



# NEWS



*The USA Driving newsletter will include regular updates from the Driving Sport Committee and the USEF Combined Driving programs.*

## Kentucky Classic CDE @ Hillcroft Farm & CAI 1\*/2\*

The [FEI has approved the Kentucky Classic schedule](#) and it will go forward as a CAI 1\* & 2\* competition with USEF Training (CT), Preliminary, and Intermediate divisions and an additional USEF-only Advanced Single horse class for those wanting to try the new FEI 3\* HP1 test.

Entries close on May 15th and the Prize List and competition information is available at [kentuckyclassiccde.com](http://kentuckyclassiccde.com). Plan to attend this event in Paris, Kentucky from May 27th-30th.

## Attention Licensed Officials!

### USEF Licensed Officials & LO Applicants

USEF will host virtual USEF licensed official clinics for maintenance and new applicants in 2022. If you're interested in learning more about the licensing process for USEF driving officials, read about it here:

- [LO P&P for national requirements](#)
- [Become Licensed LO webpage](#)
- [PPT on how to start an online application for USEF licenses](#)
- [USEF Clinic Calendar](#)

### FEI Licensed Officials

For current FEI Officials, USEF will apply to host a refresher seminar for FEI Driving judges, stewards, and course designers in 2022. Stay tuned for further information or watch the [FEI course calendar](#) for additional future options throughout Europe.

New FEI LO applicants and FEI officials seeking promotion can learn more about those processes on the [FEI Officials page](#).

## Participating in USEF events as a Training, Preliminary, or Intermediate level driver

US Equestrian remains thoroughly committed to supporting the driving discipline, its programs, and developing new ways to grow the sport at all levels. Under the new leadership of Steve Wilson as Chair, the Driving Sport Committee will reevaluate the various ways in which growth can happen and consider new creative approaches as well.

In the meantime, USEF continues to support the driving disciplines in the following ways:

- While membership is encouraged, participation in the Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate combined driving divisions does not require a USEF membership or horse recording(s) and does not incur a show pass (non-member) fee at this time;
- Competition grants are offered annually to any USEF-licensed competition to support their sustainability; amounts are subject to annual budget approvals;
- All USEF-licensed Advanced divisions are deemed as selection trials for the applicable FEI Driving World Championship team selections, which increases the opportunities for athletes vying for teams each year;
- Promotional coverage for six USEF Combined Driving National Championships, international competitions, carriage pleasure driving competitions, program clinics, media coverage, and more through the official [USA Driving Facebook page](#).

USEF members with recorded horses or ponies enjoy the following benefits:

- Access to apply for the [Developing and Elite Athlete Pathway Programs](#)
- Ability to access full search, standings, and [competition results](#)
- Full access to the [Learning Center](#) with educational videos and content featuring elite athletes, trainers, and industry experts, with new videos released throughout the year
- Access to full [USEF Network](#) coverage with over 2,000 hours of live and on-demand content
- A fresh and updated [US Equestrian magazine](#) with digital stories that educate and celebrate, delivered quarterly to members
- Optional \$1,000,000 excess personal liability insurance for as low as \$18/year for Junior members
- [MemberPerks Program](#) with cost-saving discounts like:
  - 10% off purchases online and in-store at Dover Saddlery
  - Up to 40% off at Sherwin Williams
  - Up to 28% off John Deere Equipment
  - \$15 off your activation or renewal fee with US Rider...and many more
- Youth participation in [US Equestrian Interscholastic Athlete Program](#) and other opportunities
- Special member-only offers from [ShopUSEF](#)

- Exclusive discounts from our [Media and Education Partners](#)
- Awards programs such as Horse of the Year
- Member communications via press releases, US Equestrian Weekly, and more
- Access to U.S. Center for [SafeSport training and compliance](#)

## Short Format Driving Events & Series Potential

Driving clubs, organizers and facilities interested in hosting a short format driving event can reach out to Director of Driving, Danielle Aamodt, to discover how simple (and affordable!) it is to organize one of these events. U.S. Equestrian supports short format driving events with competition grants and is considering additional Short Format Series awards as well. Drivers are eager to attend events close to home and have already been asking for accumulative awards to be connected to the short format events.

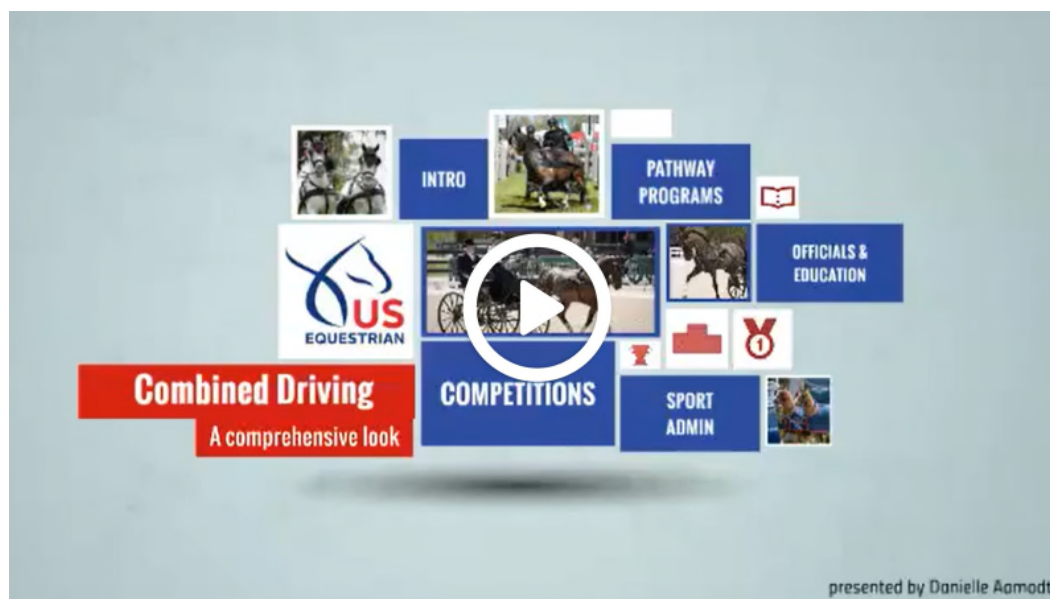
Reach out today to find out how you can be part of this exciting development!

## FEI Rule Reminder: Leave those whiskers!

The 2021 FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1004 states that “clipping, shaving, and/or removing sensory hairs” will result in disqualification from the event (sanctions will begin July 1, 2021). FEI athletes must refrain from removing their horse/pony’s whiskers around the muzzle or eyes.

This rule does not apply to National events or classes.

## Learn More About U.S. Equestrian Combined Driving Competitions, Programs and Pathways:





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