



**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<br>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.<br>First Incident<br>Second Incident   | 962.3                               | Warning<br>Yellow card                          |
| Carriages under weight at end of B or under width at start of B.  | 937.1.4, 937.4<br>& 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)<br>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 |