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FEI Competition Updates

As of May 1, 2025, the new FEI Noseband Tightness Rules and Measuring Device will be in effect. For more information please see [here](#) and [here](#).

FEI Young Horse Classes will be offered this year at Combined Driving at Katydid CDE and Tryon Fall CDE. If you are interested in participating, 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 click [here](#).

USEF Updates

New Rules Changes

As of April 1, 2025, the rule changes found [here](#) went into effect. The below chapters are impacted by the recent rule changes.

- GR4 – Drugs and Medications
- GR7 – Violations and Penalties
- GR8 – Conduct of Licensed Competitions
- GR10 – Licensed Officials
- AL – Andalusian/Lusitano
- DC – Combined Driving
- DR – Dressage

- EV – Eventing
- HJ – Hunter/Jumper Competitions
- JP – Jumper
- VA – Vaulting
- WD – Western Dressage

USEF Warning Card System

As of April 1, 2025, the new USEF Warning Card System went into effect. The Warning Card System rule was amended to encourage and empower Judges, Stewards, and Technical Delegates to address conduct as it happens and correct behavior that should not be repeated. As part of the revision of this rule, USEF focused on clarity and flexibility by streamlining the existing Yellow Warning Card process and adding a Recorded Warning process to provide a mechanism for addressing less egregious behavior.

The goal of the revised warning system is to have conduct addressed and documented immediately, be it an infraction that rises to the level of a Yellow Warning Card or is less severe and warrants a Recorded Warning. For more information, please see [here](#).

Upcoming Championships

2025 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Ponies

Entry Deadline: April 11, 2025

The championships will be held at the Katydid CDE at the Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, N.C. on April 23-27, 2025.

The USEF Combined Driving Championships for Ponies will include classes for single, pair, and four-in-hand ponies and VSEs from training through advanced levels.

For more information, see [here](#).

2025 FEI Championships

FEI Driving World Championship for Pairs: August 20-24 in Beekbergen, NED

FEI Driving European Championship Four in Hand: September 3-7 in Lähden, GER

FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies Four in Hand/Pairs/Singles: September 17-21 in Haras du Pin, FRA

Athlete Pathways Program

Emerging Athlete Program

Upcoming 2025 Emerging Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- **May 16-18, 2025** with clinician Tracey Morgan presented by the Cherry

Valley Carriage Association

- **May 24-25, 2025** with clinician Jennifer Thompson presented by Foxwoods Farm
- **May 30-June 1, 2025** with clinician Jacob Arnold presented by Western New York Combined Carriage Association
- **June 13-15, 2025** with clinician Tauren "Taz" Lester presented by High Hopes Farm LLC
- **July 18-20, 2025** with clinician Suzy Stafford presented by Foxwoods Farm
- **September 5-7, 2025** with clinician Jacob Arnold presented by the Central Ohio Carriage Driving

Developing Athlete and Equine Program

Upcoming 2025 Developing Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- **June 6-8, 2025** with Glenn Geerts at Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, Ky.
- **August 1-3, 2025** with Glenn Geerts at USET in Gladstone, N.J.
- **October 24 - 26, 2025** with Glenn Geerts at Stable View in Aiken, S.C.

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

THE AVERAGE HORSE OWNER may not believe that the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation has anything to do with them.



In actuality, there are countless horses whose lives have been saved as a direct result of the group's research.

The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation was founded in the 1940's by a group of horsemen who originally donated their first equine research grant to the University of Pennsylvania. One of the projects that is currently being researched hits close to home for performance sporthorses—namely, spinal ataxia due to neurological diseases.

The group has funded research for a wide variety of breeds and disciplines—not just those in the Thoroughbred industry. Since 1940, the Grayson-Jockey Club has provided more than \$44.4 million dollars in research money and underwritten over 453 projects across 48 universities.

THE DIAGNOSIS DILEMMA OF SPINAL CORD DISEASES: Other than EPM, the definitive diagnoses for the underlying cause of spinal ataxia is extremely challenging. Neurological diseases can often be career-ending diagnoses and causes for many horses. The two leading causes of spinal ataxia are cervical vertebral compressive myelopathy (CVCM, also known as Wobbler Syndrome), and neuroaxonal dystrophy / equine degenerative myeloencephalopathy (eNAD/EDM).

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