

Article 201 Judges and Technical Delegates

Judges' decisions representing their individual preferences are not protestable. Inquiries concerning irregularities or incidents during the Event/Show and the outcome of Pleasure classes for technical reasons may be made at any time during the competition. Objections must be made to the Technical Delegate no more than one hour after the posting of class results. **The organizer shall supply a scribe for Pleasure Driving Obstacle Classes.**

237.6 Start and finish lines for all obstacle courses should be a minimum of 3 meters wide, **and marked by a pair of cones.**

945 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, to speak or indicate the course to the Athlete is not permitted (will incur 10 penalties). However, the Groom may handle the reins, whip and brake without penalty provided the carriage remains stationary.

In ADS-recognized competitions, if the carriage does not have a safe groom seat, the judge may grant permission for the groom(s) to stand with no penalty, grooms on marathon carriages may sit or stand. Grooms are not allowed to change position. Grooms sliding, lifting or moving the vehicle in any way will incur elimination.

975 ~~.2.7~~ 3.7 Grooms must be seated in their proper places between the start and finish lines. For penalties, see Art.CD-981.

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Add to Appendix CD-C Driving Derby (DD) with original format

Turnout

Additional restrictions or variations may be made at the discretion of the OC.

- 6.1 Carriage: Marathon-type carriage with iron or solid-rubber tires is encouraged. There are no required weights or track widths.
- 6.2 Harness: Bridle must have noseband. No type of check or auxiliary reins is allowed. Breeching is required for all single turnouts and for any vehicle without brakes.
- 6.3 Safety: All Athletes and groom(s) must wear securely fastened protective headgear which meets ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use and Safety (Protective) vest.
- 6.4 Groom(s):
 - a. Singles, pairs and tandems: One groom required at all times except single VSE and single Small Pony.
 - b. Unicorns and four-in-hands: Two grooms at all times except VSE,
 - c. which is only required one groom.

6.5. Shorts are not permitted. A penalty of 10 seconds will be added to the score for each person on the carriage wearing shorts. At ADS-recognized events, non-permitted "shorts" are defined as clothing that does not cover the legs to the ankles.

6.5 7.1 Whips:

a. Whips must be of suitable length to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse and be carried at all times by the driver while the carriage is in motion.

b. If the whip is dropped, the driver or groom can retrieve a spare whip or the carriage must be stopped so a groom may dismount and retrieve the whip. In the case of drivers without a groom, the whip can be restored to the driver by an outside party. The penalty is the time lost.

c. Excessive use of the whip anywhere anytime will result in disqualification of the Athlete from the event.

Also edit the chart after 9.10 Summary of Penalties with original format

DESCRIPTION	REF.	PENALTY
Excessive use of the whip	6.5	Disqualification
Wearing Shorts by anyone on carriage	6.5	10 sec
Starting before the signal	7.3	10 seconds
Failing to pass through start or finish gates	7.4	Elimination
Numbered cones obstacle driven backwards, out of order, or more than once	8.3	Elimination
Corrected course, lettered gates	8.3	20 seconds
Wrong course, not corrected	8.3	Elimination
A dislodged element is knocked down by any means	9.3, 9.4	5 seconds
Causing an obstacle to be rebuilt (clock stops)	9.5	5 seconds
First or second disobedience	9.6	No penalties; time lost
Third disobedience	9.6	Elimination
Loss of effective control	9.6	Elimination
Groom not on carriage when passing Finish Line	9.7	Elimination
Dismounting while carriage is in motion	9.7 (a)	10 seconds
Groom(s) or Athlete intentionally dismounting, first or second time	9.7	No penalties; time lost
Groom(s) or Athlete intentionally dismounting for third time	9.7	Elimination
Failure to dismount to repair broken harness	9.7	Elimination
Groom(s) or Athlete intentionally dismounting and remounting before next numbered gate or finish	9.7	No penalties; time lost
Groom(s) or Athlete intentionally dismounting and remounting after next numbered gate or finish or carriage does not halt for remount	9.7	Elimination
Driver unintentional dismount	9.7	Elimination
Groom uses the reins, whip or the brake	9.8	20 seconds
Carriage turnover	9.9	Elimination
Cantering in Training division per occurrence	9.10	20 seconds

