



SECTION C: DRIVING AND PARA-DRIVING

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2024

NOTE:

The following rules have been added or revised in the 2024 edition of the Equestrian Canada rules. All editions of Section C have been updated to include all of the changes in this document.

ARTICLE C939 TIRES

Tires – At ~~Canadian EC-recognized competitions, Training division competitions only,~~ pneumatic tires ~~and/or motorcycle type wire wheels~~ tires may be used allowed in Training, Preliminary and Intermediate provided that the wheel on which they are mounted is engineered for use on a carriage. Tire tread is optional. The use of wire spoke wheels is limited to use in the Training division at the discretion of the-Organizing Committee and approved as safe y the event TD and ground jury. ~~Bicycle wheels are not permitted~~

~~Pneumatic or air filled, tires are only permitted in CAII* as per Article 936~~

~~In all competitions carriages must be fitted with iron or solid rubber tires. The outer surface of the tire must be smooth. Failure to comply results in Elimination~~

~~Pneumatic tires are permitted in Para-Equestrian Driving.~~

ARTICLE C975 JUDGING CONES COMPETITION

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- ~~1.1— Once the competition has started, the President of the Jury, in consultation with the Course Designer and Technical Delegate if present, may decide that a significant error has been committed in the measurement of the course. This may be done at the latest after the third Athlete who has completed the course without a disobedience or any other interruption, assuming that the three Athletes in question have started their course prior to the 45 second countdown elapsing, and before the next Athlete has started. In this case, the Ground Jury has the option to alter the time allowed. If the time allowed is increased the score of the Athletes who have driven the course before the time was altered will then be adjusted accordingly, if applicable. If the time allowed is decreased, this may only be done to the extent that no Athletes having previously completed his round receives time penalties due to the alteration of the time allowed.~~

- ~~1.2— Whenever the time allowed is increased, it may never exceed the time in reference to the maximum length of the Course~~

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	TRAINING			PRELIMINARY		
VEHICLE: Articles C937-9	No standard weight or track width in Dressage and Cones, see Article C937.3. For Marathon, see Article C937.4					
	Spares required. (Article C938)					
	Pneumatic tires allowed – no bicycle type wire spokes (Article C939)			Pneumatic tires allowed – no bicycle type wire spokes Iron or solid rubber tires only, no wire spokes (Article C939)		
Reflectors required unless exempted in prize list by Organizer (article C938); lamps not required. . (Article C938.2)						
HARNESS: Article C940	Side checks allowed (see C940.5)			No type of check reins allowed. (Article C940.5)		
PRESENTATION: Article C938, C955.6	Judged as separate competition at the halt. Spares required. Reflectors requirement Article C938.2.					
DRIVEN DRESSAGE: Articles C949-C956	ADS and AT Dressage Tests may be called (Article C952.2).			ADS or AT Tests must be driven from memory. (Article C952)		
MARATHON SECTIONS: Article C960.1.5	3 sections; A, Walk, B. Approximately 1 km. per obstacle required in Section B, preferably not less than 700m apart.					
MARATHON DISTANCE: Article C960.2	Distance up to 12 km. total			Distance 8 – 14 km. total		
	VSE may compete on a shortened course – C960.2.9					
MARATHON MARKERS (CTF and k-markers) Article 960.4 & .5	Diamond – white or black background			Square – green background		
	VSE – octagonal – orange or purple background, together with division Compulsory Turn Flag and k-markers if offered as a separate course					
SPEEDS (Max.) (kmph) Article C960 Horses:> 148 cm unshod Pony:Large.>137-148cm Med....>120cm to 137cm Small... 99 cm to 120 cm VSE...under 99 cm.	Sec. A	Walk Sec.	Sec. B	Sec. A	Walk Sec.	Sec. B
	14	6	13	14	6	14
	13	5	12	13	5	13
	12	5	11	12	5	12
	10	4.5	10	11	4.5	11
	9	3.5	9	10	4	9.5
PACE – Article C960.2.8, C960.6	Section A – any pace; Walk Section – walk; Section B – walk or trot only in sections*					
	Walk or trot only in Obstacles			Any pace in obstacles		
	*Walk or trot only from last obstacle or last 300m. to end of Section B (Article C960.6)					
PEOPLE ON VEHICLE: Articles: C912, C943.2.9, C943.2.12	Navigator/groom required for Marathon. No passengers. Age limitations - Article C912. Grooms optional in Dressage and Cones for single turnout turnouts and in Marathon for single turnouts <120 cm. One groom always required for pairs and tandems; two grooms					



