



2026 ADCS FESTIVAL OF DRIVING PLEASURE SHOW

Prize List/Rules

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This Document contains General Show Information, Entry Requirements and Deadlines, Show Fees, Where to Mail and Online Entry Information, Refund Policy, Definitions, Local Rules, Division and Class Descriptions, Horseshoe Park Facility Rules. All the forms for this show are available on the club website - follow the Festival Show links on:

www.arizonacarriage.org

GENERAL SHOW & FACILITY INFORMATION

Recognition: *The Festival of Driving is recognized by the American Driving Society and every class offered herein which is covered by the current rules and specifications of the Society will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.*

The ADS Rule Book is available on the [ADS website](http://www.adsrulebook.com) (Use the Rule Book link in the footer on the Home page, and then the link on that page.) See the "PD" pages section. All competitors are encouraged to become familiar with the Pleasure Driving Rules.

Officials and Management:

Judge for the Show: Chris Bickford
PDJ "r"

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Barn Managers: Rita and Mike Self

Show Photographer: Jean & Doug
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On Call Vet: see Page 9 for more details

Show Date, Time and Location: Show days are November 7-8, 2026, at Horseshoe Park Equestrian Centre, 20464 E. Riggs Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142. See a location/site map at <https://www.queencreekaz.gov/government/horseshoe-park-equestrian-centre/location-and-site-map>. Temperatures should be in the 80's during the day and 50's - low 60's at night. Historically, rain is unlikely. Show Day Start Time is 9am unless otherwise notified. Afternoon classes should finish by 5pm., and perhaps earlier on Sunday. Competitor's Meeting is scheduled for 8am on Saturday morning at the barn.

Move In Day: Friday, the 6th, is our set up and move in day. Stables open and competitors may arrive any time **after 1:00 pm**. Show Office should be open from 1:00 and until 5 or 6 pm. Those stabling should check-in at the office and present any needed documentation prior to unloading at the barn. If the show office is already closed when you arrive, check in with the barn managers. After checking in, competitors may practice in the warm up ring if they desire. Those not stabling are welcome to trailer-in for practice on Friday afternoon, but please check-in before doing so, and add a Fri. "show from trailer fee" to your entry.

Divisions Offered at this Show:

- Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, any Vehicle
- Single/Pair/Multiple Small Pony, any Vehicle
- Single Pony, Pleasure Vehicle
- Single Horse, Pleasure Vehicle
- Junior to Drive, any Vehicle
- Pair/Multiple Horse/Pony, any Vehicle
- Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any Hitch

Classes Offered:

Division Classes include: Turnout, Working, Timed Obstacles (except in the Junior Division), Reinsmanship, Fault and Out, and Progressive Obstacles. **Non-Division / Specialty Classes include:** Ladies' Driving Class, Gentlemen's Driving Class, AARP, Antique Carriage, Working-Maiden Driver, Red Hat Class, and Carriage Dog Class. **All Divisions and Classes are described in detail later in this document.**

Ribbons/Prizes: Ribbons are awarded through six places in each class, with an additional prize to first place. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons are awarded in each of seven Divisions, and a Buckle to the Champion of each Division except for Junior Driver, for whom there will be a prize, but not a buckle. See the Division information and required minimum number of classes to qualify in each division on page 6.

Site Entry Requirements:

The Equine: Out of State equine require a current Health Certificate, dated within the previous 30 days. The health certificate will require a negative coggins within 12 months. All equine will need proof of vaccination for Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) within the 6 months prior to entering the venue. This is an ADS recognized show requirement and also a usual requirement at most venues in AZ. Show your documentation at Check-in, or include copies with your entry. See the ADS website for descriptions of accepted forms of vaccine documentation. Please also READ and become familiar with any Horseshoe Park Facility Rules listed later in this document.

Signing of ADS Liability Waiver Form: The Driver (parent or legal guardian of a minor), equine owner, and all others in the party that may ride on the carriage or handle the equine at this event must sign an American Driving Society Waiver. The Driver should sign it on the entry Form, and all others who may not have access to sign the Entry form at the time of entry submission, may sign and submit an online version of the Waiver. A link to the form is on the Festival Page on the ADCS website or use this [link](#). Online

submission is the preferred method in order to avoid delays when checking in. Waivers can be submitted online until Nov. 2nd; after that, a Waiver can be signed at the Show Office. Note: An emergency contact name and number is required for each person signing.

