



United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.

The National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport

Criteria To Compete In International Combined Driving Competitions

In order to receive permission from United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) to compete at foreign CAIs and CAIOs, drivers must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Both horses/ponies and driver must be in good standing with USEF as of the date of the foreign competition.
2. The driver must be at least 16 years of age for single horses, single ponies, pony pairs, pony tandems & pony teams; and 18 years of age for horse pairs, horse tandems and horse teams, as determined by the current FEI rules, a U.S. citizen, and a current Senior IHP member of USEF.
3. In all classes (other than Singles) horses/ponies taking part in CAI-A events must be at least 5, and at least 6 years old for CAIO events and Championships. Singles must be at least 6 years old for both International Events and Championships; possess a valid FEI Passport; and be recorded with USEF.
4. A horse/driver or pony/driver combination must achieve a total score of 165 penalties or less for singles and pairs, and a total of 200 penalties or less for four-in-hands in a USEF competition at the Advanced Level within the previous two calendar years.

In order for an entry to be made, at least two (2) horses/ponies in a pair entry, or three (3) horses/ponies in a four-in-hand entry must have met these criteria.

Applications to compete abroad must be submitted at least 58 days prior to the competition in question.

Under extraordinary circumstances, and with proof of previous FEI Combined Driving history of both horses/ponies and driver, the USEF Driving Credentials Committee may grant waivers to the above criteria, but only in unusual circumstances, and for combinations who are potential candidates for CAIOs.

Exception: Four-In-Hand drivers who have qualified for the FEI Driving World Cup Series may compete in CAI-Ws with borrowed teams without going through the waiver process.

Please call USEF Athlete Services at 908-234-0848 for more information.

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