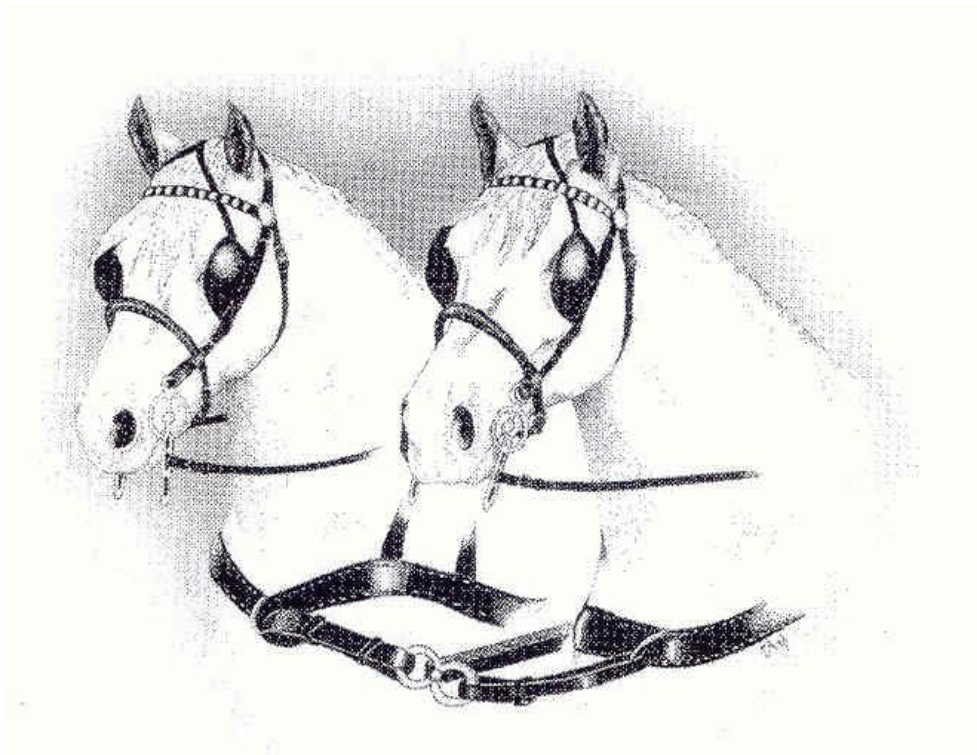


New Zealand Carriage Driving Society (Inc.)

**POD and OHCDE
Rule Book**



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Where a ruling is not specifically discussed in this manual, the NZCDS Rulebook based on the 2014 FEI driving Rules applies.

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Section 1: Categories and Levels

1.1 P.O.D. Classes

Class	Description
1	Open Combination – All Heights
2	Novice Combination – All Height
3	Donkey / Mule – All Heights

The event manager has the right to split / combine classes.

1.2 O.H.C.D.E Classes

Class	Description
1.1	Horses Over 148cm
1.2	Ponies Over 128cm and under 148cm
1.3	Ponies Under 128cm
2.1	Donkeys
2.2	Mules

The event manager has the right to split / combine classes.

Section 2: Competitors

2.1 Competitors will be treated as a Horse/ Driver combination. (Henceforth referred to as a Competitor.)

Section 3: Novice to Open Class progression and Point allocation at POD Competitions

3.1 All competitors may choose to commence competing in POD's at the Novice grade.

3.2 A Competitor may choose to upgrade at any time from NOVICE to OPEN grade for P.O.D competitions

3.3 Once in Open grade a competitor remains in Open grade (subject to 3.6 below)

3.4 A NOVICE competitor will automatically move into OPEN grade after having won Five (5) First Places overall in NOVICE grades in any of the NZCDS LISTED POD Competitions, over any period of time. Including the NI POD Championship.

3.5 In the case where there are more than TWO COMPETITIONS in ONE EVENT a competitor will complete the EVENT in the GRADE in which they entered.

