



## UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC. (USEF)

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### U.S. EQUESTRIAN COMBINED DRIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA

*Approved by the Driving Sport Committee on December 5, 2018 to be effective in 2019.*

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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.

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:

**Advanced Four-in-hand Horse and Advanced Pair Horse** classes at **Live Oak International CAI 2\*** (Ocala, FL | March 6-10, 2019)

**All Advanced Pony** classes at **Southern Pines CAI 2\*** (Raeford, NC | April 11-14, 2019)

**All Intermediate and Preliminary** classes at **Garden State CDE** (Allentown, NJ | October 11-13, 2019)

**Advanced Single Horses** at **Katydid CAI 2\*** (Windsor, SC | October 31 – November 3, 2019)

#### 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 ~~/horse combinations~~ must have completed at least one event within ~~24~~ **18** 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.

##### ~~C. Results Criteria:~~

- ~~i. Athlete / horse combinations must achieve the following applicable scores at the event to win the respective classes for the National Championship:~~
  - ~~a. Singles and Pairs: total overall score of 185 or less~~
  - ~~b. Four in hands: total overall score of 200 or less~~