



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

Driving Sport Committee OPEN MEETING at the USEF Annual Meeting

The Driving Sport Committee will meet at the USEF Annual Meeting on **Thursday, January 9**, in West Palm Beach (Fl.). The meeting will open at **9:00 a.m. ET** for the equestrian community to join either in-person or via teleconference.

The meeting agenda, location, and call-in information can be found [here](#).

If you cannot attend, a Driving Newsletter will be released after the meeting to summarize the Committee's discussion and approved decisions.

USEF licensed events can now offer Training division classes in 2020

At the request of the Driving Sport Committee, Murray Kessler (USEF President) approved a Presidential Modification to add Training division rules to the DC chapter. These rules will go through the process of being added to the Rule Book in due time. Until then, the Presidential Modification is in effect for the 2020 USEF licensed events.

The USEF Training division modified rules are published [here](#).

2020 Rule Changes

The 2020 USEF Rule Book is published online, and can be found [here](#). The Combined Driving (DC) chapter is found on pg. 531.

Athletes should note changes to DC 908 Minimum Eligibility Requirements / qualification criteria for the Intermediate and Advanced divisions, which require two Dressage results of 70 or less from the preceding level. Athletes entering a new division level should provide their results information on a CDE entry form.

Additional changes, adopted from the 2020 FEI rules, will follow once approved by the USEF Board of Directors. The proposed changes can be found [here](#).

2020 National Championship Criteria

The criteria for participation in the 2020 USEF Combined Driving National Championships is published [here](#). The 2020 criteria and qualifying requirements remained the same as 2019 criteria.

Looking forward to 2021, the Driving Sport Committee will be reviewing the aims of the National Championships and will publish new criteria for 2021. The Driving membership will be surveyed throughout 2020 to gather feedback prior to these discussions.

Read more about the USEF Combined Driving National Championships [here](#).

Applications OPEN for the 2020 FEI Driving World Championships for Singles & Four-in-hand

Online applications are OPEN for the 2020 Driving World Championships for [Singles](#) & [Four-in-hand](#). Interested athletes can find the online application on their Athlete Dashboard at [usef.org](#).

Find the published Selection Procedures (still subject to final approval of the USEF Board of Directors) and other relevant documents for [Singles](#) and [Four-in-hands](#) on the Combined Driving page of the USEF website.

Applications OPEN for the USEF Developing Athlete Program for Combined Driving

Twice a year, in January and June, applications open for the USEF Developing Athlete Program for Combined Driving (DAP). Applications are due by January 31, and will reopen in June, 2020.

Athletes who are interested in applying to the program can find the online application on their Athlete Dashboard at [usef.org](#).

Learn more about the USEF Developing Athlete Program for Combined Driving [here](#). A list of scheduled clinics can be found [here](#); more clinics will be added to the schedule throughout 2020.

Active USEF members are welcome to audit USEF DAP clinics and events, with permission of the host facility, as long as the auditor's behavior supports a positive learning environment. Auditors who are not contributing to a positive learning environment may be excused.

A special guest speaker from ProActive Coaching, Rob Miller, will be presenting at the Grand Oaks Resort on February 23rd @ 3:00 pm. Coach Miller will be speaking on the first steps to building a successful team and will teach the fundamentals and core principles for building a team. This presentation will be OPEN; watch for further announcements on how to RSVP to attend.

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