

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

By increasing the penalty for Driving on competition grounds without breeching, we hope to increase safety for all single turnouts, responsibility of Drivers, and the general public on showgrounds.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

DC922 Weights and Dimensions

1. General
 - 1.1 When the carriage has no brakes, breeching is compulsory. For all single horses and ponies breeching is compulsory at all times. ~~Failure to comply during competition will result in elimination and failure to comply out of competition will result in a Yellow Warning Card.~~ **Failure to comply will result in elimination.**
 - 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.
 - 1.5 At Short Format Driving Events, minimum carriage weights do not apply for any division or class.
2. Carriages for Para-Equestrian Driving:
 - 2.1 Carriages suitable for the athletes with disabilities must be used and carriages for Para-Driving Singles may be 2 or 4-wheeled.
 - 2.2 The Technical Delegate may refuse the use of a carriage, but must give the reason for the refusal.
3. Carriages used in Dressage and Cones must comply with the following:
 - 3.1 For Intermediate, Preliminary, Training, and Beginner levels, the requirement for a groom with a single turnout is at the discretion of the Organizer. Exception: All Para-Driving turnouts must always have a groom while on the carriage.

Class	Wheels	Grooms	Minimum Width for Advanced
Horse Four-in-Hand	4	2 behind	158cm
Pony Four-in-Hand	4	2 behind	138cm
Small Pony or VSE Four-in-Hand	4	1 behind	n/a
Horse Pair	4	1 behind	148cm
Pony Pair	4	1 behind	138cm
Horse Single	2 or 4	1 behind or beside	138cm
Pony Single	2 or 4	1 behind or beside	138cm
Small Pony or VSE Single	2 or 4	1 behind or beside, if used (ref.DC 922.3)	n/a

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

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

4. Carriages used in Marathon must comply with the following:

Class	Wheels	Minimum Weight for Advanced	Grooms	Minimum Width
Horse Four-in-Hand	4	600kg	2 behind	125cm

Pony Four-in-Hand	4	300kg	2 behind	125cm
Small Pony or VSE Four-in-Hand	4	n/a	1 behind	n/a
Horse Pair	4	350kg	1 behind	125cm
Pony Pair	4	225kg	1 behind	125cm
Horse Single	4	150kg	1 behind	125cm
Pony Single	2 or 4	90kg	1 behind or beside	125cm
Small Pony or VSE Single	2 or 4	n/a	1 beside or behind	n/a

4.1 For Intermediate, Preliminary, Training, and Beginner levels, no minimum weight is required.

4.2 In Marathon, all carriages will be measured before the start of section A/Controlled Warm-up and the same carriage must be used for all sections.

4.3 The President of the Ground Jury may decide if any Advanced carriages will be weighed after Marathon.