



DRIVING RULES FOR YOUNG HORSES
FEI Standard events and FEI Championships

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1. Introduction / General

These Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the FEI Rules and Regulations, such as, but not limited to, the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Driving Rules, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes.

2. Event categories available in FEI Calendar (separate classes)

CAI YH 5yo	CAI YH 6yo	CAI YH 7yo
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3. References to the Rules

3.1. Carriages and harness (Art. 936-942)

Dressage or Marathon carriages* are permitted for all classes except for the Finals where Marathon Carriage is compulsory in the combined Marathon.

* with correct dressage width

3.2. Grooms

Refer to the FEI Driving Rules.

3.3. Entries

Number of entries per NF: up to 10 entries per age category

Number of entries per Athlete: two Horses per age category

Open to all star rated levels of Athletes.

3.4. Size of the arena

Class	Size arena		Nbr of Cones
CAI YH 5 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage and cones arena all in one	7
CAI YH 6 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage and cones arena all in one	8
CAI YH 7 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage and cones arena all in one	8
Championship YH 5 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage (part A) *	N/A
Championship YH 6 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage (Part A)*	N/A
Championship YH 7 yo	40 x 80m	Dressage (Part A)*	N/A

*Part B is the combined obstacle driving / combined Marathon – see below

3.5. **Cones in Dressage arena**

Ref. to Article 974.

Young Horses: 20cm clearance in the cones.

3.6. **Final 5 year old: Combined Obstacle Driving**

Applicable distances:

- 500m to 700m, speed 230m/min with 10-14 cones included
1 or 2 multiple and 1 or 2 Marathon obstacles (gates A-D)

3.7. **Final 6 and 7 years old combined Marathon**

Applicable distances:

- **6 year old Horses:** 1000m to 1200m with 2 marathon obstacles and
7-10 cones including 1 or 2 multiple obstacles
- **7 year old Horses:** 1300m to 1500m with 2 marathon obstacles and
10-12 cones including 2-3 multiple obstacles

Time/speed

- 6 year old Horses: 240 M/min
- 7 year old Horses: 250 M/min

- Cones width: 145cm
- Marathon Obstacles: see FEI Driving Rules

3.8. **Specifications (Bits)**

Bits: no kinton, no bit lifters and no second nosebands will be allowed

4. Officials

4.1. Judges

Class	Nbr of Judges	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 2, two Nationals (or above)
CAI YH 6 yo	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 3, two Nationals (or above)
CAI YH 7 yo	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 3, two Nationals (or above)
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	3 (sitting at C)	One Level 4 and two Level 3

4.2. Course Designer

Class	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 6 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 7 yo	Min Level 2
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Min Level 4

4.3. Technical Delegate

Class	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 6 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 7 yo	Min Level 2
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Min Level 4

4.4. Chief Steward

Class	Level
CAI YH 5 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 6 yo	Min Level 2
CAI YH 7 yo	Min Level 2
YH Championships (appointed by the FEI)	Min Level 3

5. Judgment

To be judged

5.1. The basic paces

Walk: Clear 4-beat rhythm, covering ground, showing relaxation

Trot: Collected, working, medium and extended Trot as specified in the different tests

Canter: Collected, working, medium (for 6-and 7 year old only)

5.2. Demonstration of the level of training appropriate to the age of the Horse.

5.3. Overall impression to include character and education of the driving Horse in the dressage and the cones.

The most influential point is the character of the Horse and the Horse's drivability.

6. Requirements and evaluation

6.1. Athletes will drive one of the tests for Young Horses YH 1 or YH 2 followed immediately by the Cones Driving in the same arena.

6.2. The judges will award their marks in accordance with the guidelines laid out below –full and half marks can be used.

6.3. In the event of incidents, penalties equal to 1/10 of the points shown in the FEI Driving Rules for Dressage and Cones will be deducted from the average result (example: 0,3 for a ball down, 0,5 for a groom down, etc..). The penalty for exceeding the Time Allowed in the Cones Driving is 0.1 penalty per second.

7. Qualification

Each NF is responsible for the qualification and selection of the Young Horses entered for the Championship.

