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## Upcoming Dates

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**Feb. 21-25, 2024: USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Pair Horses, Intermediate Classes, and Para Driving**  
Spring Fling CDE  
Ocala, Fla.

- [Click here to view the Prize List](#)
- [Click here to view the FEI Schedule](#)

**March 13-17, 2024: USEF Combined Driving National Championship for Advanced Four-in-Hand Horses**  
Live Oak International  
Ocala, Fla.

- [Click here to view the Prize List](#)
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Hosting a clinic or event you want added to the newsletter? Please contact Anna Brooks Thomas, US Equestrian Director of Driving, at [abthomas@usef.org](mailto:abthomas@usef.org) to submit your information to be featured.

## Athlete Pathways Program

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### Emerging Athlete Program

2024 Emerging Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- **May 3-5, 2024**
  - Carrie Ostrowski-Place at Stone Ridge Equestrian, Springfield, Mo.
  - For more information, please contact [Cynthia Wiseman](#).
- **May 4-5, 2024**
  - Patricia Demers at Willow Grove Ranch, Emmett, Idaho
  - For more information, contact [Linda Hollingsworth-Jones](#).
- **May 17-19, 2024**
  - Tracey Morgan at Cherry Valley Carriage Association, Morrisville, N.Y.
  - For more information, please contact [Tricia Anselm](#).

- **May 18-19, 2024**
  - Jacob Arnold at Focus Forward Driving, Brems Bluff, Va.
  - For more information, please contact [Emily Langer](#).
- **May 25-26, 2024**
  - Jennifer Thompson at Foxwoods Farm, Lodi, Wisc.
  - For more information, contact [Jennifer Thompson](#).

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### Developing Athlete Program

#### 2024 Developing Athlete Program Clinic Schedule

- **Feb. 5-7, 2024:** Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., with Taren Lester (USA) and Tor Van Den Berge (AUS)
- **March 1-3, 2024:** Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., with Bartek Kwiatek (POL) and Taren Lester (USA)
- **April 26-28, 2024:** Kismet Farms in Martinez, Calif., with Bram Chardon (NED)
- **June 6-8, 2024:** Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, Ky., with Bartek Kwiatek (POL)
- **Aug. 2-4, 2024:** Solstice Farm in Chesapeake City, Md., with Suzy Stafford (USA)

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## Pre-Elite and Elite Athletes Program

As the competition season starts, please familiarize yourself with the scores required for entrance into the Pre-Elite and Elite Athlete Programs.

### Pre-Elite Program

The Pre-Elite Program is designed to help athletes and their horses/ponies begin to establish themselves on the international competition stage. Admission to the Pre-Elite Program is a score-based system determined by the top 30% of each competition phase and overall result at the last two FEI World Championships in either USEF Novice/Open Advanced or CAI2\* or 3\*. Para-driving athlete admittance is based on USEF Intermediate, or CPEAI2\* or above competitions. Athletes will need two qualifying scores in two phases, two overall qualifying scores, or one result from two phases and an overall score to be named to the Pre-Elite Athlete Program.

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### Elite Athlete Program

The Elite Athlete Program is primarily a score-based system with admission also based on podium finishes at FEI World Championships. Score-based entry is determined by the top 15% of each competition phase and overall result at the last two FEI World Championships in either USEF Open Advanced or CAI3\*. Para-driving athlete admittance is based on USEF Intermediate, where the CPEAI dressage test is being used, or CPEAI2\* or above competitions. Athletes will need two qualifying scores in two phases, two overall qualifying scores, or one result from two phases and an overall score to be named to the elite athlete program. By making the elite list, athletes gain grant support to remain continuously competitive at the top level.

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## Licensed Officials

### 2024 Licensed Official Grant

The 2024 LO Grant Application is open and [can be found here](#). If you have any questions about the application process, please contact [loinquiry@usef.org](mailto:loinquiry@usef.org).

### Pony Measurement Clinic

USEF will host a pony measurement clinic that is open to all combined driving officials. Any Federation-licensed combined driving official may obtain a pony measurement certification. The clinic will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, on April 25, 2024. Attendees must pass a practical measurement exam with a score of 85% or higher to obtain the certification. If you have any questions, please contact the USEF Licensed Officials Department at [loinquiry@usef.org](mailto:loinquiry@usef.org).

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