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Dear Mr. Nicoll:

Thank you for submitting a Request for a Presidential Modification to the application of DC922.4 on behalf of the USEF Driving Sport Committee. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of substantial, extraordinary circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your Request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and is, therefore, approved.

As a result of this Presidential Modification, driving carriages at the Preliminary and Intermediate levels will not be subject to the minimum weight requirements outlined in DC922.4 for the remainder of the 2018 competition year.

In reviewing the Request, it was noted that the Driving Sport Committee has approved a rule change which removes the minimum weight requirement of a driving carriage at the Preliminary and Intermediate level. It was also noted that 2018 is the first year in which driving competitions are offering Preliminary and Intermediate levels. This Presidential Modification is effective immediately and will continue through the effective date of the approved rule change – December 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

William J. Moroney  
USEF Chief Executive Officer

cc: Murray Kessler, USEF President  
Matthew Fine, USEF Chief Compliance Officer  
Mike Arnold, American Driving Society President  
Danielle Aamodt, USEF Director of Driving

**SUBCHAPTER DC-7 CARRIAGES AND HARNESS****DC921 Permitted Carriages**

Category	Dressage	Marathon	Cones	Combined marathon/cones
Championships	Dressage carriage	Marathon carriage	dressage carriage	n/a
CAIO 4*	Dressage carriage	Marathon carriage	Dressage carriage	n/a
CAI 3*	Dressage carriage	Marathon carriage	Dressage carriage	n/a
CAI 2*	Dressage or 1 Marathon carriage	Marathon carriage	Dressage or Mara- thon carriage	n/a
CAI 1**	Dressage or 1 Marathon carriage (solid rubber or pneumatic tyres)	n/a	Dressage or 1 Mara- thon carriage (solid rubber or pneumatic tyres)	Marathon Carriage (solid rubber or pneumatic tyres)
CAI 1* Indoor	n/a	n/a	n/a	Marathon 1 carriage

**DC922 Weights and Dimensions**

## 1. General

1.1 In all Classes, during Dressage, Marathon, and Cones, 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.

1.2 No part of a carriage may be wider than the outside Track Width, with the exception of hub caps, mud guards and the Splinter Bar for carriages used in Dressage and Cones.

1.3 The track width of all carriages is measured at ground level on the widest part of the rear wheels.

1.4 Athletes whose carriages do not conform to the required weights or measurements will be eliminated from the relevant Competition.

## 2. Carriages for Para-Equestrian Driving:

2.1 Carriages suitable for the Athletes with disabilities must be used and carriages for PE Singles may be 2 or 4-wheeled.

2.2 The OC or Technical Delegate may refuse the use of a carriage, but must give the reason for the refusal.

## 3. Dressage Carriages must comply with the following:

For Intermediate and Preliminary levels, the requirement for a groom with a single turnout is at the discretion of the OC.

Class	Wheels	Grooms	Minimum Width
Horse Four-in-hand or Unicorn	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 or VSE Single			

For Intermediate and Preliminary levels, no minimum width is required.

At Intermediate and Preliminary levels a groom is not required with a Single.

3.1 The same Carriage must be used for Dressage and Cones for CAI2\* (See DC936).

3.2 Artificial extensions to increase the measured width of a Carriage are not permitted in Cones.

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4. Marathon Carriages must comply with the following:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Wheels</b>	<b>Minimum weight</b>	<b>Grooms</b>	<b>Minimum Width</b>
Horse Four-in-hand or Unicorn	4	600kg	2 behind	125 cm
Pony Four-in-hand or Unicorn		300kg		
Horse Pair or Tandem	4	350kg	1 behind	125 cm
Pony Pair or Tandem		225kg		
Horse Single	4	150kg	1 behind	125 cm
Pony or VSE Single		90kg		

4.1 In Marathon, all Carriages will be measured before the start of section B and the same Carriage must be used for all sections. Carriage measurement is optional for Preliminary and Intermediate levels.

4.2 The President of the Ground Jury will decide whether all, or a random selection, of Carriages will be weighed after Marathon.

### **DC923 Equipment**

1. For Advanced level only, Dressage Carriages must be fitted with forward facing lamps and rear lamps or reflectors in Dressage (penalties: see DC 957). Lamps or reflectors are not compulsory in Cones.
2. Athletes may carry whatever spares they require.

### **DC924 Tyres**

1. Pneumatic or air-filled, tyres are not permitted.
2. In all competitions carriages must be fitted with iron or solid rubber tyres. The outer surface of the tyre must be smooth. Failure to comply results in Elimination.
3. Pneumatic tyres are permitted in Para-Equestrian Driving.

### **DC925 Harness, Carriage and Horses**

#### 1. Harness

1.1 The distance between Horse/Pony and carriage must be not less than 50cm at all times, fender rolls, 40cm.

#### 1.2 Dressage Carriage:

1.2.1 Horses (Four-in-Hand wheelers or a Pair of horses): the distance between traces must not be less than 55 cm.  
(Ponies: minimum 45 cm.)

1.2.2 Traces must not cross each other. Swingle trees may not cross the center line of the carriage.

#### 1.3 Marathon Carriage:

1.3.1 Horse (Four-in-Hand wheelers or a Pair of horses): the distance between the traces must be minimum 55 cm.  
(Ponies: minimum 45 cm.)

1.3.2 Traces must not cross each other.

1.4 Length of individual pole chains or pole straps: the length has to be minimum 30 cm. The measurement is taken from the center of the pole head, including the complete quick release.

1.5 Horse yoke or T-bar: the total width including the complete quick releases has to be minimum 60 cm. When the measurement is taken from the center of the pole head, to include the complete quick releases, it has to be minimum 30 cm.

1.6 Yokes or T-bars must not be positioned behind any part of the shoulder.

1.7 Pole and the pole straps must be of sufficient length to allow free movement of the Horses.

1.8 For Horse Four-in-Hand leaders, the complete lead bar must measure at least 1m and the distance between the traces must measure at least 45 cm.

1.9 For Pony Four-in-Hand leaders, the complete lead bars must measure at least 85cm and the distance between the traces must measure at least 35cm.