Stable on site or Show from Trailer

Stalls: Permanent box stalls are available for this show in Barn A. One horse per stall, with the exception that two VSE may share a stall if they get along. **2 bags of Horseshoe Park shavings per horse stall are required.** For bedding to be at your stall when you arrive, purchase on the Entry Form. **You MAY NOT bring your own shavings.** Additional shavings can be ordered and paid through our Show Office. If not stabling, there is a daily **Show From Trailer Fee.**

Tack Stalls: Tack stalls are available and recommended for your harness and other equipment (bring your own padlock), if not locked in your horse trailer. There is room in the barn aisle for your carriage. Tack stalls can be shared. Stall/tack assignments will be sent out to competitors after the entry deadline.

Horse Trailer/RV Parking, Overnight Camping: Horse trailers are to be parked in the Overflow lot west of Barn A, unless a reserved parking spot (extra fee and closer to the barn) is arranged through the facility in the lot North of Barn A. If overnight camping in your horse trailer or RV, it must be parked in a reserved dry camping spot or a reserved RV space. Water and electric are available and included in the camping fee for the RV spaces. The RV fee is \$40 per night. Reservations for RV spots with hookup are made online beginning 60 days prior to the show date. Website to visit: <https://secure.recl.com/AZ/queen-creek-az/catalog> You must register first by clicking on "Welcome/Register" and after creating an account, use the link "HPEC RV Rentals" under the "welcome" link to access the reservation section.

Reserved trailer parking spots closer to Barn A and/or dry camping reservations, both \$20 per day, must be made by calling Horseshoe Park directly so the fee can be adjusted since water and electric would not be used. The Park will notify those with reserved RV, dry camping or parking spots by email, after making your reservations. **Facility contact, for information or to reserve dry camping and parking: call or email: Jennifer Broadhead 480-358-3793, hpec@queencreekaz.gov**

On site Food Vendors: There is a Snack Bar/Food Truck onsite. Off site local businesses are fairly close to the show venue.

Social and Silent Auction: Silent Auction items will be on display by the show office all day Saturday for bidding. Final bidding and announcement of winning bids will take place at the Social on Saturday evening. The social will be set up near the office and silent auction. ADCS will furnish appetizers and water and soft drinks. The time will be announced and available at the show office.

Anyone who bids on items, but misses the social, must check on Sunday morning at the Show Office to see if they had the winning bid and can pay for and pick up items then. Those with winning bids who attend the social are expected to pay for and take their winnings with them at that time. (cash or check)

Donations for the Silent Auction are gladly accepted. If you are bringing an auction item with you, it can be left at the Secretary's Office at check in. We would like to be able, pre show, to show pictures of all the items in an album on our FaceBook page. If donating, please email a picture and description of the item(s) and approximate value to Marcia Fetherston at adcssecretary@gmail.com and she will take care of posting your item.

ADCS Sales Items: ADCS T-shirts, caps, patches, and decals will be available for purchase by the Show Office.

ENTRY SUBMISSION OPTIONS & DEADLINES

EARLY ENTRY will open September 12 and run until October 19 (received). **LATE ENTRY** will run from Oct. 20 to Oct. 27 at 5pm. A \$30 late fee applies to any entry received after Oct. 19. For all Methods of Entry, **Oct. 27th is the last day for an entry to be received**, and entries arriving that late may not be in time to have their information included in the Show Program. It would be a good idea to check with the show secretary that a late mailed entry has been received. No new Entries will be possible on Show Days, but those pre-entered may add classes. **Please note that Mail-in and Online Entry Forms will be available by Sept. 1, if not earlier.**

ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH ENTRY OR BRING TO SHOW AT CHECK IN:

1. Equine Influenza + rhino vaccination record or receipt within 6 months
2. Out of state - health certificate + Coggins
3. Signed waiver form from driver + all helpers/potential passengers (website Waiver link will be activated when entry opens)
4. Pony Measurement Card for ponies and VSE: 1.1 ADS Ponies are 120cm to less than 149cm, without shoes; or less than 150cm with shoes.