3.6 An OPEN grade Driver acquiring a horse, the horse not in OPEN grade, may choose to move back to NOVICE grade.

3.7 An OPEN grade Driver acquiring a horse, already in OPEN grade, will remain in OPEN grade.

3.8 Points will be given in each NZCDS LISTED POD Competition in OPEN or NOVICE grade as:-

1st	10 points
2nd	8 points
3rd	6 points
4th	4 points
5th	2 points

These points are accrued for a single season, and determine the placing for the season POD points prizes.

Section 4: Grooms

- 4.1** Grooms optional for Singles.
- 4.2** Grooms compulsory for Multiples. Refer to NZCDS rulebook for number of grooms required.
- 4.3** For Singles, if a Groom is carried at the start of the MO (POD) or Marathon (OHCDE) phase they must then be carried for the whole of that phase in that competition.
- 4.4** For Singles a Groom may not be added during the MO (POD) or Marathon (OHCDE) phase if one is not carried at the commencement of that phase.
- 4.5** Grooms may stand on the back step for all phases.
- 4.6** Grooms giving assistance, including verbal or physical directions; sliding, lifting for moving the vehicle in any way during the Dressage or Cones phase will incur 20 penalties for their competitor for each incident.
- 4.7** Grooms under 16 yrs acceptable with parental and event manager approval.
- 4.4** Grooms may ride on more than one vehicle if time permits.

Section 5: Animals

- 5.1** Animals may compete only once in any competition.
- 5.2** Animals may wear boots and / or bandages during all phases of the competition.

Section 6: Vehicles

- 6.1** The competitor will use the same vehicle for all three phases
- 6.2** Pneumatic tires are permitted
- 6.3** Minimum wheel width for all carriages is 138cm – 140cm. Event Manager may allow other width carriages.

Section 7: Dress

- 7.1** Marathon dress to be worn throughout all phases of the competition.

7.2 N.Z.E.F approved hard hats and required and body protectors are strongly recommended.

Section 8: Competition A: Dressage (Referred to as Precision and Paces at POD competitions)

8.1 The arena at POD and OHCDE competitions will be a minimum size of 50 x 20 meters and the markers will be equally spaced apart.

8.2 The dressage test for the competition season will be determined by the Dressage Committee at the start of the competition season. The tests will have a maximum possible score of 100. These tests will be maintained within the NZCDS Dressage Manual and test available on the NZCDS website.

8.3 Errors of Course and any incidents to be noted, marked, and scored as per NZCDS Rules.

8.4 Movements to be marked from a possible score of 10 for each movement.

8.5 Writers are optional for both POD and OHCDE competitions. Comments are not required.

8.6 Judges

8.6.1 For P.O.D Competitions:

Two judges are required. One judge to assess and mark paces. The other judge to assess and mark the precision of the movements. The judge marking precision to be located at C and will notify the competitor of any errors of Course as per NZCDS rules. The other judge is to be located at either B or E.

8.6.2 For O.H.C.D.E Competitions:

One judge is required. Judge is to assess dressage as per NZCDS Rules. The judge is to be located at C and will notify the competitor of any errors of Course as per NZCDS rules.

8.7 Penalties

8.7.1 For P.O.D Competitions:

The two judges scores are totaled and divided by two to attain an average score out of 100. This is subtracted from 100 to give the competitors penalties for competition A. Penalties for errors of course are added following this.

8.7.2 For O.H.C.D.E Competitions:

The judges scores are totaled to give a score out of 100. This is subtracted from 100 to give the competitors penalties for competition A. Penalties for errors of course are added following this.

Section 9: Competition B: Cone Driving (Referred to as Obstacle Driving at POD competitions)

9.1 Course

9.1.1a For P.O.D Competitions:

The course shall have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 12 numbered gates and should not exceed 500 metres

9.1.1b For O.H.C.D.E Competitions:

The course shall have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 numbered gates and should be between 400m and 800m in length.

9.1.2 Obstacle gate markers shall be numbered sequentially. Official F.E.I type cones need not be used but all obstacle gates must have a dislodgeable element.

9.1.3 The course may include one multiple obstacle.

9.1.4 The starting line may not be less than 5 meters from the first obstacle. The finishing line may not be less than 5 meters from the final obstacle.

9.2 Speed

9.2.1 For P.O.D Competitions:

The target time will be calculated from a speed of 220 meters per minute for horses and ponies and 200 meters per minute for donkeys.

