

# INDOOR CARRIAGE DRIVING UK™

## Rules 2018

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These Rules supersede all other issues of the Rules and apply to Indoor Carriage Driving™ (ICD) events. They are based on rules of British Carriagedriving (BC) and have been adapted for the indoor environment. In all cases BC rules apply unless within these adapted ICD Rules.
- 1.2 The welfare of the horse is paramount and all must adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct for the welfare of the horse and, where appropriate for driving, the BHS code of practice for the welfare of horses and ponies at events.
- 1.3 All qualifying events must adhere to these rules. However, if something outside the rules needs a decision it is the duty of the Event Manager to make a decision in the spirit of the sport, adhering as closely as possible to these rules and using the BC rules applying at 1<sup>st</sup> October of the season where appropriate for aspects not covered here.
- 1.4 Each area will organise a minimum of five qualifying events.

### 2. ORGANISATION

#### 2.1 ENTRIES

- 2.1.1 The schedule of events and entry forms are published by ICD. Entries are only accepted if prepaid and in this form.
- 2.1.2 The organizer reserves the right to refuse any entry with or without stating a reason.
- 2.1.3 Any sharing of vehicles or grooms is accepted at the organiser's discretion and where practical, but must be declared on the entry form.

#### 2.2 OFFICIALS

- 2.2.1 The control of an event rests with the Event Manager whose decisions are final. The Event Manager may delegate any duties to stewards he or she considers competent.

#### 2.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.3.1 It is recognised that for practical reasons officials at indoor events may also be connected with competitors who may compete. Officials are always required to show a high standard of fairness and to minimise any conflicts of interest especially on subjective decisions.
- 2.3.2 It is not practical to rule out trainers, family or even competitors from helping out and acting as officials at indoor events, owing the relatively small pool of interested, willing and competent people available. Nonetheless organisers are urged to ensure events are both run scrupulously fairly and clearly seen to be fair. It is important to stick exactly to clear rules, the same for all. If potentially controversial decisions arise, try to ensure a person unconnected with any affected party is consulted.

#### 2.4 DRIVERS AND GROOMS

- 2.4.1 All driving competitors must be members of Indoor Carriage Driving UK™ before competing at any qualifying event.
- 2.4.2 Grooms – backsteppers need not be ICD Members but are advised to carry their own Personal Accident Insurance. ICD reserves the right to refuse any membership without stating a reason. Grooms for Phase 1 & 2 Must be capable of assisting and at least 13 years of age on the day of the event.  
Grooms for Phase 3 Obstacles: Must be capable of assisting and at least 14 years old on the day of the event.
- 2.4.3 JUNIOR Drivers. Competitors under the age of 18 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of that winter’s season. The minimum age of a Young Junior driver is 8 years on the day of the event and they must be covered by own independent liability insurance. At least one person on the vehicle must be a competent adult aged 18 years or over.  
If necessary dual reins may be attached either to the bit or under head collar to provide assistance ONLY if the need arises.  
Junior Drivers must have a competent person on the vehicle of at least 18 years of age.
- 2.4.4 Pony Teams must have a driver and two grooms. All other classes must have a driver and one groom. Extra people are not allowed on the vehicle, except multiples who wish to may in addition carry one further person as a passenger if the Event Manager agrees.
- 2.4.5 A small pony driven to a 2-wheeler may compete without a groom/backstepper on the vehicle provided a groom stays nearby to assist immediately if needed. However Junior Drivers under the age of 13 years old must have a competent groom on the carriage at all times.
- 2.4.6 For singles, the groom may sit beside the driver or stand on the back step. In all other classes the groom must stand on the back step.
- 2.4.7 The normal class progression is Novice, Intermediate, Open.

NOVICE: Novice Drivers who qualify for the Indoor Championships in Novice class in two successive seasons but have not competed in their qualification class at those championships will be upgraded to Intermediate.

INTERMEDIATE: Drivers who have competed in Novice Qualifier classes in BC national horse driving trials or finished in the top 50% of competitors in a Novice or Small Pony class at a British Indoor Carriage Driving Final but not yet qualified as Open. Novice Junior drivers in the top 50% of Novice Junior will only be upgraded if their score is also above the lowest score in the top 50% of Novice Pony. Drivers who qualify for the Indoor Championships in Intermediate class in two successive seasons but have not competed in their qualification class at those championships will be upgraded to Open.

