



**THE
AMERICAN
DRIVING
SOCIETY
RULEBOOK**

EXTRAORDINARY RULE CHANGES

(Adopted by the Board of Directors: November 20, 2012)

*As requested by the Driven Dressage
And Combined Driving Committees and
Recommended by the Rules Committee.*

NOTICE TO READER:

The changes represented on the following pages have been adopted by all national federation members of the FEI and are the rules for Combined Driving, effective January 1, 2013.

The exceptions highlighted in yellow are recommended changes proposed for the 2013 Rulebook to account for ADS divisions/competitions.

Revisions to articles previously approved by the ADS Board of Directors on October 25, 2012 are not included in this document. Only those paragraphs with subsequently approved revisions are recorded herein.

Approval of the following changes will bring the 2013 ADS Rulebook into sync with the international sport rules and provide exceptions wherever required based on extensive deliberations by the Combined Driving Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Article	Change	ADS exceptions
Article 117.3	Add half-marks	None required
"Competitor" to "Athlete"	Applies to all eight FEI of the disciplines	Add "(Driver)" after each occurrence of "Athlete"
901.13	Clarification	None required
904.5.1	Delete 5 section marathon ref.	None required
917.2.2 & 2.3	Remove Marathon twice around restriction for drivers	None required (existing exception 917.2,2 renumbered.
925.1	Clarification	None required
936.1	Add half-marks	None required
940.1.1	Allow drivers two Marathon entries, unlimited for grooms	Existing ADS 940.1.3 revised to read as existing 917.2.7
941.1	Change Section D to Transfer, and remove speeds and penalties	None required – existing tables, speeds and penalties published.
941.6	Remove reference to Section D	Retain Section D reference as ADS exception
942.5	Limit dislodgeable elements to 24	No limitation for ADS courses
943,3	Rename Section D	Add Section D reference
944,2	Remove reference to Section D	Covered by ADS table 941.1
945.2	Clarification	None required
945.4 & .5	Remove reference to Section D	Reformat table and move exception from 945,5
945.6-8	Renumbering and clarification	None required
947.1	Remove reference to Section D	None required – covered by 947.1.4
948.1	Ground observers for Section D	None required
949.3	Updated table	Add exception under 3.16
956.8	Clarification	None required
FEI Annexes	Updated; delete Annex 6 and renumber; add Annex 7.3.2 new open multiple	Add: Annex 7.3. (Wave); and note to Annex 9 – "Does not apply to ADS"

ARTICLE 117 MARKING

3. The scale of marks is as follows:

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

Half-marks can be awarded.

Global change – all instances of “Competitor” or “Driver” in FEI text changed to “Athlete”. An ADS exception for FEI text (illustrated herein the applicable paragraphs) adds “Driver” in brackets and blue italics:

*“... ~~competitor~~ Athlete (*Driver*)...”*

[Note – this is displayed below only in paragraphs where there is other text modifications in the articles.] ADS modification do not use the word “Athlete”

ARTICLE 901 GUIDELINES FOR HARNESS AND CARRIAGE

13. For contravening any of these rules, a verbal warning or Yellow Card must be given by the Ground Jury. Subsequent offences at the same event will entail a second Yellow Card and Elimination or Disqualification (Article 927).

ARTICLE 904 ORGANISATION

5. Types of Events

5.1 There are four types of International Events:

~~* A 5 Section marathon is allowed for Four in Hands or Pairs only, if approved by the Organising Committee and published in the Schedule. See Annex 6 for differences.~~

ARTICLE 917 PARTICIPATION

2. The Competitor and Grooms

~~2.2 A Competitor or Groom may not participate in Competition B more than once at any Event (Article 940.1.1).~~

[Note: ADS exception renumbered to 917.2.7 for formatting.]

~~2.3 Groom(s) may participate with more than one Competitor in Competitions A and C.~~

2.42 The Competitor is the only person permitted to handle the reins, whip and brake throughout each Competition. Each contravention of this rule, even if to prevent an accident, will entail 20 penalties. However, a groom may handle the reins and brake without penalty in all competitions provided that the vehicle remains stationary. For exception, see Article 926.3.5.