1) MAIL YOUR ENTRY- Download the PDF Entry Form from the Festival of Driving page on the ADCS website. Suggested Postmark is by October 13 for Early Entry and by Oct. 21 for Late Entry, due to longer mail delivery times for the Secretary.

Send Entry, other required forms, and Check made out to ADCS to:

Entry Secretary - Karen Austermiller 13850 N. Spanish Barb Lane Prescott, AZ 86305

Contact Email: karenlmr206@gmail.com Phone Number: 928-379-3070

2) ENTER ONLINE & PAY ONLINE: Go to the Festival Show page on www.arizonacarriage.org and click on the "Online Enter Form." Fill it out and submit it, following the directions on that page. **Online payments have non-refundable processing and transaction fees**, and these fees will be subtracted from any requested refund. Early Entry and payment must be submitted by **Oct. 19. Oct. 27 at 5 pm** is the last day for late submission. The online pay feature through PayPal does not work for everyone. Do not wait until the last day to enter, in case it does not work for you. If not redirected to PayPal after submitting your Entry, or if you do not receive a receipt for your payment from PayPal, it did not work for you. Contact (text) Peggy Jaeger (webmaster) @ 602-697-9776 for other options for paying.

SHOW FEES INCLUDED ON ENTRY FORM

ADS Fees: Membership in the American Driving Society (ADS) is required of all drivers, along with a "competition" fee, OR a non-member must fill out a **Non-Member Credit Voucher Form** and pay a non-member fee in order to participate. The "Competition fee" is \$5 for any driver who is a current ADS member (enter your ADS # on the entry form or fill out the Affidavit Form if you do not have your number), OR the Non-Member fee is \$30. Both fees are per driver, not per entry. Pay it only one time if you have more than one entry. **EXCEPTION: These fees are waived for any Junior Driver attending this show** as ADCS will pay these fees for Juniors. The ADS member number must still be listed, or the Non-Member Form submitted. Note: Anyone paying the non-member fee will receive a copy of the form which serves as a \$30 voucher towards ADS membership in the future.

Office Fee: First entry for a driver is \$20. **An additional entry turnout for the SAME driver** is \$10.

Class Fees: All classes are \$25 each, pre-entered or added at the Show. **EXCEPTION:** If you pre-enter six or more classes, you may add an additional class free of charge; **that class must be included on the entry form.** **EXCEPTION:** Juniors pay 1/2 price for classes and are eligible for a free stall if ALL the Junior division classes are entered.

Trailer-in Fee/Show from Trailer: (if you do not order a horse stall) \$25 per day **per horse trailer**, including Friday if you come that afternoon to practice. Two entries sharing a trailer pay one haul in fee; be sure to specify on your entry who you trailered with if you do not pay this fee for your entry. A driver with two entries showing from their trailer would pay this fee for only one of their entries.

Stall Fees: Horse stalls are \$40 per stall per day (you do not have to strip your stall when you leave). A "day" at Horseshoe Park is a 24 hour period from 7 am one day to 7 am the next morning. Tack stalls are \$20 per day. Include any tack stall along with your horse stall(s) on your entry. Tack stalls may be shared. If sharing, do not include a tack stall with your stall order if someone else is ordering and paying for the shared tack stall. Be sure to indicate on your entry the # of Horse stalls and # of Tack stalls, if any, that you order.

<u>Horse Stall use fees:</u> Friday thru Sunday \$120	Saturday thru Sunday \$80	Sunday only \$40
Friday thru Saturday \$80	Saturday only \$40	Tack Stalls are 1/2 horse stall fee

Shavings Fee: For each horse stall, you must purchase a minimum of two bags of shavings (provided by the facility) @ \$11 per bag. Order the shavings on your entry form to have them at your stall when you arrive. Additional shavings may be purchased during the show by filling out a form and paying in our Show Office (cash/check only). We will let the facility know and they will deliver.