OPEN: Drivers who have competed in Open or Intermediate classes in BC national horse driving trials competitions or open classes in ICD competitions or who have finished in the top 50% of competitors in an Intermediate class or finished as champion or reserve champion in Small Pony class at a British Indoor Carriage Driving Final. Note that all multiples classes are considered open classes, excepting only multiples in ‘club’ (introductory) classes or h/c where these are run at ICD events.

A driver over the age of 18 years on the 1st October of that winter's season progresses into the corresponding adult class. Novice Junior becomes Novice.

- 2.4.8 Drivers may compete in up to two classes at an event and can qualify from both.
- 2.4.9 Drivers who are 60 years old on the 1st October of that winter's season can qualify for the Veterans class at the Indoor Finals.
- 2.4.10 Drivers, backsteppers, grooms, riders, must wear a suitable, secured, approved protective hard hat in all phases and in warming up including riding under saddle. Body or back protectors are obligatory for juniors and highly recommended for all in all phases of an event and obligatory in the obstacles phase for everyone on the carriage.
- 2.4.11 Marathon dress for horse, driver and groom/back stepper. Warm and waterproof.
- 2.4.12 In all phases a number must be clearly displayed. These will either be numbers provided for the vehicle or number bibs worn by the groom (number bibs are normally provided).
- 2.4.13 Grooms are not allowed to give assistance, including verbal or physical directions; sliding, lifting or moving the vehicle in any way during precision and paces or cones. Contravening this will incur 20 penalties for their competitor for each incident.
- 2.4.14 Disabled drivers may compete at any indoor event providing they are accompanied on the carriage by an experienced/competent groom/back stepper. Dual reins are acceptable for the use of the AB Whip to assist to prevent an accident occurring.  
Disabled drivers need not carry a whip unless they can do so safely.

### 3. CLASSES AT QUALIFIERS

- 3.1 Novice Single Pony - Open Single Pony - Novice Single Horse - Open Single Horse Combined Multiples to include (Pony or Horse) Pair, Tandem, Pony Unicorn, and Pony Team Singles classes may be amalgamated according to entries. A minimum of three in a class. A Junior class may be run at the discretion of organisers but will be included in the appropriate class for the Points League according to final score obtained
- 3.2 A 'Club' class may be held at the discretion of the organisers. This is intended for newcomers to the sport or new horses. It does not count towards qualification for the Finals and rules may be relaxed for this class to allow for example, a groom to prompt the driver for paces and precision test. The driver must be a member of ICD before competing.
- 3.3 Where Small pony drivers at a qualifier event compete in Novice or Open local class the organiser will determine which local class according to the driver's record. Novice Juniors compete in Novice locally except where a local event has a large enough entry to support Novice and Novice Junior classes.

### CLASSES AT THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY

Novice Junior - Novice Single Pony – Intermediate Single Pony - Open Single Pony - Novice Single Horse – Intermediate Single Horse - Open Single Horse - Pony Pair – Horse Pair – Tandem – Pony Unicorn or Pony Team – Small Pony Single – Small Pony Pair – Veteran Driver.  
Junior Intermediate and Open drivers are included in the Intermediate or Open classes and be

eligible for the Supreme Championship.

Classes to be of 5 or more entries, those classes with less at the discretion of the organisers.

#### 4 HORSES

- 4.1 All animals must be at least 4 years old to compete.
- 4.2 Animals' passports must be available for inspection at events and all animals must have up to date equine influenza vaccination.
- 4.3 An equine which is more than 148 cm high without shoes or more than 149 cm with shoes is classified as horse. Below this is classified as pony. Small pony is 11 hands and under (112cm without shoes, 113 cm with shoes). Ponies up to height limit will be required to provide a letter from a Veterinarian stating size of pony with/without shoes.
- 4.4 There is no minimum or maximum height.
- 4.5 Animals may wear boots and/or bandages during all phases of the competition. These must be removed for inspection if an official requires.
- 4.6 Any animal may compete up to a maximum of twice at any event.