928.1 Dress in Dressage and Cones on a Dressage Carriage

1.1 The dress of Athletes and Grooms must conform to the style of the Carriage and harness used. Jackets or national dress, driving

aprons, hats or protective headgear and gloves are obligatory for Athletes. ~~At ADS-recognized events, jackets are optional for lady drivers.~~

Also edit chart 981

DESCRIPTION	REF. ART.	FAULT COMPETITION	TIME COMPETITION
Athlete or groom entering arena without securely fastened protective headgear .	928.1.6	Elimination	
Athlete entering arena without hat, gloves or apron See ADS-exception:	928.1	5 penalties	5 seconds
Groom entering arena without jacket, hat or gloves	928.1.3	5 penalties	5 seconds
Driving without a whip in the competition	928.4	5 penalties	5 seconds

935.2 First Horse Inspection

At ADS-recognized events, the First Horse Inspection is at the option of the Organizer. When required, it must be stated in the ADS Omnibus.

- 2.1 This must take place at all Events before the start of the first Competition. It must be performed under the direction of the President of the Ground Jury, ~~together with at least one other member of the Ground Jury, and the Veterinary Delegate and/or the President of the Veterinary Commission. See [FEI] Veterinary Regulations and Guidelines for OCs and Officials for details.~~

935.5 In-Harness Inspection before Cones

5.1 The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before the turnout starts the Cones test, only when Cones follow Marathon. It must be performed by ~~an Inspecting Committee consisting of one member of the Ground Jury together with~~ the Veterinary Delegate, ~~or the Veterinary Commission~~. The Inspection is obligatory at all Events when Cones follow Marathon. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete himself. Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.

960.2.8

2.7 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	21	11	9
Preliminary	8 ^{2,3}	14	Sec A	Any pace	14	13	12	10-11
			Trsfr	Any pace	-	-	-	-
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	9-5-10.5
Intermediate	10.8 ^{2,3}	15	Sec A	Any pace	15	14	13	10-11
			Trsfr	Any pace	-	-	-	-
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	10-11

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

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 or trot only	13	12	11	9
Preliminary	8 ²	14	Sec A	Any pace	10-12	9-11	8-10	6-8-7-9
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	9-5-10.5
Intermediate	10, 8 ²	15	Sec A	Any pace	11-13	10-12	9-11	6-5-8-5-7.5-9.5
			Sec B ¹	Any pace	14	13	12	10-11

*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 Warm-up option is used.

962.3.6:

*In ADS-recognized events, ~~Drivers with limited mobility, and with an ADS Dispensation for such,~~ will be permitted to drive themselves or be driven through marathon obstacles **using a mobility device** at a walking pace ~~in golf carts or similar vehicles.~~*

973.7.1

Inspection of the Course

The course must be open for inspection at least one hour and forty-five minutes before the start of the competition. A 15-minute window must be observed between the end of the inspection and the first start. Only Chefs d'Equipe (when applicable), Athletes and one accompanying person per Athlete at a time are allowed to inspect the course on foot and they must be correctly and smartly dressed. Athletes and their accompanying person, and Chefs d'Equipe, are not permitted to use measuring wheels when inspecting the course. At an Event, a warning will be issued for the first offence and a Warning Card from the President of Jury for subsequent offences.

*At ADS-recognized events, Athletes with **an ADS, USEF or FEI dispensation due to physical disabilities** will be permitted to drive themselves through the Cones course **using a mobility device**, at a walking pace ~~in golf carts or similar vehicles. All grooms are allowed to inspect the course.~~*

At ADS-recognized events all grooms are allowed to inspect the course.

943.2.19

At ADS-recognized events, all athletes competing with a disability dispensation utilizing a quick release seatbelt must have a groom riding on their carriage at all times, **while the carriage is moving. When stopped, the groom must be within 2 meters of the turnout at all times.** This includes competition, warm-up and schooling.