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Table 1: "Para" Rules			
Article	Title	RCP	Description
1.8	RCP GR 1.8 Disabilities Notice Required	19-037	Modified to refer to the new Para Policies and Procedures for guidance on Para requirements.

Table 2: General Rules and Regulations			
Article	Title	RCP	Description
5.2	RCP GR-5.2 Condense Text	19-046	Rewording of "any participant or equine or unsafe equipment" to "any entry"
GR-B	RCP GR-B Officials Requirement Summary	19-025	Adds Dressage and Driving Derby to the Table and adds a requirement for a TD at all Dressage Competitions

Table 3: Pleasure Driving			
Article	Title	RCP	Description
202	RCP PD-202 Organizers May Tailor Events	19-048	Allows Organizers to offer different types of driving classes and different types of competitions at the same event.
203.1	RCP PD-203.1 Judge Approves Vehicle Substitution	19-051	Makes the Judge responsible for approving vehicle substitution and requesting new entry numbers.
204.3	RCP PD-204.3 Clarify final placings determination	19-049	Replaces "Management" with "Organizer" and corrects a spelling mistake.
205.2	RCP PD-205.2 Organizer invokes time limit	19-052	Gives Organizers the flexibility to invoke a one minute time limit on late entries and to delay classes as needed.
205.8, 205.9, 241.4	RCP PD-205.8, 205.9, 241.4 Clarify Outside Assistance	19-058	Clarification that outside assistance indicating a judge's signal has been given is allowed.
206.1	RCP PD-206.1 Organizer discretion on marathon vehicles	19-050	Clarifies that Organizers may allow Marathon-type vehicles as published in the Omnibus.
207.2	RCP PD-207.2 Whip Must Be Carried	19-061	Replaces "should" with "must" to clarify the requirement.
207.3.f	RCP PD-207.3.f Delete Reference to Dressage	19-059	Removes reference to Dressage which should not have been included in the Pleasure Driving rules.
227.1	RCP PD-227.1 Add Option to Drive & Ride Class	19-057	Allows Organizers the option of a Walk / Trot class as well as the Walk / Trot / Canter class.
235.2	RCP PD-235.2 Athletes May Not Alter Course	19-065	Specifies disqualification for athletes who alter a course.
236.2	RCP PD-236.2 Use of Course After Competition	19-060	Clarification of elimination for Athlete using a course outside the competition as elimination from any classes using that specific course.
239.2	RCP PD-239.2 Replace "Markers" with "Cones"	19-053	Clarification
239.3	RCP PD-239.3 Remove Unnecessary Instruction	19-054	Removes unnecessary instruction (it was not a rule).
240.1	RCP PD-240.1 Remove Unnecessary Measurement Instruction	19-055	Removes unnecessary and obvious instruction.
246	RCP PD-246 Table Whip Must Be Carried	19-062	Clarifies that whip must be carried in hand at all times.
314	RCP PD-314 Remove Reference to Omnibus	19-056	Organizers cannot foresee weather conditions and therefore cannot publish such information in the Omnibus.

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Table 4: Driven Dressage			
Article	Title	RCP	Description
520.1	RCP DR 520.1 Groom speaking	19-009	Specifies the penalty for a Groom speaking in Dressage as 10 penalty points to be given one time.
520.18	RCP DR 520.18 Groom speaking	19-010	Specifies the penalty for a groom speaking in Dressage as 10 penalty points to be given one time.
Appendix DR-A	RCP DR Appendix DR-A Delete Appendix DR-A	19-028	Removed the Appendix specifying the abbreviations used by judges and scribes (which are not actually used).
Appendix DR-C	RCP DR Correct Appendix DR-C	19-029	Corrects omission of ADT Intermediate #2 and adds location of all FEI dressage tests on the FEI website
Appendix DR-D	RCP DR Appendix DR-D Dressage Tests Table Update	19-027	Corrects Arena Trials Intermediate Tests and adds location of FEI website and Driven Dressage Tests

