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[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



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Seven National Champions Crowned at 2025 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Horses

Mill Spring, N.C. – The Tryon Fall CDE was the host event for the 2025 USEF Combined Driving National Championship for horses. A total of seven divisions

ranging from training through advanced level saw national championship contenders complete their three phases across four sunny and mild days at Tryon International.

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Driving World Championships Updates



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Defender U.S. Driving Team Gains Valuable Experience at 2025 FEI World Championships for Combined Ponies

Le Pin au Haras, France – The Defender U.S. Driving Team saw two combinations complete the 2025 FEI World Championships for Combined Ponies hosted at the renowned Haras National du Pin Stud, in Le Pin au Haras, France. The team was led by Chef d'Equipe Jeff Legg, Team Veterinarian Dr. Crystal Riczu and Team Leader Steven Morrissey.

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Defender U.S. Driving Team Secures Eleventh at 2025 FEI Driving World Championship for Pair Horses

Beekbergen, Netherlands – The Defender U.S. Driving Team delivered promising performances this weekend at the 2025 FEI Driving World Championship for Pair Horses, finishing eleventh overall against a competitive international field. The team featured Jacob Arnold (Paris, Ky.), Taylor Bradish (Windsor, S.C.), and Vernon Helmuth (Hazelton, Iowa).

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Tracy Bowman and Albrecht's Hoeve's Lars Win Silver at the 2025 FEI Para Driving World Championship

Lähden, Germany – It's officially a hat trick for Tracy Bowman and Albrecht's Hoeve's Lars after they secured an individual silver medal at the 2025 FEI Para Driving World Championship. The pair will add their silver to a collection that includes individual gold medals from the championships in 2021 and 2023.

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](#)

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.

Athlete Pathways Program

Developing Athlete and Equine Program

Applications for inclusion and renewal to the Developing Driver and Developing Equine Program are now open and will close on November 30th. To find applications, log into your [Athlete Dashboard](#) and click on Online Applications.

US Equestrian Announces Updates to Combined Driving Pathway Program

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

Emerging Clinic Application Deadline

Emerging Clinic hosts must submit an application by December 1st for clinics held December 1st through May 31st. Information regarding the Emerging Driver Program can be found [here](#). The application document can be found [here](#).

USEF Updates

Volunteer of the Year Award

If you would like to submit a nominee for the Volunteer of the Year Award, please email wpeterson@usef.org noting the name of the volunteer you would like to

nominate.

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](#).

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)

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

A survivor's story of recovering from EHM

Q&A with Dr. Mathieu Spriet

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