DEFINITIONS / ATTIRE / VEHICLES AND LOCAL RULES

An Entry, for the purposes of this show, shall be a horse(s), a driver, **and** a specific vehicle combination. Exception: Changing vehicles, to go in the Antique Carriage Class, will not require a different entry number. Changing vehicles for any other classes will constitute a **different entry** and will require another entry form, entry number and any associated entry fees. A change of driver for a horse/carriage combination at some point during the show is a separate entry combination, and therefore not allowed unless pre-entered as such, and issued a different entry number.

Equine Age, Class Entry Requirement: All equines entered in this show must be a minimum of 3 years of age. Any equine brought on the grounds during this show **must be registered as an entry in at least one class**. For the safety of all, do not bring an equine "just for training purposes" if they are incapable of actually participating in the class entered. Any unsafe or unruly equines may be required to leave.

Equine Size/Hitch: The following equine sizes will be used, and an **ADS Measurement Card** must be presented for all VSE and Ponies, **or they must be measured onsite**. Inquire at the show Office for time and location of equine measurement.

ADS VSEs are less than 99cm, with or without shoes.

ADS Small Ponies are 99cm to less than 120cm, with or without shoes.

ADS Ponies are 120cm to less than 149cm, without shoes; or less than 150cm with shoes.

Horses - all equine over Pony size..

Pair/Multiple: Any size of equine hitched with more than one equine (pair, four-up, unicorn, tandem). The size of the turnout is based on the largest equine.

Junior and Adult Drivers are defined as follows (ADS Article 2.7):

Junior and adult competition participants, e.g., anyone who rides on a vehicle at any time at an event, are defined as follows:

a. The "competition age" of an individual will be the age reached during the current calendar year.

b. Junior "A" competition age: 10 and below. Junior A drivers must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseman at all times.

c. Junior "B" competition age: 11, 12, 13. Junior B drivers must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseman at all times.

EXCEPTION: Junior "B" drivers competing with a single Very Small Equine (VSE) turnout in a securely enclosed arena need not be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseman **unless required by the organizer. Please check on show day.** (This exception, **if allowed at this show**, means that a Junior 11 to 13 years old driving a single VSE could enter the show ring and the warm up ring without the adult, as long as the gates are kept closed. Driving anywhere else on the show grounds, requires the adult to be in the vehicle.)

d. Junior "C" competition age: 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Junior C drivers competing with a single horse/pony turnout at their discretion need not carry a groom/passenger **unless required by the competition.**

e. "Junior" - Unless otherwise defined: Competition age under 19.

f. "Adult" - Competition age 19 and over.

Juniors must wear **ASTM/SEI approved** and fastened protective headgear at all times while on a vehicle at the show grounds. Juniors may not show stallions.

Maiden Driver is any driver who has never earned a blue ribbon at any previous pleasure show(s) they have attended. In deference to the ADS Rule Book, for THIS show, previous shows include ADS recognized and non-recognized shows, and a blue ribbon earned in a class of only one or two entries (not three) does not count as winning a blue ribbon previously.

Drafts, Mules, Donkeys: Drafts, mules and donkeys are welcome at this show. They should enter divisions/classes appropriate for the equine size, type of hitch and vehicle, or other designations for some classes. See the **Divisions Section** for specifics on each division. Any drafts should show with the usual pleasure or other turnout, just like the horses and ponies. Heel chains must be wrapped or removed. They are expected to exhibit the same gaits as required by the specific class.

Bits/Harness: A bit, with reins attached, is required **and** must be of a type allowed by ADS, see Rule Book. Also see the Rule Book for rules relating to side checks, leg wraps, martingales, and overchecks. A throat latch and a full noseband are mandatory. A full noseband is defined as a noseband fully encircling the nose. **For safety reasons, breeching or thimbles are required for any turnout whose vehicle does not have brakes.**

Show Attire: Pleasure shows require competition attire of a style suitable to the type of carriage. That includes a lap robe and gloves, a hard hat or pleasure hat, and a whip must be carried. A hard hat is recommended in the obstacle classes, not required. A hard hat in the pleasure classes will not be penalized. See prior statement regarding Junior Drivers and the required helmet.

