

National Federation (FN). If you need help, feel free to contact the persons you find at the end of this flyer under **Information**.

Important to get the Sport ID Card is, that your handicap affects your ability for regular driving. There is no need to have a Handicapped ID Pass.

During a personal appointment with the profiler the ability to do sport will be tested and how much the handicap limits the driver. This is the basis for the profile of the handicap, the grade (grade 1 – heavy handicap, grade 2 – mid handicap) and the supporting tools for the driver, to compensate the handicap towards the regular drivers in a competition. All that: profile, grade and allowed aid tools will be listed in the national Sport ID Card. To participate the World Championships, an international Sport ID Card is mandatory, two international profilers of different nationalities have to confirm or to add the list of the national ID Card.

Aid tools

The compensating aid tools, individually adjusted to the drivers needs are as much important as the personal ID Card. The experienced drivers know already, which tools driving make more easy, the newcomers need help and support. We are pleased to help and put you in touch upon request and we very much welcome you at our German Championship, the World Championship and other tournaments or trainings. You can get an impression of the possibilities and may be trying out the different aids.

The different aid tools, which are already permitted:

- specific reins with different loops , if there are problems (for example reduced power in the hands or arms) with the handling of the reins

- modified carriages – modified brakes , brake booster , climbing on aids , specific seats , footboards
- aid by the groom , grooms take the part using the whip (reduced power in the hands or arms related to a disease) or the brake (complete or incomplete paraplegia)
- waiver of using equipment, which are mandatory in regular tournaments such as : wearing gloves , taking the hat off for salutation, driving with reins in one hand etc.
- the permission of motorized visual inspection of the course or with an accompanying person
- small aids , like Velcro strips, to keep the knees together , small footboards with loops, a huge amount of specific reins

Driving Education and Tournament participation

Important: with the Sport ID Card and the listed aid tools you can do the course for the first bronze driving badge, which means the driving license. After you succeeded in that course you can participate regular and para equestrian tournaments, without any disadvantages towards the regular drivers. A copy of the Sport ID Card has to be deposited at the tournament reporting centre to inform the judges.

Important for all trainers , event organizers and judges : you don't take any uncalculated risk for para equestrian drivers, with the Sport ID Card the ability of practicing sport is guaranteed . If the handicap of the person does not allow to practice sport, the person does not receive the Sport ID Card. The importance of the ID Card also is related to the insurances, participation of the commontraffic and for competition and club-areas.

Together we are strong

Particularly helpful is, when handicapped people joining together for supporting each other, exchanging practices and if necessary, fighting for their rights. In general it takes a while till a para equestrian drivers group is built in a country. Till that time and for all difficult questions we offer our help. The relationship between the handicapped drivers around the world is marked by friendship and support, but also by a fair competition during the tournament.

Our World Championship

From 29th of August till 2nd of September will be the VIII. Para Equestrian World Championship in Breda/NL. For all interested involved persons and members of official delegations, Breda is the ideal place to get information and initial impressions. Our biggest goal, we are working on, is: being able to welcome more participants from more nations for the Para Equestrian World Championship in 2014 .

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Para Equestrian Driving

Driving – the alternative if riding is not or not any longer possible

Driving with supporting tools - if nothing else is possible

Everything is possible,

- if diseases or handicaps need a specific solution,
- if passionate horse lovers are not willing to waive their horse, in spite of their health problems.

Newcomer or changing from riding to driving

There are lots of possibilities for handicapped people in para equestrian driving, for those, who want to drive competitions. Related to their handicap it's difficult, to be successful in regular tournaments. Some want to quit their sport or have already done it, because of diminishing physical abilities. People can drive with partly less remaining abilities and with handicaps, if riding is completely impossible. For those people , driving gives an incredible independency , to keep the own horse , to change the education of the horse for driving and last but not least to participate the equestrian sport and to be active in competitions .

The key point is to know how to do it. You need to create some conditions.

The Sport ID Card

The basis of para equestrian driving is the Sport ID Card ,already worldwide known for the para equestrian riders , regulated in the FEI rules `final classification manual`. All authorized specialist physicians (classifier or

profiler) have this manual. The authorized classifier are listed in the FEI
Officials List Para Equestrian Riding/Driving or you can find them via the