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Standardized Track Width for CDE Vehicles

At the recent meeting of the Combined Driving Committee in Louisville, KY, the topic of standardizing the track widths for all vehicles was introduced. This has been a topic of informal discussions for some time. While there is no formal rule change proposal at this time, the committee endorsed the concept, which received enthusiastic support from the organizers present at the meeting. The CD committee believes it is in the best interest of the sport to make the next step towards the goal of standard track width for all vehicles as other countries have done before us. This will save time and volunteers to reset cones for each individual carriage. It will also avoid the risk of having set cones to the wrong wheel measurement. The target date for the implementation is January 2010. Track width for horses and ponies would as shown in the current ADS rulebook, Article 936.3.6, for the advanced division. Criteria for the VSE entrants would need to be developed. While the issue is not without it's challenges, committee members felt it was worth additional investigation.

All ADS members wishing to submit comments on this issue are invited to send their thoughts and ideas to: cde.committee@americandrivingsociety.org While there is no current rule change proposal under consideration, the Combined Driving Committee would like to establish this e-mail address to receive comments from the membership.

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