2.53 No person may be tied to the vehicle in any way during the competitions. A Driver may be secured by rope, webbing, or belt, provided one end is held by a Groom and not wrapped or fastened to the vehicle in any way. Failure to comply will result in Elimination,

At ADS-recognized events, a Driver with Disabilities may be attached for support, but must have a method of quick release.

2.64 Substitution of a Groom between the start and finish of Section E is not permitted under any circumstances, and will incur elimination of the competitor.

2.75 In Competitions A and C, competitors will be required to salute the Jury unless time or layout of the course prevents it.

2.86 Passengers may not ride on the vehicle during Competitions A, B or C.

At ADS-recognized events, passengers – human or animal (service animals exempted) – may not ride on the vehicle during Competitions A, B or C.

~~2.9 At ADS recognized events, a groom is optional for all single turnouts at all times at the event location except for Horses and Large Ponies while competing in Competition B – Marathon. A groom is optional for all single VSE and Small Pony turnouts at all times at the event location. For rules specific to grooms for junior drivers, see Article 2.7.~~

ADS-Advanced division competitors must follow all FEI rules for Advanced Competitions A and C.

2.27 ~~At ADS-recognized events, no Competitor Drivers or Grooms~~ may participate in Competition B more than once at any Event unless otherwise stated in the Omnibus / Prize List.

ARTICLE 925 CLASSIFICATION

2. Events Individual Classification

2.1 The final classification for individuals is determined by adding together the penalties received in each Competition. The ~~Competitor~~ Athlete (*Driver*) with the lowest number of penalties is the winner of ~~the Event~~ that class.

ARTICLE 936 SCORING

1. Marks

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

10: Excellent	4: Insufficient
9: Very Good	3: Fairly Bad
8: Good	2: Bad
7: Fairly Good	1: Very Bad
6: Satisfactory	0: Not Executed
5: Sufficient (<i>Marginal</i>)*	

Half-marks can be awarded.

[ADS adopted “Marginal” for a mark of “5,” January 13, 2008]*

ARTICLE 940 ~~COMPETITOR~~ ATHLETE S (*Drivers*)

1. Participation

1.1 An ~~Competitor~~ Athlete (*Driver*) or Groom may compete only ~~take part in Competition B once at the same event~~ once at a CAIO or Championship events. No such restriction applies at other events. Organisers can allow that an athlete competes up to two times in the same event. No restrictions for grooms.

1.3 At ADS-recognized events, ~~a Driver~~ or ~~a Groom~~ may compete participate in Competition B more than once in Competition B only as stated in Article 917.2, at any Event unless otherwise stated in the Omnibus / Prize List.

ARTICLE 941 THE COURSE

1. Maximum Distances and speeds not to be exceeded

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Paces	Speed km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	8,000 m.	5,000 m.	Free	15	14
Transfer (Section D)	1000 m.*	800 m.*	Walk	7	6
E	9,000 m.	6000 m.	Free	14	13

- Approximate distances; actual distance and time allowed to be confirmed by Technical Delegate.

These speeds may be reduced by the Technical Delegate and the President of Jury in case of adverse weather or ground conditions.

See Annex 6 for 5-section criteria.

At ADS-recognized events, the following tables and notes apply:

Division	Distance		Pace			
	Min km	Max km	Section A	Section D (Transfer)	Section E*	
					Outside obstacles	Inside obstacles
Training	8	12	Any pace	Walk	Walk or trot only	Walk or trot only
Preliminary	8	14	Any pace	Walk	Walk or trot only #	Any pace
Intermediate	10.8	15	Any pace	Walk	Any pace	Any pace
ADS-Advanced	10.8	15	Any pace	Walk	Any pace	Any pace
USEF-Advanced	11.8	18	Any pace	Walk	Any pace	Any pace

* Walk or trot only from last obstacle or last 500m to end of Section E (see Articles 945.3 and 949.15)

Exception: Preliminary entering and exiting obstacles subject to five-second break-of-pace (Article 945.4)

