

INTERNATIONAL TROTTING ASSOCIATION

RULES GOVERNING 2005 WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The 2005 World Driving Championship will be hosted by Italy.
2. The Championship will be controlled and race under these guidelines and under the racing rules of the organising countries. A minimum of 20 races shall be conducted.
3. All drivers competing in the Championship shall be named by March 1st, 2005, at the latest.
4. Each participating driver must sign a driving contract provided by the host country (Italy).
5. Each driver competing in the Championship will be licensed to drive in the host country on production of a document from his own trotting governing body indicating that he is in good current standing.
6. Each driver has to wear his country's national driving silks. The silks shall be free from any commercial sponsoring items. Personalized helmets will be provided by each competing driver. Commercial sponsoring items related to this helmet will be allowed.
7. Air travel costs from country of origin to the host country and return will be the responsibility of the controlling body of trotting in each country from which a participating driver originates.
8. Driving assignment will be drawn for each race. The drivers or representatives of the participating countries have the right to be present at the drawings. A driver shall not drive a horse, which such a driver normally drives or works.
9. Points for the Championship will be awarded in each race according to the official order of finish, on the following basis:
Number of starters 10:
17(1.), 12(2.), 9(3.), 7(4.), 6(5.), 5(6.), 4(7.), 3(8.), 2(9.), 1(10.).
Number of starters 9:
16(1.), 11(2.), 8(3.), 6(4.), 5(5.), 4(6.), 3(7.), 2(8.), 1(9.).
Number of starters 8:
15(1.), 10(2.), 7(3.), 5(4.), 4(5.), 3(6.), 2(7.), 1(8.).

10. In the event of a horse being scratched or where no horse is available, five (5) points shall be awarded to the driver concerned. If a horse is disqualified or a horse and driver fail to complete the race, they will receive one (1) point.
11. In the event of a dead heat for any placing in any race the horses involved in the dead heat will be added together and divided equally among the drivers concerned.
12. The point score will be kept by an Official Point Scorer appointed by the host country.
13. All drivers must compete in all races in the Series, unless unable to do so because of illness, injury or exceptional circumstances. In the event a driver is unable to compete, his driving assignments will be handled at the option of the host country by:
 - a) Another driver in the championship, if the horse or he or she was to drive in the same race is scratched,
 - b) A substitute international champion or the current leading race winning driver at the track where the race is being held or the second leading driver if the first is already competing in the Series or is unavailable.

If this case happens, the points shall be scored as if the horse would have been driven by a driver competing in the Series.
14. The driver with the most points shall be declared the 2005 World Driving Champion.
15. In the event of a tie for any position, the driver with the most number of winning drives in the Championship races shall be declared winner; if still tied the greater number of second drives and so on until the winner is declared.
16. No driving fees are to be paid by the owners to the competing drivers.
17. All races shall be started from the Mobile Barrier and will have 10 starters and up to four emergency horses. All drivers should be given equal opportunity to all barrier positions.
18. All horses in each race are to be graded as evenly as possible and each host club shall operate such system as it deems necessary to achieve this. Superior horses or horses hard to handle shall not be allowed to participate.

19. In all cases where an accident, a driving error or incident or other matters have occurred and the stewards in charge of the meeting conduct an inquiry into such incident, two nominees of the International Trotting Association and the official point scorer shall be present at such an inquiry.
20. The two nominees of the International Trotting Association shall be appointed for each such deliberation from representatives of the following bodies: USTA, SC, UET, and IDHC.
21. Where an error or incident occurs it is within the power of the Stewards to fine or suspend a driver as may be deemed appropriate and all controlling bodies shall be notified of the details of that decision.
22. The host country will insure drivers for competing in the Championship.
23. In the event of a situation arising which is not covered by these Rules or the Rules and Regulations applying to the participating clubs, then the nominees of the International Trotting Association referred to in Clause 19 above and the official point scorer, shall have the authority to determine the matter, and if necessary, to make whatever decisions are necessary for the ongoing of the Championship.
24. The host country/ies will arrange for thorough pre-briefing of all drivers on the racing rules of the country/ies concerned. Attendance at this briefing to be compulsory for all competitors. At the minimum, the briefing shall include explanations of the rules regarding, as they apply: breaking, whipping, going inside the pylons, the passing lane, a fallen horse, recalls or the reformation of the field, the lodging and disposition of fouls and inquiries.