



NEWS

PRESENTED BY GRAYSON-JOCKEY
CLUB RESEARCH FOUNDATION



Competition Resources

- [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](#)

Driving National Championships Updates

Dates and Locations Announced for 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships

- 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Four in Hand Horses
 - **March 11-15, 2026** at Live Oak International in Ocala, Fla.
- 2026 USEF Combined Driving Youth National Championships
 - **March 11-15, 2026** at Live Oak International in Ocala, Fla.
- 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Single Horses
 - **April 22-26, 2026** at Katydid at Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, N.C.
- 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Ponies & Para Driving
 - **September 15-20, 2026** at Tryon Fall CDE at Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, N.C.
- 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Pair Horses, Intermediate Horses, Preliminary Horses and Training Horses
 - **November 5-8, 2026** at Stable View in Aiken, S.C.

[READ MORE](#)



FEI Updates

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](#).

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](#)

Keep in mind the FEI rule changes for 2026, which can be found [here](#) upon their release.

If you are interested in participating in FEI Young Horse Classes, please connect with the USEF FEI Horse Passport office at passports@usef.org to get your equine registered prior to the competition.

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](#).

USEF Updates

Emerging Clinic Information

- **May 29-31, 2026** at SUNY Morrisville in Morrisville, N.Y.
 - **June 5-7, 2026** at Avon Driving in Park Avon, N.Y.
 - **July 3-5, 2026** at High Hopes Farm in Honeoye Falls, N.Y.
 - **July 6-8, 2026** at USET Headquarters in Gladstone, N.J.
 - **July 25-26, 2026** at Wood Hill Farm in Granville, Ohio
 - **September 4-6, 2026** at Falcon View Farm in Waymart, Penn.
-

2025 Top U12 Driver Award

Ben Riese

2025 Top U25 Driver Awards

Training - Pollux Maciolek

Preliminary - Sarah Batstone Roberts

Novice Advanced - Marcus Holzinger
Open Advanced - Ryley Miller

US Equestrian Announces Updates to Combined Driving Pathway Program

The Athlete Pathway Program has been updated, find the document on the USEF website [here](#).

Volunteer of the Year Award

We are pleased to announce Mr. John Layton as the 2025 USEF Combined Driving Volunteer of the Year.

Licensed Official and Competition Grant Applications Open

Applications for 2026 Driving Grants to Licensed Officials and Competitions are now open with a deadline of January 1, 2026. Read more [here](#).

Competition Coach/Trainer Requirements for 2026

Please note as of December 1, 2025, coaches (in addition to trainers) must be listed on all USEF competition entry forms and submitted in the results returned by the competition organizer. As a reminder, membership requirements for coaches are the same as trainers and show passes are not permitted for coaches. Coaches are those who have or share the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advertising a rider, driver, handler, or vaulter in equestrian skills. Coaches may or may not also be trainers. Trainers are those who have responsibility for the care, training, custody, of the horse.

Licensed Official Rule Changes

On December 1, 2025, USEF Rulebook changes will go into effect for 2026. Individual changes can be found [here](#) and full details can be found on the [USEF Rulebook webpage](#).

US Equestrian Launches Updated App

Keeping track of your US Equestrian membership and horse ID cards has never been easier. The US Equestrian App allows you to access your membership details, save and flag horse ID cards and much more. Plus, with USEF MemberPerks and discounts at your fingertips, you can save with preferred retailers and brands. Download the app today from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android)

[READ MORE](#)

SafeSport Updates

As part of our commitment to members and to their wellbeing, US Equestrian has partnered with the McLaughlin Young Group to offer members free confidential counseling services for mental health first aid.

[READ MORE](#)

Welfare Updates

When we implemented our expanded Unethical Treatment of Horses rule (GR838) last year, we empowered USEF and licensed officials to take action in cases of unethical treatment of horses, on show grounds and off.

[READ MORE](#)

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.](#)

Support Combined Driving

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
Research Foundation



Colic is the leading cause of death in horses behind old age according to studies performed by the United States Department of Agriculture. The main reason for death in horses with colic is absorption of bacterial toxins from the gut into the bloodstream. This causes shock, which is often difficult to manage. Treatment has greatly improved over the last 20-30-years but periodically requires re-evaluation to make sure veterinarians are treating the best possible medications. Learn more here on these treatments being studied through the Grayson Jockey Club Research foundation.

[READ MORE](#)

Connect with US Equestrian

Stay up to date with U.S. Driving by following [USA Driving on Facebook](#) and US Equestrian on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#). Use #USADriving.



US Equestrian Federation
4001 Wing Commander Way
Lexington, KY 40511
859-810-8733