SPEEDS km/hour	Training			Preliminary			Intermediate / ADS Advanced			USEF/FEI Advanced		
	Sec A	Sec D	Sec E	Sec A	Sec D	Sec E	Sec A	Sec D	Sec E	Sec A	Sec D	Sec E
Horses*	14	6	13	14	6	14	15	6.5	14	15	7	14
Ponies*	13	5	12	13	5	13	14	5.5	13	14	6	13
Small Ponies*	12	5	11	12	5	12	14	5.5	13	--	--	--
VSEs*	9	3.5	9	10	4	9	10	4.5	10	--	--	--

*See Articles 914.2.2 & .2.3

1.1 In all Competitions, the course must consist of three Sections. ~~(Exception: see Article 904.5 / Annex 6).~~ The distance must be as close to maximum distance as possible for Championships.

At ADS-recognized events, VSE entries may compete on a shortened course. When Section A is 1 kilometre or less, it may be driven on the track of Section D and the walk section omitted entirely.

1.2 The total distance ~~for all Sections~~ must not exceed a total length of 18 km.

1.3 The total distance in Section E should be approximately one km per obstacle. ~~The total distance in Section E and~~ must include the distances through the obstacles.

2. Compulsory Rests

2.1 There must be a Compulsory Rest of not less than 10 minutes in the designated rest area prior to the start of Section E.

2.4 A farrier must be available at the Rest ~~after Section D~~.

At ADS-recognized events, a blacksmith (Farrier) may be present or on call at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

~~6. Walk Section D~~

~~6.1 Obstacles such as gates, sharp turns, water and steep hills should not be included in walk sections.~~

6. Walk Section D (at ADS-recognized events)

Gates, sharp turns, water and steep hills should not be included in the walk section.

ARTICLE 942 OBSTACLES IN SECTION E

5. Dislodgeable Elements

5.2 The number of dislodgeable elements is at the discretion of the Course Designer, but must not be more than 24 (in total) and must be approved by the Technical Delegate and the President of the Jury.

At ADS-recognized events, the number of dislodgeable elements is not limited.

ARTICLE 943 INSPECTION OF THE COURSE

3. Inspection of the Course by Competitor Athletes (Drivers)

3.1 At least 48 hours before the first ~~Competitor Athlete (Driver)~~ is due to start Competition B, the whole course must be open for inspection by the ~~Competitor Athletes (Drivers)~~, except under exceptional circumstances when Organizers have the option to not open Sections A and ~~D Transfer (Section D)~~ for inspection, with the agreement of the Technical Delegate.

ARTICLE 944 TIMES

2. Times in Sections

~~2.3 There is no Minimum Time in Section D.~~

2.43 The Minimum Time for Section E is three minutes less than the Time Allowed.

2.54 The Time Limit for Section A is the Time Allowed plus 20%. The Time Limit for Sections ~~D and E~~ is twice the Time Allowed.

2.65 A Competitor who exceeds the Time Limit in any section will be eliminated.

ARTICLE 945 PENALTIES ON THE MARATHON COURSE

2. Error of Course

~~2.1 In Sections A and D if an CompetitorAthlete (Driver) fails to pass through a Compulsory Turning Flag (CTF) in the designated sequence, he may return to the point of error and redrive the CTF, provided he has not driven the following CTF. An CompetitorAthlete (Driver) who fails to pass through a CTF in the published sequence (except multiple CTFs with different numbers) will be eliminated.~~

4. Incorrect Pace

Should one or more horses break into a pace other than that specified for ~~Section D and~~ the last 500m of Section E and it is not corrected within five seconds the ~~CompetitorAthlete (Driver)~~ will incur one penalty for every occurrence. If the break continues, the ~~CompetitorAthlete (Driver)~~ will incur one penalty for every additional completed period of five seconds.

