

DRIVING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries for Driving must be made on the official entry form(s), which should be sent to Miss Sally Edwards, 16b Lock Road, Marlow, Bucks SL7 1QW. All entry enquiries should be directed to edwardssaddlery@aol.com. All other enquiries should be sent to jburlleton@aol.com.

Emergency Telephone Number for competition days only 07773 618236

2. The disclaimer within the Driving entry forms must be signed by both owner and driver(s). Entries will not be accepted unless properly signed.

3. In the event of a cancelled Driving Meet, entry fees may be carried forward to a subsequent Meet at the option of an owner or driver, but nonetheless a fully completed fresh entry form must still be sent for that subsequent Meet in accordance with paragraph 1 above.

4. Driving Competitors should refer to General Conditions paragraph 8 page 4.

5. Due to the cost of Medical, Vet and Insurance Cover you are asked to pay a levy of £6.00 per meet. If you are entering all three phases at a meet you may deduct £4.00 from the total entry fee, i.e. £51.00 for one Dressage, one Cones and one Marathon. There are different conditions concerning Novice Qualifiers at the May event and entries for the August event, refer to the entry forms.

6. If there are less than three entries in a class then classes may be amalgamated at the discretion of the Driving Secretary.

7. Competitors are reminded that their track widths should be in accordance with BHDTA rules, except the Pre Novice classes (see notes 23 to 26).

8. **IMPORTANT:** Driving members must use the route indicated on the central pages to enter the Great Park. No vehicle will be allowed to enter the Great Park without the correct pass or paying an entrance fee.

MARATHON NOTES

9. Competitors must ensure that they are present and ready at the start of section A five minutes before their published time to allow the harness and turnout to be checked. Late arrivals may be excluded from the competition.

10. Any competitor who starts but does not complete the course or drive **MUST** report his or her return to the Timekeeper at the end of section E or the Event Secretary at the Driving Caravan.

11. No motorised vehicles of any description are allowed at any time on the

marathon course. Approved routes will be provided for competitors and guests to inspect marathon obstacles. These will be open until the first competitor has obstacle Stewards or the Technical Delegate.

12. Please remember NOT to drive on MOWN GRASS except where required to do so as part of the course as you will be eliminated from the competition.

OBJECTIONS

13. At Driving Meets, objections to the course, the results or the interpretation of the Rules, should in the first case be made to the Technical Delegate or if not then available to the Driving Caravan not later than 30 minutes after the results for that class have been posted. If not resolved then the objection may be pursued in accordance with conditions 15-18.

14. Only the owner, his authorized agent, or the rider or driver of a horse taking part in the competition is entitled to lodge an objection.

15. Objections must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of £20, within 30 minutes after the Technical Delegate has dismissed the objection.

16. Objections will be heard by the members of the General Committee present on the ground.

17. The deposit may be forfeited unless the objection is upheld or the Committee decides that there were reasonable grounds for the objection.

18. The Driving Competitions will be held under the British Horse Driving Trials Association Rules subject to these General Conditions. These and also the Dressage test sheets may be purchased from the Executive Officer of the British Horse Driving Trials Association, the Driving Secretary or downloaded from the BHDTA website, www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk.

ASSOCIATE JUNIOR DRIVING

19. Junior membership is open to those aged between 14 & 18 years old at the beginning of the year. Junior members' parents or legal guardians must be full club members. Hard hats and a white armband must be worn at ALL times when driving. 14 and 15 year olds are allowed to drive Pony Single, Pair, Tandem and Four in Hand as long as the groom/s are at least 18 years old. 16 year olds are allowed to drive the above and also Horse Single and Pair but must have a groom of at least 18 years old. 18 year olds may drive any class including Horse Tandem and Four in Hand and can have grooms of 14 years old and above.

20. New driving members must produce evidence of having passed BDS Level 1 (1998 test) or the BHDTA Safety/Competence Assessment before being allowed to compete in any competition.

21. New members (as above) must have completed three marathons without retirement or elimination as a single competitor (horse or pony) before being allowed to compete as a multiple (horse or pony). This will not apply to new members who have competed in a national competition in 2009 in the class (horse or pony) in which they wish to compete. Any Driver who wishes their competence forms to be completed by their Judge, Club Secretary and Technical Delegate **Must hand them in before** their dressage otherwise they may not be completed. They will not be completed in retrospect following the meeting.

22. All Competitions will be run in Classes.

PRE NOVICE CLASS

23. This class is open to newcomers to the sport of combined driving trials who drive single pony or horse.

24. The rules are relaxed enabling competitors to use any harness and any carriage, minimum track width of 125 cm and may have pneumatic tires, as long as it is suitable, safe and must be clean and tidy.

25. Drivers may progress to Club Novice between their third successfully completed event, at the discretion of the Driving Organizer and their tenth event.

26. Once progression to Club Novice the driver must use a carriage with a minimum width of 140cm for cones and have solid rubber tires.

NOVICE NATIONAL QUALIFIER

27. To be eligible to compete in the National Novice (Level 2) Qualifier classes at the Third Meet, the driver must have successfully completed Competitions A, B & C at three affiliated club events, each having a three section marathon, within the current or the previous two seasons. Competitors must submit a photocopy of a competence form to the BHDTA prior to entering the Qualifier, signed by the Event Secretary, the Dressage Judge and the Technical Delegate, to signify their approval of the competitor's ability to enter the Qualifier. These competence forms must be submitted to the event secretary **BEFORE** Competition A (Dressage) to ensure that the judge can sign the document.