9.2.2 For O.H.C.D.E Competitions:

The allowed time will be calculated from a speed of 230 meters per minute for horses and ponies and 200 meters per minute for donkeys.

9.3 Penalties

9.3.1 There will be 5 penalties for a "knock-down".

9.3.2 For POD Competitions:

A competitor will incur one penalty point for each second either above or below the target time.

9.3.3 For OHCDE Competitions:

A competitor will incur 0.2 penalty point for each second above the allowed time.

Section 10: Competition C: Marathon and Marathon Obstacle Driving

10.1 MARATHON and MARATHON OBSTACLES

10.1.1 For POD Competitions:

- 10.1.1.1** Each competitor will drive four (4) marathon obstacles (MO).
- 10.1.1.2** Each MO will be timed individually.
- 10.1.1.3** M.O's may be erected singly or in pairs.
- 10.1.1.4** The maximum length of each individual M.O. will not exceed 250 meters.
- 10.1.1.5** There will be a maximum of five (5) Gates for each M.O.
- 10.1.1.6** MO's may have any number of "knock-down" elements.
- 10.1.1.7** Where the M.O.'s are erected in pairs with a common Start/Finish there must be provision for the competitor to circle/pause, to allow Timekeepers to reset watches and Judges to be repositioned.
- 10.1.1.8** M.O.'s, singly or in pairs, may be "Reflagged" to constitute another M.O., at the discretion of the event manager.
- 10.1.1.9** MO's are to be judged as per the NZCDS Rulebook and penalties awarded as per the NZCDS Rulebook.

10.1.2 For OHCDE Competitions:

- 10.1.2.1** Each competitor will drive a marathon course of between 4km to 7km. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 marathon obstacles located within the marathon course. Directional arrows and Km markers are to direct the competitors around the course.
- 10.1.2.2** Competitors are to be shown around the course prior to the commencement of Competition A (Dressage) and competitors should be given the appropriate time to walk the MOs during the course viewing.
- 10.1.2.3** The minimum and allowed times for the marathon course are

to be calculated as per the NZCDS Rulebook for Section E of a FEI CDT (Minimum time is three (3) minutes less than the allowed time).

10.1.2.4 The speeds for calculating the minimum and allowed times are as follows:

Class	Description	Speed Km/h
1.1	Horses Over 148cm	13 km/h
1.2	Ponies Over 128cm and under 148cm	12km/h
1.3	Ponies Under 128cm	11 km/h
2.1	Donkeys	8 km/h
2.2	Mules	11 km/h

Multiples are allocated their speed as per their height class.

10.1.2.5 MO's are to be judged as per the NZCDS Rulebook and penalties awarded as per the NZCDS Rulebook.

10.2 PENALTIES (for both POD and OHCDE competitions)

10.2.1 Penalties for time inside an obstacle are accrued at 0.5 of a penalty for each commenced second inside an obstacle.

10.2.2 If a competitor dislodges a dislodgeable element within a MO, the penalty is five (5) penalty points.

10.2.3 For OHCDE Competitions, the penalty for being outside of the allowed and minimum times is 0.2 penalties per second.

10.2.4 All other penalties are as per the NZCDS Rulebook.

Appendix

Appendix 1: Running Requirements – Personnel.

Running Requirements (Personnel) - POD

Course Designer: Ideally the course should be set up the day prior to the competition.

Event Secretary /Scorer:: Takes entries as competitors arrive, compiles the scores, provides times allowed for marathon, ensure the needed score sheets are ready prior to event day.

Event Manager: This persons role is similar to that of a TD and chief judge combined. Can be the course designer. The job entails running the course viewing, competitor briefing and steward briefing and to rove around the course throughout the competition to ensure that the stewards are comfortable with their jobs and that things are running to time and plan.

Dressage Judge (Two): One judge will be judging paces, the other precision

Marathon Obstacle Judge / Steward.

Cones Judge. Cones Writer / Assistant.

Running Requirements (Personnel) - OHCDE

Course Designer: Ideally the course should be set up the day prior to the competition.

