



## **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> <u>New Competitions Grant Application for 2025</u>

## **Upcoming 2025 FEI Championships**

FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies - Four-in-Hand, Pairs, and Singles Sept. 17-21 Haras du Pin, FRA

## **Upcoming 2025 USEF National Championships**

USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Horses and Para Driving September 17-21 Mill Spring, NC

### **Upcoming Measurement Opportunities**

## **USEF Measuring**

Tryon CDE in Mill Spring, NC September 17-21 Contact competition management for more information

#### **USEF Pony Measuring**

Garden State CDE in Allentown, NJ October 1, 2025 at 3pm ET Contact competition management to make an appointment

## **USEF Measuring**

Stable View CDE in Aiken, SC November 6-9 Contact organizer for more information

## **Driving World Championships Updates**



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

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

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.

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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 Nosebands</u>

## Noseband Tightness Control - FEI Measuring Device

FEI Young Horse Classes will be offered this year at Tryon Fall CDE. If you are interested in participating, 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.

# US Equestrian Announces Updates to Combined Driving Pathway Program Lists

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the Combined Driving Pathway Program lists for 2025. The Driving Pathway Program is a structured performance ladder designed to increase the national standard of Combined Driving in the U.S. and achieve recognition on the world stage. The pathway consists of Emerging, Developing, Pre-Elite, and Elite programs for driving athletes as well as a Developing Equine Program for horses and ponies with the potential to successfully compete at the international levels.

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## **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.



## A survivor's story of recovering from EHM



On November 18, two horses from our barn attended a clinic and two days later Mogey's pasture mate Misty went down late in the afternoon and could not get up. The vet administered IV fluids that night, and the next morning she was transported to Cornell. On the evening of November 22, Mogey was acting strangely – walking sideways, circling to the left with a dull expression and facial twitching. She had no fever. I called our barn manager who came to the barn, and I brought her into the indoor arena where Mogey was displaying more extensive neurological signs. At that time, we still didn't know what Misty had as tests were being done with no results returned yet.

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

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