

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	9/1/2024	1/31/2024	

Extraordinary Change Reason

Rule Change Intent

By removing the time requirements for potential Controlled Warmups at Short Format Events, the officials gain flexibility during the competition to protect the welfare of equines and Drivers.

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Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

## DC944 The Course

### 1. General

1.1 Maximum Distances and speeds must not be exceeded.

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

1.3 The Marathon Course must consist of two sections (A and B or Controlled Warm-up and B) and a Cool Down in all classes and levels. The Beginner division will not use a Section A, but can use a Controlled Warm-up.

1.3.1 At Short Format Driving Events, a Modified Marathon will consist of an optional Controlled Warm-up and Section B with 3-5 obstacles. No formal Cool Down section is required.

1.4 The total distance in Section B should be approximately one km per obstacle and preferably not less than 700m between two consecutive obstacles. The total distance in Section B must include the distances through the obstacles.

1.4.1 At Short Format Driving Events, the total distance in a Modified Marathon Section B should be approximately one kilometer per obstacle and preferably not less than 500m between two consecutive obstacles.

1.5 The distances between the end of one section and the start of the next must not be included in the total length and time of the course.

1.6 As an alternative option to the Section A, there can be a controlled warm-up with a maximum time allowed of 30 minutes in a designated warm-up arena of minimum 5000 square meters, properly supervised, with a judge in attendance.

1.6.1 ~~At Short Format Driving Events, when using the Controlled Warm-up, it can be reduced to a minimum of 20 minutes and an official is not required to be present. The Technical Delegate can approve a Warm-up area of any adequate size to accommodate 3 or more entries at a time and the warm-up obstacle is optional.~~ **At Short Format Driving Events, a controlled Warm-up may be used but is not required. The Technical Delegate must approve a Warm-up area of any adequate size to accommodate 3 or more entries at a time and the warm-up obstacle is optional.**

1.7 Before the start of Section B, a marathon-type warm-up, made of any material and situated in a separated area, must be provided. Each athlete may use the Warm-up obstacle for a maximum of 2 minutes. Grooms must be on the Carriage during the Warm-up Obstacle, failure to comply will incur a Yellow Warning Card. Grooms may dismount when the turnout is standing still with no penalty.