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	for unicorns and four-in-hands at all times. VSE single – optional VSE pair, tandem, four-in-hand; one required at all times.																					
MARATHON OBSTACLES: Article: C961	Max: Obstacle = 5; Gates = 3 per obstacle. Easy routes. Time <u>not</u> recorded.	Max: Obstacle 6; Gates = 4 per obstacle. Easy alternative route.																				
No gates on significant slopes. (Article C961.4.5)																						
MARATHON TERRAIN Article C961.5.1	No Compulsory Turning Flags on significant slopes. Alternate easy route to be provided.																					
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MARATHON TIMING: Articles: C963.2.4, C965.7, C967.3	Obstacles times <u>not</u> recorded. Time taken for 5 minute Time Limit only.	Obstacles timed to hundredths of a second.(C965.7.4)																				
Cones: Articles: C973, C975, C978 <i>S=Single; P=Pair; T=Tandem; 4=Four-in-hand</i>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Maximum speed (mpm)</th> <th>Minimum clearance (cm.)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>S-P</u> 180</td> <td><u>T-4</u> 35</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>T-4</u> 170</td> <td><u>S-P</u> 45</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>S-P</u> 160</td> <td><u>T-4</u> 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>T-4</u> 150</td> <td><u>S-P</u> 40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Maximum speed (mpm)	Minimum clearance (cm.)	<u>S-P</u> 180	<u>T-4</u> 35	<u>T-4</u> 170	<u>S-P</u> 45	<u>S-P</u> 160	<u>T-4</u> 30	<u>T-4</u> 150	<u>S-P</u> 40	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Maximum speed (mpm)</th> <th>Minimum clearance (cm.)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>S-P</u> 200</td> <td><u>T-4</u> 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>T-4</u> 190</td> <td><u>S-P</u> 40</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>S-P</u> 180</td> <td><u>T-4</u> 25</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>T-4</u> 170</td> <td><u>S-P</u> 35</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Maximum speed (mpm)	Minimum clearance (cm.)	<u>S-P</u> 200	<u>T-4</u> 30	<u>T-4</u> 190	<u>S-P</u> 40	<u>S-P</u> 180	<u>T-4</u> 25	<u>T-4</u> 170	<u>S-P</u> 35
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COMPETITION C: Obstacles: Articles C976.4	No bridge. Water permitted with an alternate land route																					
	20 cm. maximum water depth for VSE classes (Article C973.4.6)																					
	See Article C973.1 for standardized Cones settings when elected by the Organizer and published in the Prize List																					



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	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED				
	No standard weight or track width in Dressage and Cones (Article C937.3). Marathon refer to Article C937.4	Weights – Article C947.4.1 Track width: Dressage and Cones minimums– Article C937.3; Marathon minimum Article C937.4				
VEHICLE: Article C937, C939	Spares at Athlete's discretion (Article C938)					
	Pneumatic tires allowed – no bicycle type wire spokes Iron or solid rubber tires only, no wire spokes (Article C939.2)					
	Reflectors required unless exempt in prize list by Organizer (Article C938); lamps not required. See Article C938.2	Reflectors required (Dressage only) (Article C938); lamps requirements (Article C938)				
Farrier: Article C960.3.4	Either on site or on call	Must be at Rest Area				
HARNESS: Article: C940	No type of check or auxiliary reins allowed. (C940.5)					
PRESENTATION: Articles: C938, C955.6	Judged on the move during Dressage. Spares optional. Reflectors requirements (Article C938.1).					
	Lamps optional in Dressage and Cones	Lamps and reflectors required in Dressage only.				
DRIVEN DRESSAGE: Articles: C949-C956	ADS or AT Tests to be driven from memory (Article C952).					
MARATHON SECTIONS Article C960.1.5	3 sections; A, Walk, B.	2 sections A, B or 3 sections A, Transfer, B				
	Approximately 1 km per obstacle required in Section B preferably not less than 700m apart.					
MARATHON DISTANCE: Article C960.2	Total distance 10.8 - 15 km. (C960.2.7c)	Total distance 11.8 – 17 km (C960.2.3)				
	VSE may compete on a shortened course (C960.2.9)					
MARATHON MARKERS (CTF and k-markers) Article C960.4 & .5	Circle – red background	Triangle – blue background				
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*Measurements unshod. Add 1 cm if shod.

Note: Measurements for VSE, Small Pony and Medium Pony are shod/unshod