



International Trotting Association Rules Governing the 2023 World Driving Championship

1. The 2023 World Driving Championship will be hosted by Germany (“host country”), Belgium and the Netherlands and conducted by Hauptverband für Traberzucht e.V. - HVT (“the organizing association”).
2. The Championship will be controlled and raced under these guidelines and under the racing rules of the organizing associations and the racetracks at which the competitions are conducted.
3. A minimum of 20 heats will be contested.
4. All drivers competing in the Championship shall be named not later than **April 15, 2023**.
5. Each driver competing in the Championship must be licensed to drive in the host countries. Each driver must supply a document from his /her own trotting governing body indicating that he or she is in good current standing (valid driving license).
6. Each driver shall wear his or her country’s national driving silks. The silks shall be free from any commercial sponsorship other than that approved by the organizing association.
7. Each driver shall wear a helmet approved by the organizing association. Commercial sponsoring of items related to the helmet will be allowed.
8. Air travel costs between the country of origin and the host country will be the responsibility of the controlling body in each country from which a participating driver originates.
9. To equalize the chances of each driver, the organizing association will divide the horses in 2 groups called A and B. Group A includes horses which are considered by the organizing country as the best and group B includes the horses of a lower category. Each participant will drive the same number of horses from group A and B. The horses will be assigned by public drawing. A driver shall not drive a horse that he or she owns, trains or works.
10. Points for the Championship shall be awarded in each heat according to the final, 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) and 1 (10)
 - Number of Starters – 9:
16 (1); 11 (2); 8 (3); 6 (4); 5 (5); 4 (6); 3 (7); 2 (8) and 1 (9)
 - Number of Starters – 8:
15 (1); 10 (2); 7 (3); 5 (4); 4 (5); 3 (6); 2 (7) and 1 (8)



11. In the event of a horse being scratched, or where there is no horse available, the driver it's concerns shall receive point's equivalent to the six places in the race. If a horse is disqualified or a horse and driver fail to complete the course, the driver shall receive one (1) point.
12. Points are awarded to drivers based on the official posted results of the race on race day.
13. In the event of a dead heat for any finishing position in any heat the points normally awarded individually to the drivers finishing in those positions shall be added together and divided equally among those drivers.
14. The point score will be kept by an Official Point Scorer appointed by the host country.
15. All drivers must compete in all the races in the Championship, unless able to do so because of illness, injury or any exceptional circumstances. In the event a driver is unable to compete, his or her driving assignments will be handled, at the option of the host country, by:
 - A. A substitute current leading race winning driver at the track at which the heat is being contested, or the next best leading driver if the first is already competing in the Championship or is otherwise unavailable.
16. The driver with the most points at the end of the Championship shall be declared the 2023 World Driving Champion.
17. In the event of a tie for any position, based upon the number of points earned, the driver with the most winning drives in the Championship heats will be declared the winner. If still tied, the greater number of second place finishes, third place finishes, fourth place finishes, and so on will determine that driver's position in the standings.
18. No driving fees are to be paid by the owners or trainers of the competing horses to the drivers.
19. All races shall be started by the use of a mobile barrier, and will have ten (10) starters.
20. All horses in all heats are to be graded as evenly as possible, and each host racetrack/association shall, as best as possible, attempt to achieve this.
21. One representative of the host country, the Official Point Scorer and the UET Supervisor shall constitute a jury for the purpose of making any necessary point adjustments as provided herein.
22. When an offence occurs, it is within the power of the racetrack Judges to fine or suspend a driver as is appropriate under the rules, and all controlling bodies shall be notified of the details of that decision.



23. The host country or association shall arrange a thorough pre-briefing of all drivers on the racing rules governing the first leg. Attendance by the drivers is mandatory, and the briefing shall include explanations of the following:

- Relevant rules regarding driving in races;
- Relevant information pertaining to the tracks where races are being conducted;
- Assembly and conduct of the post parade;
- Recalls and reformation of the parade;
- Breaking stride;
- Permissible uses of the whip;
- Holding one rein in each hand;
- Going inside the pylons;
- Fallen horses and other accidents; and
- How to file post-race objections.

24. No electrical devices of any kind may be used by drivers, and only driving equipment and attire permitted in the host jurisdictions may be used or worn.

25. All drivers will be required to submit to breathe analysis used to determine the presence of alcohol and/or the driver can be tested for drugs. Drivers exceeding the limit will not be permitted to participate further in the Championship and will be subject to fine and/or suspension.

26. The total purse to be paid to the participating drivers will be US\$55,000. The distribution of the prize money shall be as follows:

First Place - \$25,000, Second Place - \$12,500, Third Place - \$6,000, Fourth Place - \$4,000, Fifth Place - \$2,500 & Sixth through Tenth Place, each - \$1,000 (Grand Total - \$55,000)

27. Schedule of the races

Sunday August 13, 2023

Wolvega racetrack (NED) – 19h10 1st race (5 races)

Tuesday August 15, 2023:

Gelsenkirchen racetrack (GER) - 11h50 1st race (5 races)

Wednesday August 16, 2023:

Mons racetrack (BEL) - 18h30 1st race (5 races)

Thursday August 17, 2023:

Transport by plane to Berlin

Friday August 18, 2023:

Berlin Mariendorf racetrack (GER) – 18h00 1st race – (5 races)