



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC. (USEF)

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2023 U.S. EQUESTRIAN COMBINED DRIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA

Approved by the Driving Sport Committee on May 25, 2022

This criteria is subject to review each year by the Driving Sport Committee. Athletes and horses/ponies that do **not** meet the required criteria **may still enter a class** running the USEF National Championships, but they will not be included in the National Championship placings (Refer to DC 928.2.1.2 for participation).

This criteria applies to the following National Championship divisions/classes at the designated host venues, as follows:

USEF Advanced Pony (single, pair, four-in-hand) Combined Driving National Championships at Spring Fling CDE in Ocala, Fla. from February 23-26, 2023

USEF Advanced Pair horse Combined Driving National Championship at Spring Fling CDE in Ocala, Fla. from February 23-26, 2023

USEF Preliminary Combined Driving National Championships (All Classes) at Spring Fling CDE in Ocala, Fla. from February 23-26, 2023

USEF Advanced Four-in-hand horse Combined Driving National Championship at Live Oak International in Ocala, Fla. from March 15-19, 2023

USEF Intermediate Combined Driving National Championships (All Classes) at Tryon Fall CDE in Mill Spring, N.C. from September 20-24, 2023

USEF Advanced Single horse Combined Driving National Championship at Garden State CDE in Allentown, N.J. from October 5-8, 2023

Criteria required for participation

A. Membership and Horse Recording Requirements:

- i. Athletes must be U.S. Citizens.
- ii. Athletes must be active competing members in good standing with USEF during the event.
- iii. Athletes must be of eligible age as defined in Subchapter DC-4 of the USEF Combined Driving rules.
- iv. Horses/Ponies must have a current annual or life recording with USEF during the event.
- v. Horses/Ponies must be of eligible age as defined in Subchapter DC-6 of the USEF Combined Driving rules.

B. Qualifying Requirements:

- i. Athletes must have completed **at least two events** (without elimination, retirement or disqualification) at the same **division level** as the Championship prior to the start of the competition.
- ii. Athletes may participate in different National Championships within the same year, and horses/ponies are permitted to compete in multiple National Championships in the **same division** within the same calendar year.