



The American Driving Society, Inc.

RP#1

Proposed by Combined Driving and Event Standards committees.

943.2.19 and GR12.2

At ADS -Recognized events, all athletes who are competing with a disability dispensation to use a quick release seatbelt must have a groom riding on their carriage with them at all times during the show. This includes competition and warm-up.

Reason: If Athlete requires a quick release harness, a capable groom must be on carriage to release Athlete's harness, and assist in the accident recovery. Being "close by" is not close enough.



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RP #2

Proposed by Tracey Morgan

519.2 FEI **Advanced dressage** tests **may be** used ~~in National Championships, FEI comp, and at the Advanced Level. At Advanced Level ADS events, ADS test may be used as well.~~ **at ADS recognized competitions in the Intermediate and Advanced divisions.**

Reason: to be consistent with existing Article 951 - Driven Dressage Tests and two RCS proposed. 1) RCS to ART 901.1 to create PARA classes and 2) RCS to Art 951 that would allow Intermediate Para class to use the FEI PARA dressage test



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RP #3

Proposed by Bill Allen

522.4 Collective marks are marked after the competitor has finished his performance for: ~~a. Gaits b. Impulsion c. Submission d. The driver's handling of the reins and whip; correctness and effect of the aids.~~ **Athlete, General Impression and Presentation.** Each collective mark is awarded from 0 to 10

Reason: To harmonize with USEF and FEI.



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RP#4

Proposed by Tracy Morgan, modified by Combined Driving Committee.

928.1.4 In Cones, Grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between the start line and finish line.

At ADS-recognized events, grooms may sit or stand. Grooms sliding, lifting, or moving the vehicle in any way will incur immediate elimination.

Article 975.2.7

Grooms must be seated in their proper place between the start and finish lines. For penalties see Art CD-981.

At ADS-recognized events, grooms may sit or stand. Grooms sliding, lifting, or moving the vehicle in any way will incur immediate elimination.

Article 975

3.7 Grooms must be seated in their proper places between the start and the finish line. For penalties see Art. 981

At ADS-recognized events, grooms may sit or stand. Grooms sliding, lifting, or moving the vehicle in any way will incur immediate elimination.

Reason: Safety for the driver, groom and horse(s) while doing Cones. Drivers and Grooms will be able to make the preferred choice for the position of the Groom. Not all competitions have a flat area for cones. Turning at speed with the groom seated on the outside of the turn can make the carriage less stable. Marathon carriages often have "seats" that are not large enough to comfortably accommodate an adult sitting.

Grooms will not be able to "bounce" the carriage without penalty, nor will they be allowed to change position the between start and finish.



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RP#5

Proposed by Tracey Morgan

901.1 All, or any, of the following classes may be held at the same Event, but each must be classified separately:

Horse: Single(H1), **Para (H1PARA)**, Pair (H2), and Four in Hand (H4)
Pony: Single (P1), **Para (P1PARA)**, Pair (P2), and Four in Hand (P4)

*Reason: To allow Organizers to offer Para Single classes in any Division and choose an appropriate Dressage test.
Dressage tests that have certain movements such as One Handed or Canter may be appropriate for other Classes and not for Para*



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RP #6

Proposed by James Thomas

950.3 In ~~Youth~~ **Junior** categories, the Driven Dressage Arena must be 80 x 40 m. The Organizer must ensure that the arena is enclosed.

Reason: The term youth is not used elsewhere in the rules. The term junior is appropriate for age related identification of competitors



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RP#7

Proposed by Tracey Morgan

Article 951 Driven Dressage Tests

Approved Tests

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

At ADS-recognized events, current ADS Driven Dressage Tests must be used as published for Training, Preliminary and Intermediate divisions and for Advanced division in Arena Trials. 2020 ADS Driven Dressage Tests are titled with letter for easy identification. Advanced divisions in Driving Trials and Hybrid divisions and CAC classes offering Advanced Dressage use appropriate FEI Driven Dressage Tests. Organizers may also offer FEI 1* **or FEI Para** Dressage tests to ADS Intermediate divisions.

Reason: To allow ADS recognized competitions to offer an Intermediate Para class using the FEI Para dressage test.

ADS Intermediate dressage tests have one handed or Canter movements which are not appropriate for Para classes.



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RP #8

Proposed by Lisa Singer, Modified by Combined Driving Committee

Article 913 Minimum Eligibility Requirements/Qualification Criteria

913.3 Eligibility for ADS-recognized Events

3.1 Training division

- a. Open to a horse that has not completed* more than one recognized Combined Driving Event (CDE) or Driving Trial (DT) above the Training division, driven by a driver of any level of competitive experience, or driven by an athlete who has not entered in the Advanced division. An Advanced driver may participate in this division, but must go Hors Concours (HC).**
- b. Open to a driver who has not completed* more than one recognized CDE or DT above the Training division, with a horse of any level of competitive experience.**
- c. Limit classes are open only to horse and driver combinations not yet eligible for Preliminary Division.**

Reason: I agree that an advance/professional driver should show their horses in training level for the horse, but it becomes unfair for the new training level drivers to be competing against an advanced/professional driver. Having limit/open does not divided the capabilities well enough.



