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## Competition Resources

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- [USEF Competition Calendar](#)
- [Post-Competition Evaluations](#)

### USEF Competition Updates

[Updated FEI Driving Dressage Tests: 2\\* H2-P2, 2\\* H4-P4, and 3\\* H4-P4](#)

[New Beginner Dressage Test for 2025](#)

[New Competitions Grant Application for 2025](#)

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### Upcoming 2025 FEI Championships

FEI Driving World Championship for Pairs

August 20-24

Beekbergen, NED

FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles

September 3-7

Löhden, GER

FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies - Four-in-Hand, Pairs, and Singles

Sept. 17-21

Haras du Pin, FRA

### Upcoming 2025 USEF National Championships

USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Horses and Para Driving

September 17-21

Mill Spring, NC

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### Upcoming Pony Measurement Opportunities

#### USEF Pony Measuring Session

Location: Garden State CDE in Allentown, NJ

Date: October 1, 2025, 3:00 p.m. ET

Contact competition management to make an appointment.

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**US Equestrian Announces Athletes for 2025 FEI Driving World Championship for Pair Horses**

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the athletes selected to represent the Defender U.S. Driving Team at the 2025 FEI Driving World Championship for Pair Horses. The championship will take place August 20-24, 2025, in Beekbergen, Netherlands.

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**US Equestrian Announces Athletes for 2025 FEI Para Driving World Championships**

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the athletes selected to represent the U.S. at the 2025 FEI Para Driving World Championships. The championships will take place Sept. 4-7, 2025, in Löhden, Germany.

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**US Equestrian Announces Athletes for 2025 FEI Driving World Championships for Combined Ponies**

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the ranking of individual athletes selected to represent the U.S. at the 2025 FEI Driving World Championship for Combined Ponies subject to confirming the allocation of entries from the organizer. The championship will take place Sept. 17-21, 2025, at Le Pin au Haras, France.

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## FEI Updates

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As of **May 1, 2025**, the new FEI Noseband Tightness Rules and Measuring Device have gone into effect. For more information:

[FEI General and Discipline Specific Protocols for Assessing the Tightness of Nosebands](#)

[Noseband Tightness Control - FEI Measuring Device](#)

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As of **July 1, 2025** the new article 1004.4 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations has gone into effect.

For more information, read the protocol [here](#).

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FEI Young Horse Classes will be offered this year at Tryon Fall CDE. If you are interested in participating, please connect with the USEF FEI Horse Passport office at [passports@usef.org](mailto:passports@usef.org) to get your equine registered prior to the competition.

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The International Carriage Drivers Association has been recognized by the FEI through a memo of understanding, for more information or to join, visit [ICDA-driving.com](#).

## Athlete Pathways Program

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### Emerging Athlete Program

Upcoming 2025 Emerging Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- **\*Date Change\* August 12-13, 2025** with clinician Suzy Stafford presented by Foxwoods Farm
  - **August 30-31, 2025**, with clinician Jacob Arnold presented by Central Ohio Carriage Driving
  - **September 5-7, 2025**, with clinician Carrie Ostrowski-Place at Stone Ridge
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### Developing Athlete and Equine Program

Upcoming 2025 Developing Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- **October 24 - 26, 2025** at Stable View in Aiken, S.C.

## USEF Updates

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### USEF Rules Changes Approved at USEF's Mid-Year Board Meeting

At the recent USEF Mid-Year Board Meeting, a number of rule changes were approved. [Read more](#) about the approved rules and please pay special attention to the DR chapter and GR chapter rule changes that may impact the Combined Driving community.

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**USEF Member Rule Change Submissions**

USEF Members are encouraged to submit proposals for changes to the USEF Rulebook through the online form on the USEF Website [here](#). The deadline to submit proposals for this rule change cycle is September 1st.

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**Interested in Becoming a Licensed Official?**

Individuals can apply to become a licensed official for combined driving competitions and serve in different roles. Give back to the sport as a judge, technical delegate, or course designer. The requirements to become a national licensed official are located in the [Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures](#), which includes updated expedited application options for current Athletes competing at the Advanced or CAI2\* levels. [Learn more about becoming a national or FEI combined driving official here.](#)

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**Support Combined Driving**

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Interested in ways to support USEF Combined Driving or Para-Driving? You can find the link to donate to the USET Combined Driving and Para Driving [here](#).



Grayson-Jockey Club  
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**New Research with PET Scans for Equine Athletes**

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In 2015, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation funded the first research project that performed positron emission tomography (PET) scans on equine athletes. Grayson followed that up with additional research funding in 2019 and in 2022 a specific project looked at scanning the fetlock of sport horse athletes. Now, this cutting-edge research will assist vets coast to coast in identifying lameness problems that are hard to locate.

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### Connect with US Equestrian

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