Table 5: Combined Driving			
Article	Title	RCP	Description
928.2	RC CD 928.2 Marathon Dress (Vests)	19-044	Adds the requirement for Protective Vests during the Marathon and in Marathon-type obstacles.
935.5.3	FEI RCP CD-935.5.3 Substitute Horse Cones	19-067	Allow Athletes who have an unfit horse before the Cones competition to substitute the unfit horse with another declared horse.
940	FEI RCP CD-940 Added Exception to Elimination	19-068	Adds use of ear hoods and plugs to the list of exceptions to Elimination.
944.1	RCP CD 944.1 Identification Nos.	19-014	Removes requirement for identification numbers to differentiate ADS from USEF/FEI entries at joint events.
945.2	RCP CD 945.2 Groom Standing Dressage 19-007	19-007	Allows Grooms to stand in Dressage with permission from judge.
945.2	RCP CD 945.2 Groom Speaking Dressage 19-006	19-006	Aligns ADS with USEF & FEI in lowering the penalty for Grooms speaking in Dressage.
946	FEI RCP CD-946 Substitution During Event	19-069	Allows substitution in case of a Horse that is not fit to compete, as decided during the In-Harness Horse Inspection before Cones.
951	RCP CD 951 Driven Dressage Tests	19-016	Adds FEI 1* Dressage tests to acceptable ADS Intermediate test choices.
952.1	RCP CD 952.1 Help Entering Dressage Arena	19-003	Deletes unused requirement for help entering arena.
952.2	RCP CD 952.2 Groom speaking in Dressage	19-002	Specifies the penalty for a Groom speaking in Dressage as 10 penalty points to be given one time.
955	FEI RCP CD-955 Condense Dressage General Impressions	19-070	Create an ADS exception to allow continued use of 5 marks for General Impressions in Dressage.
957	RCP CD 957 Update Chart	19-005	Deletes the ADS exception to the 10 point penalty for Groom speaking in Dressage.
973	FEI RCP CD-973 Higher Bridges in Cones	19-071	Increases the maximum height of a bridge from 20 cm to 35
975.2.7	RCP CD 975.2.7 Remove obsolete rule	19-001	Removes unneeded exception for grooms speaking in Cones. Grooms are allowed to speak in Cones.
Appendix CD-A.11	RCP CD-A-11 DT Course Inspection	19-023	Defines 24 hour inspection time for Marathon and clarifies inspection time for Cones.
Appendix CD-B	RCP CD Appx CD-B Grooms	19-004	Allows Grooms to speak in Cones and aligns with 10-point penalty for Groom speaking in Dressage.
Appendix CD-F	RCP CD-F VSE arena size	19-022	Deletes diagrams for 20 X 50 and 20 X 40 meter VSE Dressage arenas.
FEI-Annex 8	FEI RCP CD-ANNEX 8 Clarify Oxer measurement	19-072	Clarifies the wording from "the width of the cones" to "the distance between the two pairs of cones"
FEI-Annex 9	RCP CD FEI-Annex 9	19-024	Waives some FEI requirements for cones and balls to allow use of domestically sourced cones and balls.
940.1.4-940.1.5	RCP CD 940.1.4-940.1.5 Carriage measurements	19-026	Specifies the minimum length of pole chains or straps for Small Ponies and VSEs.

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Table 5: Combined Driving (continued)			
Article	Title	RCP	Description
960.2.8	RCP CD 960.2.8 Marathon Distance and Pace	19-018	Replaces the Walk section of the Marathon with Transfer section, allows any pace for Preliminary outside obstacles and increases the max length of the Marathon for Training.
964.4	RCP CD 964.4 Incorrect Pace	19-021	Limits "break of pace" penalty to Training Level on Section B and removes mention of penalties on Walk Section.
Appendix H	RCP CD-Appendix H Add CT	19-066	Add Combined Test, require a TD at all Dressage Competitions regardless of number of competitors.
960.2.8.1	RCP CD 960.2.8.1 Two-Section Marathon	19-017	Allow a Two-Section Marathon as an Organizer option.
960.2.9	RCP CD 960.2.9 VSE short course	19-019	Remove the option allowing VSEs to drive Section A on the Walk Section and omit the Walk Section.
CP-8	RCP CP-8 (NEW) Scorer responsibility 19-008	19-008	Limit the Scorer's responsibilities during the time when an individual competition is being scored.