



The USA Driving newsletter will include regular updates from the Driving Sport Committee and the USEF Combined Driving programs.

USEF COMBINED DRIVING COMPETITIONS

2021 USEF Driving Calendar

Find the US Equestrian Combined Driving Calendar in the [Competition Search](#) on the USEF website! Provisional and pending competitions are also included on the [Combined Driving page](#).

Fall Season Complete!

The 2020 Combined Driving fall season came and went with successful (COVID-compliant) events in September & October! First, the Tryon CDE welcomed drivers back to their world-class venue at the Tryon International Equestrian Center in North Carolina. Other than a soggy horse inspection, drivers were thrilled to be back in the exquisite stabling, enjoying the beautiful arenas and obstacles available there.

Then, the Kentucky Classic at Hermitage Farm hosted the very first Short Format driving event for USEF. The Organizers decided to downsize the event this year in lieu of canceling their FEI competition (due to COVID & travel restrictions), so drivers could get back out there! At least 5 driving trainers brought their clients (including 3 juniors!) and young horses to compete in a relaxed atmosphere and to enjoy some of the best hospitality Kentucky can offer. [Learn more](#) about Short Format Driving Events which offer flexible formats & simplified requirements.

To wrap up the 2020 season, Garden State CDE put on a very driver-friendly event along with the USEF Intermediate Combined Driving National Championships. ([Read more](#) about the Championships!) The Garden State CDE does a great job of recognizing good sportsmanship and thanking their dedicated volunteers.

Check out the 2021 USEF Combined Driving Calendar & we'll see you there!

FEI REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Para-Drivers!

Para-Drivers who need to **acquire, renew, or confirm their FEI Classification** in 2021 should contact Danielle Aamodt, Director of Driving, at daamodt@usef.org. The Grand Oaks CDE (January 27 – 31 in Weirsdale, FL) is aiming to include a CPEAI 2* FEI Para-Driving class with their event as *long as interest warrants it*. Classifiers will need to be scheduled in advance, so please sign-up ASAP to be included.

If you are unsure about your Classification status, you can find the FEI Masterlist and other relevant information [on the FEI website](#).

2021 FEI Driving World Championship Memo

Applications are open for the 2021 FEI Driving World Championships for Ponies and for Pair horses! Online applications can be found on your Athlete Dashboard. Athletes vying for selection can find [provisional information](#) on the USEF website. The complete selection procedures are still under review and will be announced upon approval.

The 2021 FEI Driving World Championship for Pair horses is currently scheduled for September 8 - 12 at Kronenberg in the Netherlands and the 2021 FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies (singles, pairs, fours) is currently scheduled for September 16 - 19 at Le Pin au Haras in France.

**Please be aware that ponies will require an official FEI Pony Measurement prior to competing in Europe, per the FEI rules.*

FEI Registrations and Entries

FEI Athletes, please remember to renew your 2021 registrations via your USEF Member Dashboard before the competition season is underway! As a reminder, FEI entries must be submitted via your USEF Athlete Dashboard in addition to submitting an entry form to the competition secretary. Check for the event deadlines to avoid late fees.

FEI COVID Guideline Updates

Athletes and Organizers, please stay apprised of the FEI updates regarding discipline specific COVID guidelines, policies, and protocols which can be found on the FEI website [here](#). Remember that per the [USEF COVID protocols](#), the more strict requirement at a venue will be upheld for all USEF licensed events and classes.

RECENT AND UPCOMING NEWS

Athlete Pathway Programs

Watch for 2021 updates to the Elite Athlete and Developing Athlete programs soon!

The underpinning grassroots-focused element of these programs, the Emerging Driver Program, was put on hold due to budget restrictions of 2020, but is expected to get underway in 2021! This program offers structure and potential grants for hosts who offer educational opportunities for beginner drivers!

2021 USEF Combined Driving National Championships

Congratulations to the host venues for the [2021 USEF Combined Driving National Championships](#) that were announced earlier this month.

2020 FEI Driving World Championships Review

October has been a tough month for US athletes who were selected for the 2020 FEI Driving World Championships. After selection was announced for the [Singles](#) and the [Four-in-hands](#), drivers had to face the decision of whether (and how) to manage the risk and last-minute travel to be prepared for a World Championship event. In the end, the [Four-in-hand Championship's cancellation](#) just days before the event made the decision for the Singles athletes, who all [decided to withdraw](#).

USEF MEMBER BENEFITS

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- Access to apply for the [Developing and Elite Athlete Pathway Programs](#)
- Awards programs such as [Horse of the Year](#)
- Ability to access full search, standings, and [competition results](#)
- Full access to the [Learning Center](#) with educational videos and content featuring elite athletes, trainers, and industry experts, with new videos released frequently throughout the year
- Access to full [USEF Network](#) coverage with over 2,000 hours of live and on-demand content
- A fresh and updated US Equestrian magazine with digital stories that educate and celebrate, delivered quarterly to members
- Optional \$1,000,000 excess personal liability insurance for as low as \$18/year for Junior members
- **MemberPerks** Program including cost-saving discounts like:
 - 10% off purchases online and in-store at Dover Saddlery
 - Up to 40% off at Sherwin Williams
 - Up to 28% off John Deere Equipment
- Youth participation in US Equestrian [Interscholastic Athlete Program](#) and other opportunities
- Special member-only offers from [ShopUSEF](#)
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- Member communications via press releases, US Equestrian Weekly, and more
- Access to U.S. Center for [SafeSport](#) training and compliance



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