Event Secretary /Scorer:: Takes entries as competitors arrive, compiles the scores, provides times allowed for marathon, ensure the needed score sheets are ready prior to event day.

Event Manager: This persons role is similar to that of a TD and chief judge combined. Can be the course designer. The job entails running the course viewing, competitor briefing and steward briefing and to rove around the course throughout the competition to ensure that the stewards are comfortable with their jobs and that things are running to time and plan.

Dressage Judge (One): It is recommended that this judge be a recognized NZCDS dressage judge or a listed ridden dressage judge.

Dressage Writer (One).

Marathon Section Start / Finish Steward.

Marathon Obstacle Stewards – Best Practice is two stewards per obstacle, if not available one capable steward per obstacle is acceptable.

Cones Judge.

Cones Writer.

Cones Assistant (optional, if not available writer and judge can manage)

Appendix 2: Running Requirements - Gear

Running Requirements – Gear – POD / OHCDE

DRESSAGE

Dressage Arena and letters: Minimum 50 x 20

Dressage Bell: A bell is required for the dressage or alternatively a vehicle horn can be used.

Dressage Sheets, Clipboard and Pens: One sheet per competitor upon a clipboard should be supplied to the dressage judge, to check and pass on to the dressage writer. It is recommended that spare dressage sheets are available also.

MARATHON

Marathon Obstacle Letters and start / finish gates: 3 to 5 Marathon Obstacles Only

Marathon Sheets/Clipboard and pens: The steward at the start and finish will require 2 sheets to record the start times and the finish times of the competitors. The Marathon Obstacle Stewards will require a marathon obstacle sheet per competitor per obstacle. These should be supplied on clipboards with pens.

Marathon Course Directional Arrows/Stakes and Km markers: Course should be well marked with clear directions. A lap system works well and helps keep marathon obstacles close to competitor camp, providing ease of access for walking. Km marker must be placed at each Km on course. Course should be between 4 and 6km in distance. *(Not Required for POD)*

Stopwatches: Each Obstacle requires 2 stopwatches, and the start/finish requires an actual time clock (digital).

CONES

Cones: Cone Course must have between 10 and 20 gates with a maximum of 1 multiple gate (gates with a/b/c/d). Cones are recommended to be measured to be carriage width plus 300mm, but if necessary (due to lack of stewards) cone course can be set to a predetermined distance (1800mm recommended). **A measuring tape or bar will be required** to set and remeasure cones.

Cone Numbers: Cone Numbers may be labelled on the surface of the cones or on a surface outside the cones, and set as per FEI rules.

Whistle: It is recommended that a whistle or bell (different to that used in dressage) is used, so that competitors can clearly distinguish between the two signals, especially if the dressage and cones are located close to one another.

Stopwatches: Another 2 stopwatches are required for the cone course.

Cone Course Sheets/Clipboard and pens: A cone course judging sheet upon a clipboard with pens to be supplied to the cones writer.

Appendix 3: Example of a OHCDE Event format and timing

OHCDE Event Format.

A typical OHCD Event Programme:

Prior to Event: Venue visited and confirmed as suitable, Event Advertised, entries collated (or can be taken on day), dressage test and other scoring sheets prepared, judges and stewards confirmed.

Day prior to event: Course Designer, Event Secretary and others set up venue (dressage arena, marathon course, obstacles and cone course). Distance and course details are provided to scorer for scoring programme set up.

Day of Event

8.30am: Marathon Obstacles and Cones are open for Competitors to walk.

10.30am: Official Course Viewing Commences, followed by competitor briefing

11.00am: Steward Briefing

11.30am: Competition Commences.

As competitor completes dressage test, they move straight to the start of the marathon course, where, the starter starts them on the nearest minute after their arrival. (Try keep the start of the marathon and the finish in the same place, and try keep it relatively nearby to the dressage arena). Following the completion of the marathon, the competitor moves straight to the cone course and completes this when signaled by the cone course judge. The three phases of competition should take a maximum of one hour per competitor.

If there are a great number of entries, it is useful to have a extra roving steward collecting score sheets and returning these to the scorer.

Approx 1.30pm (dependent on numbers): All competitors are finished and off course.

Approx 2.00pm: Scoring is complete, prize giving commences.