A driver will be a novice driver provided they have not:

- (a) Previously competed at an Intermediate Singles class at a Regional or National event, unless this was in a qualifying class, nor

- (b) Finished in the Top 50% of the Class in the National Novice (Level 2) Championships, nor
- (c) Won two National Novice (Level 2) Qualifiers although they can retain their National Novice (Level 2) status throughout the season in which this is achieved.
- (d) Qualified for the National Novice Championships in 2009 or previously.

28. To aid the running of Competition C (Cones), the track width of the vehicles should comply with British Horse Driving Trials Association Rules.

ORDER OF STARTING

29. From the THURSDAY prior to the Meet, all times can also be obtained from the Club internet website Driving page at www.wpec.org.uk. Or competitors can telephone 01628 486132 for their starting time. Have paper and a pencil ready - you will hear a recorded message.

30. A driver may enter more than once in any dressage or cones class but the second or any subsequent entry will be scored hors concourse.

31. A horse/pony may not compete more than once in a marathon. The driver or groom may compete a second or subsequent time but only as hors concourse.

32. Owners must state on the entry form whether it is for horses or ponies and number of the class which they wish to enter.

33. Entries must arrive by noon on the date given for entries to close in the Schedule. **Late entries may not be accepted.** The Club reserve the right to charge a late entry charge of £10.00.

34. Marathon Dress, see article 947 para. 2.2 British Horse Driving Trials Association Rules. All persons riding on a carriage in the marathon must wear a correctly fitted hard hat properly fastened.

35. Any competitor who drives on mown grass, including road verges, except where required to do so as part of a course, **will be eliminated from that Meet.**

36. The marathon course will be driven 'blind'. Approved routes will be provided for marathon obstacle inspection.

37. Any competitor in a motorised vehicle of any description, who fails to leave the marathon course at least 30 minutes before the first competitor starts Section E, or who later returns in a motorised vehicle of any description, will be eliminated from the Competition. 'Competitor' shall include groom, assistant or supporter. In the case of a groom, assistant or supporter the competitor whom that person came to groom for, assist or support will be eliminated from the

Competition.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

38. Driving - Only competitors who have driven in at least two previous Meets in 2010 and who have completed all three Competitions at one of those Meets may enter for the Championships. Competitors who have not qualified for the Club Championships will nonetheless be allowed to compete separately in each competition as at a normal Meet and rosettes will be awarded to sixth place.

PLEASURE DRIVE CLASS - CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

39. The Drive is open to Windsor Park Equestrian Club members, full or day members.

40. All horses/ponies will be 4 years old or older and be fit enough for the length of the drive. They must be driven to a suitable vehicle, as the going may be rough and muddy. Pneumatic tyres are allowed.

41. The drive will be through the royal park, which is open to the public, so all drivers and grooms/passengers must be reasonably smart and wear HARD HATS and the driver must also wear gloves and carry an effective whip.

42. The drive will follow the route of the day's cross-country, which is marked with directional arrows and Kilometer (Km) markers. Be aware that you may drive through the deer park and woods with loose deer and pheasants. You are not allowed to deviate from the marked track. The route is split into three sections, A. Which will be 5 to 10 Km, D. Walk section which is 800 to 1000 mts and has a 10 minute halt with water available, and E. Which will be 7 to 9 Km. You may complete A, D & E or just E. Please indicate your preference on the entry form. You WILL NOT be able to drive any of the obstacles.

43. Entrants will start at five minutes intervals.

44. The Organizers reserve the right to refuse entry or stop any turnout they deem unsuitable or unsafe.

45. The Organizers and the Royal Park accept no liability for damage, injury or illness to any person, horse/pony, vehicle or property however caused.

46. Entrants will be issued with car/lorry pass.

47. It is strongly advised to read the Duty of Care and Accident Prevention notes, this is for your, your passengers, your horse/pony and the general public's safety.

LORRY PARK RULES

1. All Lorries and caravans require a working 1kg fire extinguisher.
2. Competitors must park as directed by the parking attendants upon arrival.
3. When parking please consider the space allowance for side ramps And rear ramps.
4. Trailers will normally be positioned in a separate area to avoid reversing/turning.
5. Any accompanying cars should be parked away from horseboxes and should not be driven around the horsebox park.
6. Horses must NOT be left tied to boxes/trailers unattended, if rugged-up it must have surcingles fitted.
7. NO exercising or lunging may take place in the horsebox park.
8. Please do NOT leave rubbish, horse hay or muck - out in the horsebox area. A muck trailer is provided positioned near the tennis court.
9. Please be aware of others when lowering ramps, starting engines or similar.
10. The horsebox park is considered part of the showground and anyone endangering others or ill treating horse, in any way, will be subject to disciplinary procedures.
11. Any damage to persons, animals or vehicles is the sole responsibility of the individual/owner, no responsibility is accepted by WPEC or its agents.

INVITED DRIVING JUDGES

HRH The Prince Philip
Miss M Winn
Mrs D Lucas
Mrs L Woods
Mrs D Gordon

Mrs D Hayes
Mrs L Ruffe
Mrs B Mellstrom
Mr J Pickford
Mrs S Petitpierre

Mr L Ruddiman
Mrs F Bonney
Mr B Stokes
Mrs M Wilson
Mrs K Hooper