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US Equestrian Combined Driving Year in Review

Thank you all so much for welcoming me into your driving community. While combined driving might be a small section of equestrian sports, our people are certainly the best! I wanted to highlight some of the notable achievements from USEF Combined Driving this year.

The [USEF Emerging Driver Program](#) hosted a record number of seven clinics this year with two in Ohio, New Jersey, Missouri, Colorado, New York, and Washington. The team of [Tracy Bowman, Bob Giles, and Diane Kastama](#) placed second in the FEI Para Driving World Championship in Exloo, Netherlands. Finally, we hosted six USEF Combined Driving National Championships across three states to support growing our sport right at home. Looking ahead to 2024, we have added both a Para Driving National Championship and a Training Level National Championship to expand our footprint.

On the world stage, U.S. athletes are gearing up for the [FEI Driving World Championship for Four-in-Hand Horses](#) in Hungary and the [FEI Driving World Championship for Single Horses in France](#). The overall goals for USEF Combined Driving the next five years are to see our able-bodied teams take a podium at an FEI World Championship, double the number of licensed competitions in the country, grow combined driving with the U25 audience, and continue to provide opportunities for the advancement of our world class para driving athletes. All of this would not be possible without your support and dedication to combined driving. Thank you for a wonderful year!

Happy Holidays to your family and four-legged friends,

Anna Brooks Thomas
US Equestrian Director of Driving

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 31, 2023: Deadline for Nominations for USEF Combined Driving Recognized Volunteer Award

[More information can be found here.](#)

Jan. 11-14, 2024: Nature Coast CDE

Bronson, Fla.

More info: blackprong.com

Jan. 12-13, 2024: USEF Annual Meeting

Louisville, Ky.

More info: usef.org/annualmeeting

Jan. 25-28, 2024: Grand Oaks CDE

Weirsdale, Fla.

More info: thegradoaks.com

Hosting a clinic or event you want added to the newsletter? Please contact Anna Brooks Thomas, US Equestrian Director of Driving, at abthomas@usef.org to submit your information to be featured.

Licensed Officials and Competition Organizers

Renew your 2024 USEF license today!

Your US Equestrian license(s) expire on November 30. Please be sure to renew well before you are scheduled to officiate, as you may have maintenance requirements that need to be addressed before you can renew.

- If you are ineligible to renew a license, the reason will be stated in the “Renew Licenses” tile on your My USEF Dashboard. If you would like to retire your license, please do so within the renewal tile.
- Want to set your license(s) to auto-renew? [Update your auto-renew settings](#) and save \$5 on your USEF membership.

Licensed Official Applications

Are you interested in becoming a USEF or FEI Licensed Official? [Learn more here](#) or contact to the Licensed Officials Department at loinquiry@usef.org.

FEI Championship and Games Appointments

We would also like to take a moment to congratulate the U.S. FEI Officials that were appointed for Championship and Games in 2023. [View the full list of officials here.](#)

Athlete Pathways Program

Emerging Athlete Program

2024 Emerging Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- **May 18-19, 2024:** Focus Forward Driving Center with clinician Jacob Arnold
 - For more information, please contact [Emily Langer](#).
- **May 25-26, 2024:** Foxwoods Farm with clinician Jennifer Thompson

- For more information, please contact [Jennifer Thompson](#).

Developing Athlete Program

2024 Developing Athlete Program Clinic Schedule

- **Jan. 4-6, 2024:** Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., with Bram Chardon (NED) and Suzy Stafford (USA)
- **Feb. 5-7, 2023:** Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., with Taren Lester (USA) and Tor Van Den Berge (AUS)
- **March 1-3, 2024:** Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., with Bartek Kwiatek (POL) and Taren Lester (USA)
- **April 26-28, 2024:** Kismet Farms in Martinez, Calif., with Bram Chardon (NED)
- **June 6-8, 2024:** at Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, Ky., with Bartek Kwiatek (POL)
- **Aug. 2-4, 2024:** Solstice Farm in Chesapeake City, Md., with Suzy Stafford (USA)
- **TBD:** USET Foundation in Gladstone, N.J., with Suzy Stafford (USA) or Bartek Kwiatek (POL)
- **TBD:** venue in California with Taren Lester (USA) or Bartek Kwiatek (POL)

For more information, please contact Anna Brooks Thomas, US Equestrian Director of Driving, at abthomas@usef.org.

US Equestrian Announces Dates and Locations for 2024 Combined Driving National Championships

Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian is pleased to announce the dates and locations for the 2024 USEF Combined Driving National Championships. US Equestrian offers national championships for horses and ponies at the training, preliminary, intermediate, and advanced levels. Beginning in 2024, USEF Combined Driving National Championships will also be held for para drivers.

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US Equestrian Announces Updated 2025 FEI Driving World Championships Selection Procedures

Lexington, Ky. – The US Equestrian Board of Directors has approved updated selection procedures for the 2025 FEI Driving World Championships at its November 2023 meeting. These selection procedures for the following events can be downloaded at the link below.

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Combined Driving Education

We are looking to add a driving education section to our newsletter and want your feedback on what to feature. Please contact Anna Brooks Thomas, US Equestrian Director of Driving, at abthomas@usef.org to submit your thoughts for an upcoming educational topic.

Support Combined Driving

Interested in ways to support USEF Combined Driving or Para Driving? Donate to the USET Foundation [here](#) for combined driving or [here](#) for para driving.

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