

# General Event Regulations and Guidelines

Similar regulations and guidelines are applicable to all events, and will be stated in the prizelist. Additional rules may be imposed by the event organizer and posted on the Official Notice Board at the event. Please read carefully and obey at all times. Penalty may be elimination or a request to leave the show grounds.

1. **Watch the Official Notice Board** for late changes and the official time clock.
2. All horses/ponies/donkeys/mules must wear their **number tags** at all times when not in their designated stall.
3. All listed Driving Events are **sanctioned** as listed, and have undertaken to operate in accordance with Drive Canada Safety Code, use Equine Canada licensed officials, and forward the event results to the Drive Canada Competitions Committee. Events are insured or approved through the sanctioning body.
4. All **Pleasure Driving Shows** are covered by current rules and specifications of the EC, effective January 1, 2004 with amendments and will be conducted and judged accordingly, unless specifically stated otherwise.
5. All **Combined Driving Events** are covered by current rules and specifications of the FEI with Canadian Addenda, and will be conducted and judged accordingly, unless specifically stated otherwise.
6. The Organizing Committee **reserves the right** to cancel, combine or divide any division or section; to alter the course and/or reduce maximum marathon speeds, advertised times or officials if necessary; or to refuse any entry. Three or more entries are required to fill a class or division and the management or event officials may combine classes/ divisions with less than the required number of entries.
7. The Committee also reserves the right to use its discretion in **matters not specified in the rules**, or to relax rules in cases of physical disability.
8. At all CDE's, **Grooms/Navigators** are mandatory for all turnouts in the Marathon Competition, unless otherwise exempted, as well as for pairs or multiple turnouts in Competitions A and C, and are recommended for single turnouts. A groom/header is required by all competitors for Presentation at the halt.
9. Drivers/whips **UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE** are covered under EC Rules, Article C102.
10. The **SAME WHIP** must drive the same entry throughout the competition. However, in the case of illness, accident or physical handicap, the Head Judge and Technical Delegate have the discretion to allow a change of whip.
11. **REMOVING THE BRIDLE** or reins from an animal harnessed to a vehicle or leaving an animal unattended while hitched anywhere on the event grounds will result in disqualification.
12. **NO SCHOOLING ALLOWED** in either the Dressage arena, Section E of the Marathon Course, or the Obstacle Course under penalty of **ELIMINATION**.
13. At all CDE's, **BREECHING and/or BRAKES** are required for the Marathon.
14. **APPROVED HARD HATS** are strongly recommended for drivers, navigators and passengers in the Marathon Competition, compulsory for anyone under 18 years.
15. Horses must be **FOUR YEARS OF AGE** or older to compete in Combined Driving Events under Article 911.1.
16. CDE Course Walk times are posted at the event. Competitors may use bicycles, golf cars, mopeds, and 4-wheel ATV's at the posted times unless specifically prohibited. Other **MOTORIZED VEHICLES** are not permitted. No vehicles or bicycles are allowed in the Dressage or Cones arenas or any Obstacle at any time.
17. All **DOGS** must be crated or on a leash at all times.
18. **Overnight STABLING** or tethering on the event grounds may be permitted if you have your own fencing. Check with the Organizer. **STALLIONS** must be stabled in permanent stalls where provided.
19. Drivers, grooms and navigators must carry a minimum of \$2 million **PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE** to compete in these events. Members of ADS, and PSO's are covered under their group liability insurance programs. Competitors **must** sign the required disclaimers and show proof of insurance at time of registration or **will be** required to purchase local annual provincial membership.
20. **Veterinary decisions** are final. Horse inspections are free, however owners will be charged for any treatments requested or required.
21. A random **RECHECK** of the **Spares Kit** may be made at the end of the Marathon.
22. **Random DRUG TESTING** is being enforced. Animals or drivers testing positive for illegal substances will be disqualified and all prizes, ribbons, trophies, monies and points will be forfeited.
23. **All ENTRIES TO BE COMPLETED** in their entirety, including signatures, membership numbers, and fees as requested.
24. Pony divisions will be set by the Organizer. All maximum speeds may be reduced for terrain, footing and weather conditions by the Ground Jury.
25. A driver or navigator may participate on more than one carriage, at Managements' discretion. In this case, the second entry must be in a separate division, or as Hors Concours (H/C). If H/C, entry must be scheduled after the competing entry. (*See Article 910*).
26. Competitions that offer "**Limit**" level, are open to any entry meeting the criteria of Article 918.5.3.
27. It is *strongly* recommended that **medical armbands** be worn by all competitors during the marathon. Armbands are available through PSO's or the ADS.
28. **US competitors** should familiarize themselves with border crossing regulations concerning **HEALTH CERTIFICATES**, coggins tests and vesicular stomatitis area restrictions. There are no **BONDS** required at Canadian Border crossings. Call your local Department of Agriculture for the latest information.