



## Important Rules for Marathon Revised 9/1/14 (June 2014 Rules)

See Also Important Rules - All Marathon Positions

### If You Observe Rule Violations

1. Record on Score Sheet and Backup Sheet
2. Call for the TD or discuss with Judge at your position
3. Stay after event until released

### Violations Listed on Score Sheet – Red Dot!

- Check or enter # of times in blank provided
- Record details in "Description" box

DRIVING PENALTIES: (Check box and describe penalty in comments.)		
1. Starting before passing through "IN" gate.....	965.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (E)
2. Course: Wrong - Omits a gate or passes through out of order or in wrong direction does not correct before the "OUT" gate.....	965.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (E)
3. Course: Corrected - Wrong course, but makes correction from the point of error.....	965.2.4	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (20)
4. Dismounting: groom, each time, both feet.....	965.3.1	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (5)
5. Dismounting: driver, each time, both feet.....	965.3.3	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (20)
6. Dismounting & carriage turnover.....	964.7.4	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (E)
7. Knockdowns: marker dislodged.....	961.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (2)
8. Knockdowns: held by drivers or groom.....	961.5.7	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (10)
9. Placing both feet on obstacle element.....	965.3.5	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (4)
10. Groom handling whip/reins/brake.....	943.2.5	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (20)
11. Groom leading horse through obstacle.....	965.3.6	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (20)
12. Disconnecting and leading any horse through any part of the obstacle.....	965.4	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (E)
13. Failing to stop: leg over leadbar, pole, shaft.....	965.6.2	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (E)
14. Failing to stop: leg over trace.....	965.6.3	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (30)
15. Exceeding 5 minutes in the obstacle.....	965.7.3	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (E)
16. Outside Assistance- (RECORD DETAILS).....	945.1	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (E)
17. Whip (driver use only) / (not in hand).....	964.1	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (20)
18. Deviation from course.....	964.3	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (10)
19. Incorrect pace (< 5 seconds)- Total Seconds.....	964.4	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (1/5 Sec)
Stop on course (no reason) - Total Seconds.....	964.6	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (1/10 Sec)

### Violations Needing More Explanation!

- Record in Description Box

- Failing to pass through the exit flags of an Obstacle within 5 minutes. This most likely happened because they went out the "in" gate or missed the "out" gate altogether and drove off! (E) *Hold next competitor and keep time running in case they come back! After 5 minutes has elapsed, whistle twice, and record actions confirming you timed until 5 minutes. If they come back and complete or correct the obstacle before 5 minutes has elapsed, score as a normal obstacle that just had a very long Time Taken. Write detailed description and call for TD to review whether penalties apply.*
- Passing between the exit flags before completing the Obstacle (E) *Record gates missed and time taken & details after, if any. Competitor cannot come back to complete!*

- Excessive whipping or other act of cruelty (E) *Record where, when, details including any emergency situation. Call for an Official.*

## ***Violations Entering or Leaving an Obstacle or On Course – Red Dot!***

### ***- Record Pace Violations in “Break of Pace” Box***

2.8 Distances and Pace at ADS-recognized Marathon competitions:

DIVISION	DISTANCE		PACE			
	MIN KM	MAX KM	SECTION A	WALK SECTION	SECTION B*	
					OUTSIDE OBSTACLES	INSIDE OBSTACLES
Training	8	12	Any pace	Walk	Walk or trot only	Walk or trot only
Preliminary	8	14	Any pace	Walk	Walk or trot only **	Any pace
Intermediate	10.8	15	Any pace	Walk	Any pace	Any pace
ADS-Advanced***	10.8	15	Any pace	Walk	Any pace	Any pace
USEF-Advanced	11.8	18	Any pace	Walk	Any pace	Any pace
*All divisions – Walk or trot only from last obstacle or last 300m to end of Section B (see Article 960.6.2)						
** Exception: Preliminary entering and exiting obstacles at canter subject to five-second break-of-pace.						
*** Name change to Intermediate-II effective 01Jan15						

### ***- Record Whip Violations by checking appropriate line and recording details in “Description” Box.***

Training/Prelim/Int must have whip in hand at all times. If dropped, Driver must have a whip or something “whip-like” in hand before the next turning flag. Advanced is “Whip Optional” but can only be touched by Driver. Anyone else touching, esp the navigator gets a red dot.