Period outfits are not appropriate. Ladies should have long sleeves, slacks or dress; men should wear a suit jacket and tie. Tennis shoes are not appropriate. Pleasure show attire applies to **both** the Pleasure and Obstacle classes. Drivers of utility and marathon vehicles should dress in pleasure show attire as described above and according to their type/style of vehicle. At this show, combined driving marathon dress is not appropriate for marathon vehicle drivers.

Grooms: Any required groom must be at least 14 years of age and capable. Grooms are expected to dress appropriately (it counts when judged), and are required on all pair and multiple hitches.

Walking and Trotting only is allowed at this Pleasure Show, in the rings and on the grounds. Breaks of pace must be immediately corrected or penalties or elimination will result. (See ADS Rule Book for penalties.)

Show/Warm-up Ring: The Show Ring will be the south covered arena (Arena 1) NO PRACTICE is allowed in the SHOW ring at any time on any day. No lunging is allowed in the Warm-up/on deck ring, covered Arena 3, for safety.

Dogs - All dogs brought on the grounds must be leashed or restrained at all times; exception is while entered in the carriage dog class, and in that class, **all dogs must ride on the carriage**. They may not run on the ground by the carriage. Pick up after your dog. Dogs are not allowed in the food vendor areas.

Vehicles (Carriages and Carts): Any SAFE 2 or 4-wheeled vehicle may be used in any class **unless the class name or description limits the entry**. "Bicycle spoked" wheels and pneumatic tires **are** allowed at this show. A "carriage inspection," by the TD, shall take place if there is any question as to the safety of any vehicle, or its appropriateness for a particular class or division.

While "pleasure vehicles" are encouraged at this show, several divisions allow the use of a utility or marathon vehicle. While possibly at a disadvantage, depending on the judging directives for a specific class, marathon and utility vehicles may also show in the non-division / specialty classes **unless restricted by the class name or description**. The Utility/Marathon Vehicle Division is offered so folks without pleasure show vehicles may participate in several classes without being at a judging disadvantage.

A Utility/Marathon Vehicle at this Show refers to a marathon vehicle and any other type of vehicle designed for a specific purpose, **and that is not a usual traditional or contemporary "pleasure" or "show" carriage**. Multi-use vehicles that are also designed with suspension to better negotiate a marathon course, are considered a utility/marathon vehicle for this show. Many Pleasure Shows exclude marathon vehicles all together, as they have a definite advantage in timed obstacle classes when going against an antique or a purely "pleasure show" vehicle. FYI: In general, turnout classes expect the more formal, antique, or modern pleasure type of carriage. This is preferred (not required). Working classes place less emphasis on turnout, but all other factors being equal, a more formal or traditional pleasure carriage will usually place above a utility vehicle in a pleasure class.

See, on the ADS website, *Appendix PD-C Turnout & Appointments* for descriptions of various carriages, and their appointments, appropriate for pleasure shows. Click on *Rulebook* in the footer on the ADS Home page to go to the page where this can be viewed.

Wheel Measurement: Measure your wheels **if you will be showing in the obstacle classes**. We will remeasure, on site, any entries in the Progressive Obstacles classes, as we will use the actual track widths to adjust clearances. For the other obstacle classes, we want a heads up if there is track width that varies too much from the others in the division. For fairness, adjustments can then be made — as we plan to use set distances for horses and ponies of (200 cm), and less for VSE (160 cm). It is possible that someone plans to show with a carriage that could be very different, for instance an antique style that is very wide, or a small pony showing with a horse size wheel base cart against a VSE sized cart.

Measure at ground level at the widest wheel track. It is best to place a block or traffic cone on the ground, right next to the outside of each wheel, and then move the carriage and measure the distance between the markers. Indicate cm or in. on the Entry Form in the "Carriage Information" section. Centimeters is preferred, but if you do not have a centimeter measuring tape, then indicate in inches.

Conflicts, Gate Holds and Tack Changes: After a reasonable time after the final gate call for a Pleasure Class, a one minute time limit may be called for a missing entry. Once the gate is closed, it will be considered a MISSED CLASS for that entry. Anyone who has a tack change that could interfere with a gate call, should notify the Show Secretary at check-in, and the appropriate gate person in advance of the call for the class. Maximum tack change time limit is 10 minutes. Competitors are responsible for staying aware of how the show is progressing. The loud speaker may not be heard if too far away from the Pleasure Ring, and possibly not always at the barn.

