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USEF Combined Driving National Championships



2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Four in Hand Horses & 2026 USEF Combined Driving Youth National Championships

March 11-15, 2026, at Live Oak International in Ocala, FL.
Click [here](#) to view the full results.

2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Single Horses

April 22-26, 2026, at Katydid at Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, NC.

2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Ponies & Para Driving

September 15-20, 2026, at Tryon Fall CDE at Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, NC.

2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Pair Horses, Intermediate Horses, Preliminary Horses and Training Horses

November 5-8, 2026, at Stable View in Aiken, SC.

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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 [here](#).

On January 1, 2027, the new article 928 of the FEI Driving Rules will go into effect regarding the requirement of protective headgear while riding on a carriage anywhere on the show grounds. For more information, read the FEI Driving Rules [here](#).

[VIEW ALL 2026 FEI RULE CHANGES](#)

If you are interested in participating in FEI Young Horse Classes, 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, visit ICDA-driving.com.

US Equestrian Announces Updates to Combined Driving Pathway Program

The USEF Combined Driving Program operates across three tiers to support drivers at every stage of their journey: the **Emerging Program** hosts introductory clinics using approved curriculum to teach driving basics from beginner through Preliminary level; the **Developing Program** guides committed athlete/equine combinations at the Preliminary level and above toward long-term goals, with a mission to elevate the national standard and contribute to U.S. Team scores at FEI and Para Driving World Championships; and the **Pre-Elite and Elite Athlete Program** provides grant support to competitive Novice Advanced and above athletes, with Elite status reserved for those meeting FEI-level results criteria or having achieved an individual podium finish at an FEI Driving or Para Driving World Championship.

The 2026 Athlete Pathway Program Lists can be found [here](#). Updates to the Pre-Elite and Elite Program Lists are made regularly.

Upcoming Emerging & Development Clinic Information

Emerging Athlete Driving Clinics:

- May 29-31 at SUNY Morrisville in Morrisville, NY. Organized by Tricia Anselm (tricia.dognpony@gmail.com).

- June 5-7 at Avon Driving Park in Avon, NY. Organized by Bruce Jones (bruceunit@gmail.com).
- July 3-5 at High Hopes Farm in Honeoye Falls, NY. Organized by Sarah Reitz (highhopesfarm43@gmail.com).
- July 6-8 at the USET Foundation in Gladstone, NJ. Organized by John Layton (johnlcedriver@gmail.com).
- July 25-26 at Wood Hill Farm in Granville, OH. Organized by Parveti Wood (parveti@mac.com).
- September 4-6 at Falcon View Farm in Waymart, PA. Organized by Beth Ann Berwanger (bethannberwanger@yahoo.com).

The above list of Emerging Clinics is not associated with USEF until the agreements are signed.

Developing Athlete Training Sessions:

- June 12-14 at Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, KY
- July 31-August 2 at the USET Foundation Headquarters in Gladstone, NJ
- October 9-11 at Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, KY

Athletes can apply for the training sessions through their [USEF Athlete Dashboard](#).

USEF Updates & Resources

On **April 1st, 2026**, a rule change went into effect regarding FEI Foreign officials. This change can be viewed [here](#).

Competition Coach/Trainer Requirements for 2026

Please note as of December 1, 2025, coaches (in addition to trainers) must be listed on all USEF competition entry forms and submitted in the results returned by the competition organizer. As a reminder, membership requirements for coaches are the same as trainers and show passes are not permitted for coaches. Coaches are those who have or share the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advertising a rider, driver, handler, or vaulter in equestrian skills. Coaches may or may not also be trainers. Trainers are those who have responsibility for the care, training, custody, of the horse.

US Equestrian 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 [here](#).

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. [Learn more](#)

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. [Read more](#)

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 [Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures](#), 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](#).

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