#### 5 VEHICLES

- 5.1 Vehicles will be of a marathon or three-phase type. Pneumatic tyres are permitted but scurry vehicles are NOT permitted. Vehicles may have two or four wheels.
- 5.2 Minimum weights do not apply but all vehicles must be of a construction suitable for the competition.
- 5.3 The minimum width for all phases of the competition is 125cm. This is measured at ground level on the widest part of the rear wheels.
- 5.4 There is no maximum width requirement, but note that cones widths will not be increased for any over-width vehicles.
- 5.5 Vehicles may be measured at any stage during the competition.
- 5.6 If any arena equipment becomes lodged under the vehicle at any time, it is the driver's responsibility to stop to dislodge the obstruction. Outside assistance may be called for without penalty. The clock will continue running.

#### 6. HARNESS

- 6.1 Any type of harness is allowed provided it is safe and appropriate for the welfare of the horse.
- 6.2 Auxiliary reins (including any type of check reins, grass reins, bearing reins) are not permitted, except for dual reins for very young or disabled drivers.
- 6.3 Harness for all vehicles must include breeching.
- 6.4 Bitless bridles (hackamore) are not permitted.

- 6.5 All rings, terrets and/or other types of device which have an extreme leverage effect on reins or bits are forbidden.

## COMPETITIONS

### 7 Phase 1 – Precision and Paces

- 7.1 The arena will be 50 x 20 metres and the markers will be equally spaced apart, 8.33m apart on the long sides, 10m on the short sides.
- 7.2 Only approved ICD Tests will be used.
- 7.3 All judges' scores will be indicated to and recorded by the scorer at the end of each movement. Judges are not expected to record comments on the movements.
- 7.4 The scores in precision and paces for each movement will be made available to the competitors after their tests and before the obstacles phase.
- 7.5 Two judges must be used. Judges to be named on the scoresheet and published results. One judge assesses and marks the paces, which count for 50% of the score while the other assesses and marks the precision of the movements executed, these scores contributing the other 50% toward the total.
- 7.6 Marks out of 10 will be awarded for each numbered movement.
- 7.7 The score for a test is calculated as follows:  
Add up all the marks for one judge.  
Subtract the result from the score you would get for 10 points for each movement– normally 100 multiply this by 0.5.  
Do the same for both paces and precision; add both scores for your P&P Score.
- 7.8 Errors of course or instances of rule breaking will be indicated, recorded and reported to the scorer by the judge responsible for marking precision.
- 7.9 The judges for this section do not need to be BC panel judges but must be competent and suitably experienced.
- 7.10 The test must be driven from memory.
- 7.11 The definitions of walk, trot and other paces are as in the FEI rules.
- 7.12 Changes of pace must always be made smoothly and promptly with the horse remaining in balance and on the bit. A transition must be completed as the nose of the horse arrives at the prescribed marker.
- 7.13 A halt must be made so that the leading horse's nose is at the marker, unless specified otherwise in the test.
- 7.14 It is an "Error of Course" when a competitor does the wrong movement or when a movement is omitted altogether.
- 7.15 If a competitor makes an Error of Course, the precision Judge will stop the competitor (via a bell, whistle or the commentator). The competitor must then resume the test from the beginning of the

movement where the error was made. If the competitor is in any doubt, he/she may approach the precision Judge for instructions.

7.16 Entering the arena without a whip, losing or putting down whip 5 penalties.

## 8 PHASE 2 - CONES

8.1 There will be up to ten obstacles.

8.2 Each obstacle will be a pair of cones or a multiple obstacle.

8.3 The course may include at most one multiple obstacle.

8.4 Gate markers will be numbered sequentially with a number on a white background on each left cone, from 1 up to the number of gates, with elements of multiples being lettered, e.g. 6A, B, C, D, 7, 8....

8.5 Official BC type cones need not be used but all elements must have a dislodgeable element.

8.6 The starting line must not be less than 5 metres from the first obstacle.

8.7 The finishing line must not be less than 5 metres from the final obstacle.

8.8 There is no set minimum or maximum distance between obstacles but the design should enable drivers to maintain an even pace throughout the majority of the course.

8.9 Drivers may take whatever line they wish but must take each obstacle in sequence. The entire turnout must pass between the cones.