**Article 969 Summary of Penalties in Marathon** [formerly Article 949.3]

Athletes are liable to the following penalties:

DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE ARTICLE	PENALTIES
Athlete or Groom wearing shorts.	928.2.1	10 penalties per person
No Protective Headgear or no body protector on Marathon.	928.2.2	Elimination
Finishing Section B with fewer Horses than required.	931.3	Disqualification
No breeching with a carriage with no brakes.	937.1.1	Elimination
No breeching for Singles	940.1.4	Elimination
Contravening the rules on advertising.	Article 941	Warning Yellow Card
Substitution of a Groom.	943.2.7	Elimination
Groom handling reins, whip and brakes when carriage not stationary.	943.1, 943.2.5	20 penalties
Person tied to the carriage	943.2.6	Elimination
Outside Assistance.	945.1	Elimination
Groom leading a Horse through an obstacle.	945.3	25 penalties
Incorrect pace	<del>960.1</del> 960.2.8 960.6.2	1 penalty for every 5 sec.
Dislodging a dislodgeable element	961.5.5	2 penalties per occurrence
Preventing a dislodgeable element from being dislodged	961.5.7	10 penalties
Motorised vehicles or bicycles in obstacles. First Incident Second Incident	962.3	Warning Yellow card
Carriages under weight at end of B or under width at start of B.	937.1.4, 937.4 & 966.1.2	Elimination
Total time over Time Allowed in all Sections	963.5.1	0.2 penalties/sec.
Total time under Minimum Time in Sections A and B	963.5.2	0.2 penalties/sec.
Total time in obstacles	963.2	0.2 penalties/sec.
Athlete fails to stop when recalled	963.4.3	Elimination
Not ready to Start Section A	963.4.2	0.2 penalties/sec.
Contravening the rule on the use of the whip	964.1	20 penalties
Each deviation from Course after last obstacle	964.3	10 penalties
Required persons not on carriage passing through a compulsory turning flag, or the start and finish of each Section, each occasion.	964.5.2	10 penalties (grooms) 20 penalties (Athlete)
Grooms Dismounting while moving in Section B.	964.5.1	15 penalties
Athlete Dismounting while moving in Section B.	964.5.1	20 penalties
Finishing Section B with missing or disconnected Pole strap, trace or reins for each occurrence.	964.7	10 penalties
Failing to pass through compulsory turning flags and obstacles in correct sequence and direction	965.2	Elimination
Finishing Section B with missing wheel.	964.7	Elimination
Finishing Section B with broken or disconnected pole or shaft.	964.7.4	Elimination
Failing to pass through entry flags of an Obstacle.	965.2.1	Elimination

DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE ARTICLE	PENALTIES
Failing to pass through exit flags of an obstacle	965.7.3	Elimination
For correcting each error of Course in an obstacle.	965.2.1	20 penalties
Passing between exit flags before completing an Obstacle.	965.2.4	Elimination
Groom(s) dismounting in an obstacle, each occasion.	965.3.1	5 penalties
Athlete dismounting in an obstacle.	965.3.3	20 penalties
Two feet on an Element of obstacle.	965.3.5	5 penalties
Groom climbing over horse back or down the pole in an obstacle	965.3.4	20 penalties
Disconnecting and leading through an Obstacle.	965.4	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over pole, lead bar or shaft.	965.6.2	Elimination
Failing to stop for leg over trace.	965.6.2	30 penalties
Carriage overturn	964.7.4	Elimination
Exceeding the Time Limit in obstacles (5 min.)	965.7.3	Elimination
Horses unfit to continue in rest area	935.3.3, 966.1	Elimination
Exceeding the Time Limit in all Sections	963.2.5	Elimination
Groom leading horse through the obstacle by the bridle ends of the reins	965.3.6	25 penalties
Stopping on course for reasons other than repairs	964.6.1, 964.6.2	1 penalty per commenced 10 seconds