~~At ADS-recognized events, the above penalty also applies to Training Division cantering in Obstacles and to Training and Preliminary Division Competitors cantering in Section E outside the Obstacles.~~

- ~~- Section D - any pace other than walk, (Training, Preliminary, Intermediate);~~
- ~~- Section E (inside obstacles) – cantering (Training); and~~
- ~~- Section E (outside obstacles) – cantering (Training, Preliminary).~~

~~At ADS-recognized events, intentionally cantering or trotting all the horses in Section D will be penalized by elimination. This penalty also applies to intentional cantering of Training and Preliminary division Competitors in Section E outside of obstacles.~~

5. Intentional Break of Pace

~~Intentionally cantering or trotting all the horses in Section D will be penalised by elimination.~~

~~At ADS-recognized events, the above penalty also applies to intentional cantering of Training and Preliminary division Competitors in Section E outside of obstacles. (See Article 945.4.)~~

65. Dismounting

66.1 In the A and (Section D) Transfer Sections ~~A, D~~ and outside the obstacles in Section E, Grooms and ~~CompetitorAthletes (Driver)~~ are not allowed to dismount unless the vehicle is stationary. If the vehicle is not stationary, either or both Groom(s) dismounting will incur 10 penalties and the ~~CompetitorAthlete (Driver)~~ dismounting will incur 20 penalties.

76. Stopping

76.3 An ~~CompetitorAthlete (Driver)~~ is allowed to stop to carry out necessary repairs as long as he stops within 30 meters after leaving the last Obstacle to make necessary repairs to the harness or vehicle without penalty. Stopping for any reason between the last obstacle or the 500 meter sign, whichever is closer to the finish line in Section E will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.

87. Damaged Vehicle/Harness

87.1 At the finish of Section E any missing or disconnected trace or pole strap will incur 10 penalties for each occurrence.

87.2 At the finish of Section E a broken or disconnected pole or shaft will incur elimination.

87.3 Vehicles must pass the finish of Section E 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.

ARTICLE 947 JUDGES

1. Positions

1.1 One member of the Ground Jury must be at the Compulsory Rest after the Transfer Section ~~D (Section D)~~. The Judge should act on the advice of the Veterinary Delegate to decide whether the horses are in a fit condition to continue the competition. The Judge must also supervise the measuring of the vehicles. See Article 918.

1.4 *At ADS-recognized Events, positioning specified in 1.1 and 1.2 above shall be determined by the President of the Ground Jury*

ARTICLE 948 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, and as much as possible of Section D.

ARTICLE 949 CLASSIFICATION

3. Summary of Penalties in Competition B

3.5.... Article 902.8.2, 924.3 Horses unfit to continue at end of ~~Section D~~ the Transfer section (Section D)..... Elimination

3.16.. Article 941.5, 945.4 Incorrect pace..... 1 penalty for every 5 sec.

3.18 Article 941.4 Intentional break of pace Elimination

3.18.... Article 945.5 Intentional break of pace in Section D Elimination

ARTICLE 953 COMPETITION C SUMMARY

2. Drive-offs and Winning Round:

~~Speed—may be increased by a maximum of 10 mpm;
Cones width—may be increased by 10 cm. at the discretion of the Ground Jury and Organizing Committee.~~

ARTICLE 956 PENALTIES

8. Timing

8.76 ~~The p~~Penalty for exceeding the time allowed, ~~is the~~ total time taken by the ~~CompetitorAthlete (Driver)~~ to 1/100 second ~~less the time allowed~~, multiplied by 0.5, ~~penalties. There is no rounding of time.~~ Penalties will be calculated to two decimal places.

FEI ANNEXES

[Replace contents of FEI Annexes 1, 2, and 3 with the statement “See FEI Driving Official Qualifications Criteria and Educational System”; delete Annex 6; renumber the remainder.]

FEI ANNEX 9
FEI Children Driving

[This Annex does not apply to ADS.]

FEI ANNEX 87

OPEN MULTIPLE OBSTACLES

3. The Wave:
Art 952 .3

	<u>Four-in-hand</u>	<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Singles</u>
<u>Minimum distance between cones</u>	<u>10 – 12 m</u>	<u>8 – 10 m</u>	<u>8 – 10 m</u>
<u>Angle of pair of Cones to the middle of the Wave</u>	<u>45°</u>	<u>45°</u>	<u>45°</u>

