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U.S. EQUESTRIAN COMBINED DRIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA

Approved by the Driving Sport Committee on November 12, 2019 to be effective in 2020.

This criteria is subject to review each year by the Driving Sport Committee. Athlete/horse combinations that do **not** meet the required criteria may still enter a class running the USEF National Championships, but they will **not** participate in the National Championship placings (Refer to DC 928.2.2.2 for participation).

Athlete/horse combinations are defined as an athlete with the same horse(s)/ponies; for multiples (pairs and four-in-hands) a combination is considered the same until 50% or more of the horse(s)/ponies are changed.

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

All Advanced Combined Driving National Championships at Live Oak International CAI 2*/3* (Ocala, FL | March 4-8, 2020)

All Intermediate Combined Driving National Championships at Garden State CDE (Allentown, NJ | October 9-11, 2020)

All Preliminary Combined Driving National Championships at Spring Fling CDE (Ocala, FL | February 14-16, 2020)

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 an 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 one event within 24 months (without elimination, retirement or disqualification) at the same division level as the Championship.
- ii. Athlete / horse combinations may only participate in one National Championship division level within the same year.
- iii. All Athletes and Horses/Ponies are subject to USEF rules and policies as published on usef.org.