athlete with the highest score will be the Winner. Should there be a tie, Athletes will be placed at the same rank.
- 7.8. Penalties can only be given by the Judge.
- 7.9. Scores will be calculated to two decimal places.
- 7.10. Cones: The cones will preferably be International standard Cones as per DRs Annex 7 Cones and markers specification. If this is not possible, standard Traffic Cones may be used. The width between the two set of Cones must be 165 cm.
- 7.11. The competition arena must be enclosed. The size of the arena for the FEI Driving World Challenge is **80x40 meters**. If built inside a larger arena, it must be either marked out on the ground or railed off.
- 7.12. Before the beginning of the Combined Marathon, Short Marathon and Cones Competition, a course walk of minimum 20 and maximum 45 minutes must be organised in the presence of the Course Designer and/or Technical Delegate, all Athletes and their Coaches. The Course Designer/Technical Delegate will on this occasion supervise the briefing and course walk and put forward the challenges of the course and driving recommendations for maximum security.
- Note: The course walk is meant to "educate" the different Athletes and Trainers on the difficulties of the course and try to insure best practice for maximum security.





**ARTICLE 8. SUMMARY OF PENALTIES IN COMPETITIONS**

8.1. Dressage penalties

Description	Penalty seconds Category A
Athlete dismounting	80 penalty seconds
Entering the arena without a whip	20 penalty seconds
No breeching	Elimination
Person tied to the carriage	Elimination
Lame Horse/Pony	Removal from competition
Errors of course, each occurrence	20 penalty seconds
Carriage overturn	Elimination

8.2. Combined Dressage/Cones

Description	Penalty points Categories B and C
Athlete dismounting	8 penalty points
Entering the arena without a whip	2 penalty points
Exceeding the maximum time of 164 seconds in the cones course	2 penalty points
Athlete/Groom entering arena without protective headgear/body protector (if applicable)	2 penalty points
Knocking down one or two balls in the same single obstacle.	1,2 penalty points
Knocking down an element of a Multiple obstacle	1,2 penalty points
Knocking down any part of an obstacle after it has already been driven	1,2 penalty points
Taking an obstacle out of sequence and correcting the course	4 penalty points per missed obstacle
Failure to halt after the bell is rung a second time	4 penalty points
Starting before the bell after an obstacle is rebuilt	4 penalty points
No breeching	Elimination
Person tied to the carriage	Elimination
Lame Horse/Pony	Removal from competition
Errors of course, each occurrence	2 penalty points
Carriage overturn	Elimination


**8.3. Cones penalties**

Description	Penalty seconds Category A
No breeching	Elimination
Person tied to the carriage	Elimination
Carriage overturn	Elimination
Exceeding the maximum time of 5 minutes in the course	200 penalty seconds
Athlete/Groom entering arena without protective headgear/body protector (if applicable)	20 penalty seconds
Failing to start within 45 seconds of bell ring	Timing starts
Failing to pass through start or finish lines	40 penalty seconds (each occurrence)
Knocking down one or two balls in the same single obstacle	12 penalty seconds
Knocking down an element of a Multiple obstacle	12 penalty seconds
Knocking down any part of an obstacle after it has already been driven	12 penalty seconds
Taking an obstacle out of sequence and correcting the course	40 penalty seconds per missed obstacle
Failure to halt after the bell is rung a second time	40 penalty seconds
Causing an obstacle or part of a multiple obstacle to be rebuilt	12 penalty seconds and add 10 extra seconds
Starting before the bell after an obstacle is rebuilt	40 penalty seconds
Athlete dismounting	80 penalty seconds

**8.4. Combined Marathon Penalties**

Description	Penalty seconds Category B
Dislodging one or two balls in a single cones obstacle	4 penalty seconds
Knocking over or down any element of a marathon type obstacle	4 penalty seconds
Knocking down any part of an obstacle in advance of being driven - the Judge will ring the bell and the obstacle rebuilt (clock stops)	10 penalty seconds
Wrong course in marathon type obstacle (corrected)	20 penalty seconds
Wrong course in marathon type obstacle (not corrected)	200 penalty seconds
Groom(s) handling the reins, using whip or brake when carriage is not stationary	20 penalty seconds
Groom(s) dismounting, per incident	5 penalty seconds



Athlete dismounting	20 penalty seconds
Failure of athlete to stop after repeated ringing of the bell	200 penalty seconds
Knocking down any part of a cones obstacle after it has already been driven	4 penalty seconds
Wrong course in a single obstacle (sequence & direction)	200 penalty seconds
Failure to pass through the start and finish flags	10 penalty seconds
No protective headgear and back protectors on Athlete and Groom(s)	Elimination
No breeching	Elimination
Carriage overturn	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit	Elimination

#### 8.5. Short Marathon Penalties

Definition	Penalty seconds Category A
Dislodging a dislodgeable Element	8 penalty seconds per occurrence
Preventing a dislodgeable Element from being dislodged	40 penalty seconds
Athlete Dismounting while in the obstacles	80 penalty seconds
Finishing with missing or disconnected Pole strap, trace or reins for each occurrence	40 penalty seconds
Entering the second obstacle without passing through the Compulsory Turning Flags	100 penalty seconds
Failing to pass through entry/exit flags of an Obstacle, per incident	40 penalty seconds
Groom(s) not on the carriage when crossing start of an obstacle	100 penalty seconds
Failing to pass through exit flags of an obstacle within 5 minutes	200 penalty seconds
For correcting each error of Course in an obstacle	80 penalty seconds
Groom(s) dismounting in an obstacle, per incident	20 penalty seconds
Athlete dismounting in an obstacle.	80 penalty seconds
Groom climbing over Horse/Pony back or down the pole in an obstacle	80 penalty seconds
Failing to stop for leg over trace or shaft	40 penalty seconds
Exceeding the time limit in obstacles (5 minutes)	200 penalty seconds
Athlete or Groom wearing shorts	40 penalty seconds per person
Carriage overturn	Elimination



No Protective Headgear or no back or body protector on Marathon	Elimination
No breeching	Elimination
Person tied to the carriage	Elimination

**ARTICLE 9. PRIZES**

The Organising Committee within each country is responsible for the distribution of prizes as per the FEI GRs 127 and 128.

