

TOP DRIVER AWARD 2016

For Single, Pair and Four-in-Hand Classes

Point System:

Athletes may compete in all competitions but only the results of the best four events will count for the overall classification.

Participants in each competition will receive points as shown in the table below.

The winner of the series will be the athlete receiving the highest number of points in four events maximum.

Should a tie for points exist between athletes for any placing in the overall classification, the athletes with the greatest number of wins will be decisive. In case of a further tie the athletes with the greatest number of second places will be decisive and so on until there are no athletes equal on points.

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2. The Qualification for the Series

- 2.1. The qualification for the Series takes place at approved CAI3*, CAIOs and CH-M-A4 (hereinafter "Outdoor Qualifiers").
 - 2.1.1. The qualification period for the Series season starts on 1st October and ends on 30 September, preceding the relevant FEI World Cup™ Driving season.
- 2.2. Five bonus points are awarded for CAIOs and FEI World Driving Championships.
- 2.3. Points are awarded for a place at the Series. Only best four results to count.
- 2.4. There is no maximum number of Outdoor Qualifiers.
- 2.5. There is no restriction on the number of Outdoor Qualifiers per country.
- 2.6. Only those Outdoor Qualifiers in which Four-in-Hand Athletes from 3 or more National Federations (hereinafter "NFs") compete can be submitted by an Athlete in support of qualifying for the Series.
- 2.7. No more than two Outdoor Qualifying Competitions from the Athletes' own NF can be submitted by an Athlete in support of qualifying for the Series.
- 2.8. The top Athletes from the Outdoor Qualifiers list qualify to compete in the Series. The Athletes qualify and not the Athlete-horse combinations.
- 2.9. A maximum of three Athletes per NF can take part in the Series. In the event that more than three Athletes from one NF finish in the top ten of the ranking list, that NF's Athletes with the highest points qualify for the Series.
- 2.10. If one of the qualified Athletes withdraws from the Series it must be communicated to the FEI, at the latest, 14 days after the last Outdoor Qualifiers. The next Athlete in the ranking shall replace the Athlete that has withdrawn subject to the limitation on the maximum number of Athletes per NF as set forth in these rules.
- 2.11. At each Leg, five of the 10 Qualified Athletes may compete, plus one to three Wild Cards.
- 2.12. The Athletes may choose which Legs they want to enter, based on their placings in the FEI World Cup™ Driving ranking.
- 2.13. After the last Outdoor Qualifier the top ten Athletes are asked to select the Legs of the Series as follows:
 - The winner of the FEI World Cup™ Driving ranking may select his 1st Leg.
 - Then the 2nd placed may select one Leg, and then the 3rd placed, then the 4th and so on down to the last qualified Athlete.
 - Then the 1st placed may select his second Leg and the same rule applies down to the last qualified Athlete.
 - In case two Legs are on the same date, each Leg will get five of the qualified top ten Athletes. Athletes from the NF where the Legs are organised have priority to select to what Leg they want to compete in.