

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	1/31/2024	

Rule Change Intent

In an effort to expand the sport for a new younger demographic by including an opportunity for younger drivers that are already showing in Short Format events the chance to compete more often.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

DC907 Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms

1. Age:

Age is determined from the beginning of the calendar year in which the athlete or groom reaches the designated age. See GR103. Failure to comply with any part of this DC entails disqualification of the athlete.

1.1. Minimum age of Athletes for Combined Tests or Combined Driving Events:

Class	All Divisions	
Horse Four-in-hand	18 years	
Horse Pair	16 years	
Horse Single	14 years	
Pony Four-in-hand	14 years	
Pony Pair	14 years	
Pony Single	14 years	Beginner, Training & Preliminary levels only. Minimum 12 years

1.2 Minimum age of Athletes for Short Format Driving Events:

Class	Advanced & Intermediate	Preliminary, Training & Beginner
Horse Four-in-hand	18 years	
Horse Pair	16 years	
Horse Single	14 years	12 years
Pony Four-in-hand	14 years	
Pony Pair	14 years	
Pony Single	14 12 years	10 years

2. Age of Grooms:

2.1 Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 18 years or older.

2.2 Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a groom(s) of 14 years or older.

2.3 Para-Equestrian Athletes:

The groom must be over 18 years old. The Athlete must ensure that the groom has knowledge in driving.

3. General: Failure to comply with any part of this rule will result in the disqualification of the athlete.