**ARTICLE 10. EVENT REGISTRATION**

It is the responsibility of the NFs to inform the FEI on their intention of participation by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** the year prior to the competition by sending to the FEI, the “Application Form” posted on the FEI website (<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/Driving>). Dates must fit between 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December. The FEI will appoint the Official in accordance with Art. 6.1 within one month of the Application deadline.

**ARTICLE 11. RESULTS**

11.1. Individual Ranking

There will be an Individual ranking per Country and for the World for all 3 Categories. In order to be in the rankings, a turnout must successfully complete all competitions of the category.

An athlete can only be in the rankings once per Category and must Declare the turnout before the start of the Competition (see Art 3.13).

11.2. Results, Horse/Pony Declaration forms, official’s reports, one copy of the competition programme, and some photographs and video of the competition if any, together with press clippings must be sent to the FEI immediately after the competition. Please use only the Excel sheet specifically designed for the results of the FEI Challenge. This can be downloaded from the “Downloads” section of the FEI Driving World Challenge web page. Please submit the results fully completed in their original format (Excel) in order to facilitate result processing as well as a copy of the results signed off by the Judges responsible.

11.3. The FEI will establish the final standings which will be published on the web site (<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/fei-world-challenge/Driving>).

**ARTICLE 12. INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO THE FEI**

12.1. TWO MONTHS prior to the competition:

- A. CONFIRMATION OF COMPETITIONS DATES – before December 1<sup>st</sup> the year prior to the competitions.
- B. NAME & STATUS OF NF APPOINTED OFFICIAL FOR CATEGORY A, B & C.
- C. NAME OF FEI OFFICIAL VETERINARY DELEGATE FOR CATEGORY A, B & C.



**BEFORE THE COMPETITION:**

NFs/OC must if necessary **create** the Athletes and Horses/Ponies' profiles in the FEI World Challenges IT Platform (<http://worldchallenges.inside.fei.org/login>) and then **enter** them in the corresponding Category.

Entries will be **open** two weeks prior to the Event and will **close** one day prior to the Event.

12.2. Immediately after the competition and no later than 14 days after the competition, NFs must provide the following information to the FEI:

- One copy of the competition programme.
- Copy of the results signed by the official FEI Appointed Official and/or Judge.
- Copies of all forms used to declare the official Horse/Pony when an athlete drives more than one Horse/Pony. These forms must be signed by the athlete and the FEI appointed official. It must be remembered that only one Horse/Pony can count for the standings and that **this Horse/Pony must be declared before the start of the Competition and must be driven first.**
- The FEI appointed official's report.
- The FEI Veterinary Delegate's report.
- Photographs of the competition **with names of all the people figuring on them clearly written in English, either on the back of the photographs, or on a separate list.**
- Press clippings relating to the show.

12.3. The National Federations are responsible for the travelling arrangements of the Officials, as well as for their per diem and accommodation (board and lodging) during their sojourn.

The FEI will reimburse the air travel expense for the FEI appointed Official up to a maximum amount of EUR 1'500.- and per diem for three days at EUR 120.- (per day) to the National Federations upon receipt of the proper documentation (flight invoice) per show.

Note: The three days per diem are calculated on the basis of: Day 1 Official Arrival / Day 2 Competition Day / Day 3 Official Departure). If there are extra competition days, the expense for the FEI Appointed Official will be at the expense of the NF.

**ARTICLE 13. MISCELLANEOUS**

13.1. FEI Brand

The FEI logo being a registered trademark we ask that while preparing publications for the competition (programmes, flyers, etc.) the OC strictly follows the FEI Brand Guidelines whenever using the FEI Logo, which you will find on the FEI website under: <http://www.inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/commercial/branding>.

13.2. General

- The FEI Driving World Challenge must be organised strictly according to General Regulations 24th edition, FEI Rules for Driving Events, 25<sup>th</sup> Edition, the 2022 FEI Driving World Challenge Rules, the FEI Driving World Challenge Dressage test & scoring sheets, the Course Plans, the Organisers Guide and Course Designer Guide.

The FEI is entitled to make reasonable amendments to the present rules. It is the responsibility of the NFs to ensure that the Athletes and Horses/Ponies take part in the appropriate Category according to their age and experience.



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**ARTICLE 14. DEFINITIONS**

- **Show:** a complete World Challenge Event.
- **Venue:** a location where a show is organised.
- **Category:** one of the three levels: Category A (highest level meant as a bridge to the first FEI level of competition), Category B (for Novice level Athletes), Category C (for Beginner level Athletes - an Introduction to Driving).
- **Competition:** a component of a show: Dressage, Combined Dressage/Cones, Combined Marathon, Short Marathon, Cones
- **Turnout:** a Carriage with the Horse/Pony, Harness, Athlete and Groom.



ANNEX 1 DIAGRAM OF THE 80X40 ARENA