8. Championship

8.1. At the championship the horses have to do first a qualification in their relevant tests. 5-year old Test YH 1 (dressage + cones) 6- and 7- year old Test YH 2 (dressage + cones)

50% of the competing Horses qualify for the Final, with a minimum score of 6.0

8.2. If the number of starters permits, the OC together with the PGJ and the TD may decide to add a second qualification competition for the Horses who are not qualified for the Final after the first qualification test. The number of additional Horses that can qualify at the second qualification competition is decided by the PGJ, TD and OC before the second qualification– depending on the total number in each class. Each qualified Horse must have reached a minimum score of 6.0.

9. Championship Final

9.1. 5 year old horses

- Dressage: Test YH 3 (Final dressage test). Judged along the same guidelines with one final mark
- Special Combined Obstacle Driving with 10-14 cones included min one and maximum two Multiple obstacles and one or two Marathon obstacles (gates A-D see 3.6 above); water crossing optional if available.

Assessment criteria: Attitude, obedience, agility, harmony, productive efficiency, speed, potential and perspective; judged with one final mark (decimals possible)

Calculated score Mark 1 + Mark 2 = **Final result**

9.2. 6 year old horses

- Dressage: Test YH 4 (Final dressage test) judged along the same guidelines with one final mark.
- Special Combined Marathon with 2 Marathon obstacles (gates A-E) and 7 – 10 cones (see 3.7 above) and in addition a water crossing if available.

Assessment criteria: Attitude, obedience, agility, productive efficiency, potential, speed; judged with one final mark (decimals possible).

Mark 1 + mark 2 = **Final result**

9.3. 7 year old horses

- Dressage: Test YH 4 (Final dressage test) judged along the same guidelines with one final mark.
- Special Combined Marathon with 2 Marathon obstacles (gates A-F) and 10 – 12 cones (see 3.7 above) and in addition a water crossing if available.

Assessment criteria and penalty points the same as above.

Mark 1 + mark 2 = **Final result**

10. Guidelines for judging Young Horses Aptitude Test YH 1 (5 year old horses)

Only full and half marks allowed

A. Dressage

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| a) Basic paces | | |
| 1. Walk | (Rhythm, purpose, covering ground, active hindquarters, freedom in the shoulder, stretching forward and downward, relaxation) | x 2 |
| 2. Working trot | Rhythm, impulsion, activity, swinging back) | x 1 |
| 3. Medium Trot | (Rhythm, impulsion, lengthening of frame and steps, swinging back, covering ground, balance) | x 1 |
| b) Education of the Horse referring to the Training Scale | (Contact, elasticity, willing to stretch, bending, obedience, suppleness) | x 2 |

B. Cones

(Obedience, elasticity, suppleness, maintaining speed, contact, forward engagement, confidence and following the aids) x 1

C. Overall impression

(Quality of natural movements, Obedience, suppleness, appearance, harmony of the performance, potential as a driving horse) x 1

All scores are added and divided by 8 = score for the performance
Penalties will be deducted from this score (see 6.3)

All incidents are calculated with 1/10 of the penalty points published in the current FEI Driving Rules referring to dressage or cones competitions.

11. Guidelines for judging Young Horses Aptitude (6 and 7 years old horses)

Only full and half marks allowed

A. Dressage

- a) Basic paces
1. Walk
(Rhythm, purpose, covering ground, active hindquarters, freedom in the shoulder, stretching forward and downward, relaxation) x 2
 2. Collected Trot and Working Trot
(Rhythm, impulsion, activity, swinging back, self carriage, elevation)) x 1
 3. Medium and Extended Trot
(Rhythm, impulsion, lengthening of frame and steps, balance, uphill) x 1
 4. Canter (Rhythm, suppleness, balance, impulsion, covering ground, uphill tendency) x 1
- b) Education of the Horse referring to the Training Scale
(Contact, elasticity, willing to stretch, bending, obedience, suppleness) x 2

B. Cones

(Obedience, elasticity, suppleness, forward engagement, contact, maintaining speed, confidence and following the aids) x 1

C. overall impression

(Quality of Natural movements, obedience, suppleness, willing for collection, appearance, harmony of the performance, potential as Driving horse) x 1

All marks are added and divided by 9 = score for the performance

Penalties will be deducted from this score (see 6.3)

All incidents are calculated with 1/10 of the penalty points published in the current FEI Driving Rules referring to dressage or cones competitions