

HOW CLASSES WILL BE JUDGED

Classes #22-#26 – Pleasure Driving:

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive.

To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure-eight.

To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

Classes #27-#31 – Reinsmanship:

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver.

To be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be requested to execute a figure-eight and/or perform appropriate tests.*

The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent “feel” with the horse’s mouth. Drivers should not be penalized nor rewarded for using one general style over another.

*In order to evaluate a driver’s versatility, the judge may request a test involving driving with one hand.

To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture and overall appearance of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

Classes #18-#21 Pleasure Marathon:

Purpose: To test the driver on his skill in negotiating a cross country marathon at a prescribed pace (similar to a hunter pace).

To be driven over a marked course. The mid-point of the course is marked with a “half-way” marker.

Drivers are given the distance of the course and the speed they are to drive (suggested: 14KPH horses, 12KPH large ponies, 11KPH small/medium ponies) and they must try to come to the finish line exactly on time.

Walk Section: Management has the option of adding a walk section near the midpoint, not to exceed 1 km. To be clearly marked with “walk” and “resume trot”. Breaks of pace in the walk, by any horse in the turnout, will be penalized by 10 penalties per 5 paces.

Mandatory Trot: The last kilometer must be driven at the trot. Circling, driving serpentines, and walking or stopping are not permitted under penalty of elimination. The start of the trot shall be marked “mandatory trot”. Breaks of pace shall be penalized by 10 penalties per 5 paces.

One penalty is assessed for each second too early or too late.

Classes #11-#14 – Timed Obstacles:

To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to the dimensions of the driving area not to exceed 20 obstacles.

After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in order to the designated finish line.

Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver’s elapsed time. Placing are determined on a low total time basis. Ties for first will be decided by a drive-off.

Penalties: Knocking over start or finish marker; knocking down or dislodging obstacle; break to canter; disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course)

– 5 seconds each

Starting before signal; failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal; off course; exceeding the time limit; outside assistance; failure to carry whip (Article 8.2); use of a tie-down or overcheck; breakage of harness or vehicle; 4th break to canter; 3rd disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course) – **elimination**

Classes #40-#42 – Cross Country Obstacles.

To be driven over a prescribed course of natural and/or artificial obstacles designed to simulate those that might be encountered on a country drive (i.e. Bridges, water, log pile, farm animal pens, etc.) Obstacles will be designed to be easily driven and will not simulate Combined Driving Obstacles. Placing will be determined on time and low fault basis. Orleton Farm Rules will govern this class.

Classes #32-#34 – Heritage:

These classes will be open to singles, pairs, tandems, or 4-in-hands and to pony, mules and very small equines. Period costumes are preferred. The carriage should be turned out to a “Turn of the Century”, or “Carrier and Ives” type of appearance. Commercial and Livery driven vehicles are welcomed. Orleton Farm house rules will govern this class only.

Classes #26, #31, #39

Novice Whip to drive will be open to whips not having won three first place ribbons in an ADS & USEF sanctioned driving competition. Junior whips not eligible.

Classes #35-#39 – Reverse Psychology Cone Class:

To be driven over a course of 8-10 obstacles (paired markers) in both directions. After passing the starting line the driver shall proceed through each obstacle to the designated finish line. At this point the driver, without stopping will reverse and drive the course in the opposite direction.

Classes #43 – Carriage Dog: Primarily on suitability of the dog to serve as a companion (maximum one dog per carriage.) To be judged both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. The dog may stand or be seated in the carriage. The dog may run behind, beside or at the axle of the carriage, but the dog must be under control at all times. The dog may not be restrained by being tied to the carriage or driver. The driver may not hold the dog, and the dog may not interfere with the driver in any way. The dog may be of any breed.

PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW CONDITIONS AND RULES

1. The Committee reserves the right to eliminate or consolidate classes as entries warrant - 3 entry minimum.
2. Entries closed June 1, 2008.
3. There will be a \$12.00 registration fee per vehicle, per class. Post entries will be charged an additional \$5.00 per class. There is an ADS non-membership fee of \$15.00 for the horse show which may be applied to 2008 ADS membership.
4. Entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor and anyone riding on the vehicle.
5. Numbers will not be assigned without payment of entry fees, properly signed entry forms, ADS disclaimer, a negative Coggins test taken within 6 months for out-of-state equines and within 1 year for Massachusetts animals, and a current rabies vaccination certificate.
6. Junior – open to whips 17 years of age or younger. 14 years of age or younger to be accompanied by an adult. Juniors only will be eligible for the Thomas Leahey Memorial Championship Trophy. Juniors excluded from Novice Division.
7. **Removing the bridle from an animal harnessed to a vehicle or leaving an animal unattended while hitched anywhere on the show grounds will result in instant elimination.**
8. Drivers must carry a whip, wear a hat, apron and gloves while driving their horses or ponies.
9. A physician, veterinarian & farrier will be on call.
10. A course map for the cones and marathon cross country obstacle course will be available at the show.
11. For Sale Carriages – Area will be provided to accommodate horse drawn carriages to be brought to the show for the purpose of sale and viewing by the public. Registration for this is \$25.00
12. Stalls are available at \$115.00 each with two bags of shavings. Stall reservations and payment must be made by June 1, 2008.
13. Refunds on entries will be made only upon the receipt of a Veterinarian’s Certificate attesting to the inability of the animal to participate due to illness or injury. This certificate MUST be received prior to the opening of the show on June 21, 2008. Stall fees are not refundable.
14. Commercial Vendors may inquire about available space by calling 413-298-3119.
15. The Multiple class is open to horse and pony pairs and tandems and will be split with unicorns and 4-in-hands. The class will then have an A section and a B section.
16. Novice Driver – Not having won three first place ribbons in an ADS & USEF sanctioned driving competition. Juniors and Novice drivers cannot cross enter.

Mail all entries to Laurence Williamson, 108 Cold Pond Road, Acworth, NH 03601

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Additional Prize List may be downloaded @ colonialcarriage.org