

The Combined Driving Committee has prepared the following proposed changes. The articles are those involving VSE and Small Pony requirement exemption for participating in Advanced Dressage and Cones competitions, as well as Marathon speeds, for use at Driving Trials. Changes are indicated in red, underlined text.

**Article 937 Weights and Dimensions**

**937.1 General**

- 1.1 In all classes, during Dressage, Marathon, Cones and Combined Marathon, 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.

*At ADS-recognized events, drivers may use a two- or four-wheeled vehicle for single horse/pony/ VSE classes. For divisions other than Hybrid divisions offering Advanced Dressage and Cones ~~Intermediate II and Advanced~~, a groom is optional for single horse and pony drivers in Dressage and Cones Competitions only and also in Marathon for all single equine turnouts less than 120 cm. FEI rules for grooms and vehicle requirements are optional for single VSEs and Small Ponies in CAC classes and Hybrid divisions offering Advanced Dressage and Cones, and Advanced division Driving Trials.*

*Exception: See Article 973 and Article 974 for events where the Organizer has opted to use standard Cone settings and has published the specifications in the Omnibus.*

*At ADS-recognized events, there are no required weights or track widths. (See Appendix CD-E – Quick Reference Guide for CDEs)*

**937.3 [FEI] Dressage Carriages must comply with the following:**

CLASS	WHEELS	GROOMS	MIN WIDTH
Horse Four-in-hand	4	2 behind	158 cm
Pony Four-in-hand			138 cm
Horse Pair	4	1 behind	148 cm
Pony Pair			138 cm
Horse Single	2 or 4	1 behind or beside	138 cm
Pony Single			

*At ADS-recognized Dressage and Cones competitions, the following table applies for Training, Preliminary ~~and~~, Intermediate divisions and all Advanced division classes for VSEs and Small Ponies.*

CLASS		GROOMS	WHEELS	WT / WIDTH
FOUR-IN-HAND OR UNICORN	Horse, Pony	2 behind	4	No minimum weight or width
	Small Pony, VSE	1 behind		
PAIR	Horse, Pony, Small Pony, VSE			
	TANDEM	Horse, Pony, Small Pony, VSE	1 behind or beside	
SINGLE	Horse, Pony, Small Pony, VSE	None required		

- a. *At ADS-recognized events, see Article 943 for all single equine turnouts.*  
 b. *At ADS-recognized events, there are no required track widths. (See Appendix CD-E – Quick Reference Guide for CDEs).*

*Exceptions:*

*(1) ~~In Dressage and Cones, Intermediate II division entries~~ Entries in Hybrid divisions offering Advanced Dressage and Cones (except for VSE and Small Pony turnouts) must follow all vehicle requirements under FEI CAI 2\* rules.*

*(2) See Article 973 and Article 974 for events where the Organizer has opted to use standard Cones settings and has published the specifications in the Omnibus.*

**Article 938 Equipment**

938.1 Dressage Carriages must be fitted with forward facing lamps and rear lamps or reflectors in Dressage only (penalties: see [Article 957](#)). Lamps or reflectors are not compulsory in Cones.

*At ADS-recognized events, ~~the provisions of this article apply to Intermediate II, but do not apply to Athletes competing in Hybrid divisions offering Advanced Dressage and Cones must follow all FEI rules pertaining to Athlete and Groom Participation. In Training, Preliminary and Intermediate Divisions, nor do the applicable penalties of Article 957 or Article 981.~~*

**Note: The lamp requirement for VSEs and Small Ponies will be retained. No change.**

**943.2 The Athletes and Grooms participation:**

*2.14 At ADS-recognized events, the following table shall apply for Training, Preliminary, ~~and~~ Intermediate divisions, and all Advanced division classes for VSEs and Small Ponies:*

CLASS		GROOM		WHEELS	WT / WIDTH
		DRESSAGE & CONES	MARATHON		
FOUR-IN-HAND OR UNICORN	Horse, Pony	2 behind	2 behind	4	No minimum weight or width
	Small Pony, VSE	1 behind	1 behind		
PAIR	Horse, Pony, Small Pony, VSE			1 behind or beside	
TANDEM	Horse, Pony, Small Pony, VSE	None required (Art.943.2.16)	None required		
SINGLE	Horse, Pony			None required (Art.943.2.16)	
	Small Pony, VSE				

*2.15 At ADS-recognized events, the same driver must drive the entry in all Competitions at the Event.*

*2.16 ~~Intermediate II division drivers~~ Athletes (except for Small Ponies and VSEs) competing in Hybrid divisions and CAC classes offering Advanced Dressage and Cones (except for Small Ponies and VSEs) must follow all FEI rules ~~for Advanced Competition for Dressage and Cones~~ pertaining to Athlete and Groom participation.*

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*2.9 Speeds at ADS-recognized Marathon competitions:*

SPEEDS KPH	TRAINING			PRELIMINARY			INTERMEDIATE-/ INTERMEDIATE-II			USEF / FEI ADVANCED		
	Sec A	Walk	Sec B	Sec A	Walk	Sec B	Sec A	Walk	Sec B	Sec A	Trsfr	Sec B
Horses <sup>1</sup>	14	6	13	14	6	14	15	6.5	14	15	—	14
Ponies <sup>1</sup>	13	5	12	13	5	13	14	5.5	13	14	—	13
Small Ponies <sup>1</sup>	12	5	11	12	5	12	13	5.5	12	<u>13</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>12</u>
VSEs <sup>1</sup>	9	3.5	9	10	4	9.5	10	4.5	10	<u>10</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>10</u>

<sup>1</sup>) See Article 930.4

**937.1.6**

*1.7 At ADS-recognized events, minimum clearance between pairs of cones shall be:*

DIVISION	HORSES AND PONIES	VSE
Training division	35 cm + track width *	30 cm + track width *
Preliminary division	30 cm + track width *	25 cm + track width *
Intermediate division	25 cm + track width *	20 cm + track width *
<del>Intermediate II division</del> Advanced division	See <a href="#">Article 974</a>	15 cm + track width *

\* Increase settings by 10 cm for tandems, unicorns and four-in-hands.

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*Speeds at ADS-recognized events:*

DIVISION		SINGLE, PAIR	TANDEM, UNICORN, FOUR-IN-HAND
Training	VSE	160 mpm	150 mpm
	Horse/Pony	180 mpm	170 mpm
Preliminary	VSE	180 mpm	170 mpm
	Horse/Pony	200 mpm	190 mpm
Intermediate	VSE	190 mpm	180 mpm
	Horse/Pony	220 mpm	210 mpm

<del>INTERMEDIATE-H ADVANCED</del>	SINGLE	PAIR	TANDEM	UNICORN, FOUR-IN-HAND
Horse	250 mpm	250 mpm	240 mpm	240 mpm
Pony	260 mpm	250 mpm	240 mpm	240 mpm
VSE	200 mpm	200 mpm	190 mpm	190 mpm

Additionally, for clarity, the CDC is proposing:

**Article 912 Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms**

*For ADS-recognized events the provisions of 1-4 [and 6](#) of this article do not apply. See Article 2.7 for minimum age requirements [and specific exception for Athletes driving VSE Turnouts under 943.2.13](#). The minimum competitions age for grooms is 14. Exception: Driving Trial (Training and Preliminary divisions), the minimum competition age for a groom is 12.*