Motorized Vehicle Notice:

At any ADS-recognized event, minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the jurisdiction in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind (including, but not limited to: golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles) at the event location. Minors who have a valid temporary license or learner permit may operate motorized vehicles only when accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), or legal guardian(s) of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation.

Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties and/or sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) from the event location for the remainder of the event. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt. (As per ADS Article AC.2.14.)

DIVISION INFORMATION

A Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in each Division that has qualifiers. The indicated minimum number of classes for each division must be entered to qualify for the championship. Reinsmanship is required in all divisions and is the tie breaker class for the Championship and the Reserve Championship. The same vehicle is to be used by an entry number in each of his/her division classes.

Cross-entering Division Classes: An entry is allowed to enter some Division classes in more than one Division, if they are eligible; example, a Junior driving a VSE could go in the VSE Division classes and the Junior Division classes. **But only the Division chosen for the Obstacle classes would count towards a Championship, as an Obstacles class type (like Fault and Out) may be entered only ONE time with the same equine.** Entering the same type class more than once would constitute “practice,” since the course stays the same, and this is not allowed. Therefore, only the Obstacle classes within the Division chosen for Division Championship consideration should be entered. The only exception for an equine to enter the same type of Obstacle class more than one time, is if the equine is shown as part of a pair or multiple hitch and also as a single entry. Anyone cross entering the pleasure classes in more than one Division may be placed in any of those classes, but championship points will accumulate only in the Division chosen for the Obstacle classes.

Divisions Offered:

1) Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, *any Vehicle

Classes that Count: 1, 4, 16, 31, 38, 45

2) Single/Pair/Multiple Small Pony, *any Vehicle

Classes that Count: 2, 5, 17, 32, 39, 46

3) Single Pony, Pleasure Vehicle

Classes that Count: 3, 6, 18, 33, 41, 48

4) Single Horse, Pleasure Vehicle

Classes that Count: 7, 10, 19, 35, 42, 49

5) Pair/Multiple Horse/Pony, *any Vehicle

Classes that Count: 9, 12, 20, 37, 43, 50

6) Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any Hitch

Classes that Count: 8, 11, 21, 36, 44, 51

7) Junior to Drive, *any Vehicle

Classes to count: 13, 15, 34, 40, 47

* While "pleasure vehicles" are encouraged, exceptions are made in these divisions to allow other than “pleasure show” vehicles, but attempts should be made to add typical pleasure appointments. Vehicles that are very different in style than pleasure vehicles (such as a hyper bike, stage coach, fire engine, fore cart, commercial vehicle) might be better suited to be in the Utility/Marathon Division, and would probably place higher than they would in the other division classes. See PD page 10 in the ADS Rulebook, article 215, for information about traditional and contemporary vehicles used at pleasure shows.

The classes offered in divisions 1-6 above include Turnout, Working, Timed Obstacles, Reinsmanship, Fault and Out Obstacles, and Progressive Obstacles. To qualify for the Division Championship, at least five of the six classes must be entered. The Reinsmanship class is required for all, as it is the tie breaker class.

Junior to Drive classes offered include Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship, Fault and Out Obstacles, and Progressive Obstacles. To qualify for the Division Championship, at least four of the five classes must be entered. The Reinsmanship class is required for all, as it is the tie breaker class.

Method of Awarding Points for Division Awards: Placement (1st through 6th) in the classes in the chosen Division will earn points toward the Championship for an entry (horse/driver/carriage combination). In classes of six or more, 1st place earns six points, and each place after through 6th earns one point less. In classes with fewer than six entries, 1st place earns points equal to the number in the class, and each place after that earns one less point.

ANY TIE FOR A DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP OR RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE BROKEN BY THE REINSMANSHIP CLASS RESULTS IN THAT DIVISION, WITH THE TITLE GOING TO THE COMPETITOR WITH THE BETTER PLACEMENT IN REINSMANSHIP.

