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Driving National Championships Updates

Dates and Locations Announced for 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships

- 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Four in Hand Horses
 - **March 11-15, 2026** at Live Oak International in Ocala, Fla.
- 2026 USEF Combined Driving Youth National Championships
 - **March 11-15, 2026** at Live Oak International in Ocala, Fla.
- 2026 USEF Combined Driving National Championships for Advanced Single Horses
 - **April 22-26, 2026** at Katydidd at Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, N.C.
- 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, N.C.
- 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, S.C.

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FEI Updates

On **July 1, 2026** the new article 973 of the FEI Driving Rules will go into effect regarding the implementation of cone lifters.

For more information, read the FEI Driving Rules [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](#).

Keep in mind the FEI rule changes for 2026, which can be found [here](#) upon their release.

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.

USEF Updates

Emerging Clinic Information

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

- **May 29-31, 2026** at SUNY Morrisville in Morrisville, N.Y.
 - Organized by Tricia Anselm: tricia.dognpony@gmail.com
 - **June 5-7, 2026** at Avon Driving in Park Avon, N.Y.
 - Organized by Bruce Jones: bruceunit@gmail.com
 - **July 3-5, 2026** at High Hopes Farm in Honeoye Falls, N.Y.
 - Organized by Sarah Reitz: highhopesfarm43@gmail.com
 - **July 6-8, 2026** at USET Headquarters in Gladstone, N.J.
 - Organized by John Layton: johnlcedriver@gmail.com
 - **July 25-26, 2026** at Wood Hill Farm in Granville, Ohio
 - Organized by Parveti Wood: parveti@mac.com
 - **September 4-6, 2026** at Falcon View Farm in Waymart, Penn.
 - Organized by Beth Ann Berwanger: bethannberwanger@yahoo.com
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Developing Program Information

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

- **March 10-15** in-competition training at Live Oak International CDE in Ocala, FL
 - **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
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2025 Year End & HOTY Awards

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 year-end awards for combined driving. Read more [here](#).

US Equestrian Announces Updates to Combined Driving Pathway Program

The Athlete Pathway Program has been updated, find the document on the USEF website [here](#).

On **December 1, 2025**, USEF Rulebook changes went into effect for 2026. Individual changes can be found [here](#) and full details can be found on the USEF Rulebook webpage [here](#). There will be a number of changes to the USEF Rulebook based on the recent FEI Rule Changes that will go into effect on February 1, 2026, including cones lifters implementation and the format change to the Marathon. These changes can be found [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 Launches Updated App

The US Equestrian App has been updated.

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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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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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