8.10 Driving any obstacle out of sequence results in elimination. This includes driving any cone which is not the next one to drive, including a cone which has already been driven.

8.11 Drivers may cross their own line between obstacles without penalty.

8.12 Knocking down a previously driven obstacle or obstacle yet to be driven will incur 5 penalties. The obstacle will not be rebuilt during the driver's round.

8.13 The target time will be calculated from a speed of 220 metres per minute.

8.14 Competitors will be told the time allowed for the course but are reminded that stopwatches and/or other timing aids are strictly forbidden. Outside assistance could lead to disqualification.

8.15 A competitor will incur one penalty point for each commenced second above or below the target time and 5 penalties for dislodging one or both balls of a single obstacle.

8.16 Entering the arena without a whip or losing or putting down whip 5 penalties

8.17 There are no added penalties for refusals or disobedience.

8.18 The standard width is 145cm between a pair of cones. This can be larger or smaller at the course designer and organiser's discretion.

## 9 PHASE 3 – OBSTACLES

9.1 Each competitor will drive four marathon type obstacles.

- 9.2 Two obstacles will be erected in the arena at any one time and will have a maximum of 5 flagged gates A-E (6 A-F at the championships).
- 9.3 Local organisers may use obstacles 1 & 2 twice with the whole class driving the first two obstacles and then re-driving them as obstacles 3 & 4, or obstacles 1 & 2 are reflagged or totally replaced to form obstacles 3 & 4 which are then driven by each competitor. (At the finals four different obstacles may be used.)
- 9.4 Obstacles may have one knockdown per element. For attached elements only one knockdown counts per incident.
- 9.6 Start and finish gates will be positioned between the obstacles and will be common to both obstacles.
- 9.7 The competitor must go through the start, then through the lettered gates in sequence and in the correct direction, then through the finish. Once a lettered gate has been driven in the correct sequence it is 'free' and may be driven again in either direction. If a competitor drives a gate out of sequence or in the wrong direction they incur 20 points for an Error of Course. No gates then count until they drive the correct next gate. If the error is not corrected, the competitor is eliminated.
- 9.8 A gate is driven when the entire turnout crosses the line of the gate.
- 9.9 One penalty point will be awarded for each commenced second spent in each obstacle (this may be to 1/100th of a second at the discretion of Event Manager if suitable timing gear is used). Each obstacle is timed individually.
- 9.10 This timing is made from the when the nose of the first horse crosses the start line until the nose of the first horse crosses the finish line.
- 9.11 Each knockdown incurs 5 penalty points, including for cones in a cones course near the obstacles.
- 9.12 A whip need not be carried

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- 9.14 Timing will be made to 1/100th of a second.
- 9.15 Obstacles 1 & 2 will be driven in reverse order of the combined scores after phases 1 & 2 (Precision & Paces + Cones) the best going last.
- 9.16 Obstacles 3 & 4 will be driven in reverse order of the combined scores after phases 1 & 2 plus obstacles 1 & 2 if practicable, the best going last.

#### 10. QUALIFICATION.

- 10.1 Each competitor, in each event, in each region will gain points that reflect the position in which the competitor finishes within their championships qualifying class each time they complete. One point will be awarded for each event completed if not placed. We also record the competitor's best 'percent' score of the season in each class in each region. One competitor, with the highest points disregarding any former champions eligible to requalify (10.6), will be eligible to qualify from each class in each area provided they have also achieved a best percent score of at least 75% in that class and region.

In any area that has an average of 10 entries or more within one class over the duration of the season the competitor with the second highest points from that class will also qualify, provided they have also achieved a best percent score of at least 75% in that class and region. For any area with less than 10 competitors per event on average, and for classes with less than 4 competitors on average, ICD will judge which competitors to invite.