RP # 9

Proposed By Carrie Ostrowski

2023 AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY RULEBOOK

2.8 Distances and Pace at ADS-recognized Marathon competitions:

DIVISION	TOTAL DISTANCE		PACE			
	MIN KM	MAX KM	SECTION A	TRANSFER SECTION*	SECTION B ¹	
					OUTSIDE OBSTACLES	INSIDE OBSTACLES
Training	8 ²	12.5	Any pace	Any pace	Walk or trot only	Walk or trot only
Preliminary	8 ²	14	Any pace	Any pace	Any pace	Any pace
Intermediate	10.8 ²	15	Any pace	Any pace	Any pace	Any pace
Advanced	11.8 ²	18	Any pace	Any pace	Any pace	Any pace

1) All divisions – Walk or trot only from last obstacle or last 300m to end of Section B, see 2.7 and 2.8.
 2) *The Transfer Section minimum distance is 800 meters and the maximum distance is 1500 meters.
 3) See 960.2.7(d) whenever Controlled Warmup option is used.

2.8.1 ADS Option – Two-section Marathon

DIVISION	MAX DISTANCE	MIN DISTANCE	PACE	SPEEDS KPH			
				HORSE	PONY	SM PONY	VSE
Training	Sect A 6500 m	5800 m	Free	10-12	9-11	8-10	5.5-7.5
	Sect B 6000 m	4000 m	Walk/Trot	13-14	12	11	9
Preliminary	Sect A 6500 m	5800 m	Free	10-12	9-11	8-10	6-8
	Sect B 7000 m	5000 m	Free	14	13	12	9.5
Intermediate	Sect A 6500 m	5800 m	Free	11-13	10-12	9-11	6.5-8.5
	Sect B 8000 m	7000 m	Free	14	13	12	10

*The actual speed for Section A will be determined by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer based on length of the track and allowing incorporation of at least 800 meters walking at appropriate speed.

2.9 Speeds at ADS-recognized Marathon competitions:

SPEEDS KPH	TRAINING			PRELIMINARY			INTERMEDIATE			ADVANCED		
	Sec A	Trsfr	Sec B	Sec A	Trsfr	Sec B	Sec A	Trsfr	Sec B	Sec A	Trsfr	Sec B
Horses ¹	14	—	13	14	—	14	15	—	14	15	—	14
Ponies ¹	13	—	12	13	—	13	14	—	13	14	—	13
Small Ponies ¹	12	—	11	12	—	12	13	—	12	13	—	12
VSEs ¹	9	—	9	10	—	9.5	10	—	10	10	—	10



Proposed charts:

Marathon Competitions:

DIVISION	TOTAL DISTANCE		PACE & SPEED					
	MIN KM	MAX KM	SECTION	PACE	SPEEDS KPH			
					HORSE	PONY	SM PONY	VSE
Training	8 ^{2, 3}	12 .5	Sec A	Any pace	14	13	12	9
			Trsfr	Any pace	-	-	-	-
			Sec B ¹	Walk or trot only	13	12	11	9
Preliminary	8 ^{2, 3}	14	Sec A	Any pace	14	13	12	10
			Trsfr	Any pace	-	-	-	-
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	9.5
Intermediate	10 .8 ^{2, 3}	15	Sec A	Any pace	15	14	13	10
			Trsfr	Any pace	-	-	-	-
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	10
1) All divisions - Walk or trot only from last obstacle or last 300m to end of Section B, see 960.6.2 2) The Transfer Section minimum distance is 800 meters and the maximum distance is 1500 meters 3) See 960 .2 .7(d) whenever Controlled Warmup option is used								

2.8.1 ADS Option- Two-section Marathon

2.0: FADS Option - Two section Marathon								
DIVISION	MIN DISTANCE	MAX DISTANCE	SECTION	PACE	SPEEDS KPH*			
					HORSE	PONY	SM PONY	VSE
Training	8 ²	12.5	Sec A	Any pace	10-12	9-11	8-10	5 .5-7 .5
			Sec B ¹	Walk/Trot	13-14	12	11	9
Preliminary	8 ²	14	Sec A	Any pace	10-12	9-11	8-10	6-8
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	9 .5
Intermediate	10 .8 ²	15	Sec A	Any pace	11-13	10-12	9-11	6 .5-8 .5
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	10
*The actual speed for Section A will be determined by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer based on length of the track and allowing incorporation of at least 800 meters walking at appropriate speed.								
1) All divisions - Walk or trot only from last obstacle or last 300m to end of Section B, see 960.6.2								
2) See 960 .2 .7(d) whenever Controlled Warmup option is used								

Reason: The proposed distance changes for a 2-section marathon bring the total minimum and maximum course distances back to the same requirements as a 3-section marathon. Currently the 2 section marathon minimums require a longer course. Also, by no longer specifying a min/max for each section, course designers and organizers can divide the course length up how they see fit for the facility/event. Lastly the revised 3 section chart includes speeds allowing for the elimination of chart 960.2.9