



# **Competition Resources**

- <u>USEF Competition Calendar</u>
- Post-Competition Evaluations

#### **USEF Competition Updates**

<u>Updated FEI Driving Dressage Tests: 2\* H2-P2, 2\* H4-P4, and 3\* H4-P4</u> <u>New Beginner Dressage Test for 2025</u>

#### **Upcoming Measurement Opportunities**

#### **USEF Measuring**

Stable View CDE in Aiken, S.C.

November 6-9

For more information, contact Jennifer Matheson at <u>jennifermatheson@bellsouth.net</u>.

# **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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#### **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 <u>here</u>.

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

<u>FEI General and Discipline Specific Protocols for Assessing the Tightness of</u> 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 <a href="mailto:passports@usef.org">passports@usef.org</a> 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 <a href="ICDA-driving.com">ICDA-driving.com</a>.

## **Athlete Pathways Program**

#### **Developing Athlete and Equine Program**

Upcoming 2025 Developing Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

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

Applications for inclusion and renewal to the Developing Driver Program will open on November 1st. 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 <u>USEF website here</u>.

#### **USEF Updates**

#### **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 <u>Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures</u>, 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.



## **PET Scans for Equine Athletes**

# **Q&A** with Dr. Mathieu Spriet

Associate Professor of Diagnostic Imaging at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California- Davis. In 2015, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation funded the first research project that performed positron emission tomography (PET) scans on equine athletes.



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#### **Connect with US Equestrian**

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