- 10.2 ICD will allocate each event to a region or regions.
- 10.3 Competitors may not transfer points between regions
- 10.4 All qualifying events MUST run to the official ICD rules and event organisers must report all competitors' final scores and placings as soon as possible after the event to ICD.
- 10.5 The scores will be calculated as follows: the points gained from the placings in the qualifying events in any one region, up to a maximum of 5 scores. i.e. in a region with 6 or more qualifying events, the total of a competitor's best 5 scores will count, for areas with less than six qualifying events ALL event points will count. Points are counted as: 10 for winner, 8 for second, 6 for third, then 5,4,3,2  
Tie breaker in an equal score in a qualifying event will be the obstacles overall score, if still on equal score then the P&P will be the tie breaker. Points will be awarded accordingly.  
If this results in a tie, the remaining event score if any will be used as a tie-breaker.
- 10.6 All the previous season's British Indoor Champions and the Reserve Supreme Champion have the right to defend their titles and do not have to re-qualify provided they compete at 50% of the events in their one nominated AREA & CLASS in the current season.
- 10.7 Past British Supreme Champions are qualified for all future British Indoor Carriage Driving Finals provided they compete at 50% of the events in their one nominated AREA & CLASS in the current season. They may compete in classes other than those of their Championship win.
- 10.8 ICD, as the organisers of the British Indoor Carriage Driving Finals, reserves the right to issue invitations to further competitors as they see fit.
- 10.9 If a driver qualifies for the same class in more than one region, their earliest qualification counts, and their points scores are disregarded in other regions for qualifications for that class (e.g. the second driver by points may qualify in the second region).

## 11 HEALTH & SAFETY

- 11.1 Health and Safety standards will be in force always. All persons on any show ground or course, etc will be held responsible to complying with these standards at all times and will not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever. Any accident shall be reported to the Health and Safety Office or Event Manager at the time of the occurrence. A report shall be entered into the Accident Report Book and the relevant forms completed (a copy shall be retained by ICD) and returned to the Insurers (via British Carriagedriving if applicable.)

## 12 DISCLAIMER

- 12.1 Neither the organisers nor the sponsors nor the Club(s) nor the landowner nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, owners, drivers, grooms, spectators nor any person whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract, or in any other way whatsoever, save for the death or personal injury caused by the Club's negligence.



## 13 CODE OF CONDUCT

ICD subscribes to the BC rules of conduct and discipline, BC Rulebook Annex 13.

We would like to draw attention to:

### **2. General Rules of Conduct - excerpt**

Nobody shall:

2.1 commit any act or conduct themselves in a manner which is in the reasonable opinion of the ICD Committee:

2.1.1 unsportsmanlike;

2.1.2 ungentlemanly;

2.1.3 prejudicial to the interests of ICD;

2.1.4 detrimental to the reputation of ICD;

2.1.5 liable to bring ICD and/or the sport of Horse Driving Trials into disrepute.

2.2. conduct themselves at a Driving Trial or Show in a manner which is improper, abusive, offensive or violent toward a member of the public or to the public in general;

2.3 disobey or deliberately ignore any reasonable instruction given by the organiser of an event, Judge, Official or Safety Officer or do anything which is liable to disrupt the competition.

2.4 argue with or use abusive language or behave with incivility or contempt toward any organiser of an event, Judge, Official or Safety Officer.

### **3. Driving Rules of Conduct**

No member nor any person for whom they are in law responsible shall at any event:

3.1 drive recklessly or dangerously;

3.2 misuse the whip or ill-treat any horse or pony;

3.3 compete with a horse or pony which is lame, sick or exhausted;

3.4 excessively press an exhausted horse or pony.

3.5 allow a horse or pony for which they are responsible as owner and/or driver to compete under the influence of any forbidden substance.

## **MARKS & PENALTIES**

### Precision and Paces.

10 Excellent - 9 Very good - 8 Good - 7 Fairly good - 6 Satisfactory - 5 Sufficient - 4 Insufficient - 3 Fairly bad - 2 Bad - 1 Very bad - 0 Not executed. Half points are allowed, 9.5, 8.5 etc.

### Precision and Paces Penalties

Entering the arena without a whip or losing or putting down whip 5 penalties

Part of the turnout leaving the arena during a movement: Marked down for inaccuracy

Error of Course: 5 penalties on all occasions.

GENERAL PENALTIES. All phases.

Vehicle overturning Elimination

Competitor dismounting 20 penalties

Groom (s) dismounting (one or both) 1st incident 5 penalties - 2nd incident 10 penalties - 3rd 15 penalties  
= pro rata.

Lame horse Disqualification

Outside assistance Elimination with the exception of Rule 5.6