A Points Chart for each Division will be posted at the Show Office and updated after every class that applies. Division ribbons and awards will be awarded after Class ribbons for the last class in each Division, if possible, or at the Show Office. Check before leaving the show if you believe you may have earned 1st or 2nd in your Division, and ribbons were not presented in the ring.

DETAILED CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Description of Rail Classes:

Large classes could be split, with a work off for final placement.

Class Ribbons will be awarded while in the ring, along with a prize voucher to the 1st place winner. The 1st place prize can be redeemed in the Show Office during the day.

Turnout Classes - A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. All class entries are in the ring at the same time. Ribbons are presented in the ring at the end of the class. The turnout classes are designated for a specific equine size, driver, or carriage type. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged: 65% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire, appointments and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going. 5% on spares. (See Rule 217.4 - required spares) See the notes regarding attire and vehicles that relate to Turnout Classes on Page 4 and 5.

Offered Turnout Classes for all Divisions: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13

Working Classes - A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. All class entries are in the ring at the same time. Ribbons are presented in the ring at the end of the class. The working classes are shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Required also to stand quietly both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. All entries chosen for a work off may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition, fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

Offered Working Classes for all Divisions: 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15 **Other Working Class:** Class 26 - Maiden Driver.

Reinsmanship Classes - A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. All entries are in the ring at the same time. Ribbons are presented in the ring at the end of the class. The Reinsmanship classes are shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers are required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either a one-handed or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent "feel" with the horse's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver. 25% on the condition of harness and neatness of attire. **Offered Reinsmanship Classes for all Divisions:** 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37

Other Non-Division, Specialty and Local Rail Classes:

Ladies' or Gentlemen's Driving Class - Entries are limited to ladies only or gentlemen only and judged primarily on the suitability of the turnout for a lady (or gentleman), with emphasis on manners. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Must rein back without resistance and must stand quietly at any location in the arena. To be judged: 50% on manners, performance, elegance and suitability of the turnout for a lady (manners, performance and suitability for a gentleman; gentlemen may show a degree of boldness but not excessive speed); 25% on skill of the driver; 25% on overall impression.

Offered Classes: Class 14 - Gentlemen's Driving Class. Class 24 - Ladies' Driving Class VSE/Small Pony. Class 25 - Ladies' Driving Class Horse/Pony.

AARP - These classes are limited to horse and driver combinations with a combined age of 65 years or greater. In a pair or multiple hitch, only the age of the oldest horse is counted. All class entries are in the ring at the same time. Ribbons are presented in the ring at the end of the class. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, and a working trot. Required also to stand quietly both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. The combined age of the turnout may contribute, in part, to the outcome; however, the class will not be placed solely on the combined age. Entries will be asked for their combined age by the gate steward, as they enter the ring or during the line up. To be Judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition, fit of harness and vehicle, and on neatness of attire; 10% on combined age of Horse and Driver.

Offered AARP Classes: Class 22 - AARP VSE & Small Pony, any hitch. Class 23 - AARP Horse & Pony, any hitch.

Antique Carriage Class - A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the quality of each turnout. Limited to antique vehicles (not reproduction or modern vehicles), pleasure or other type (ex: Doctor's buggy) considered to be an antique. Dress would be appropriate to the vehicle. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from overall impression. Vehicle and harness may be inspected to ensure thoughtful restoration and careful maintenance. To be judged: 75% on Vehicle and appropriateness of harness, neatness of attire and overall impression; 25% on condition of vehicle and harness. **Offered:** Class 27 - Antique Carriage Class.

Red Hat Class - To be judged on the best RED Hat in the class. Class may be entered by men and women. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot; to stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged: 75% on the Red Hat and neatness of attire and overall impression; 25% on the way of going of the horse(s). **Offered:** Class 28 - Red Hat VSE & Small Pony. Class 29 - Red Hat Horse & Pony.

Carriage Dog Class - Judged primarily on suitability of the dog to serve as a companion (maximum one dog per vehicle). To be judged both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. The dog must be standing, lying down or seated on the vehicle. The dog must be under control at all times. The dog must not be led on the ground from the vehicle or be restrained by being tied to the vehicle, driver or passenger. The driver should not hold the dog, and the dog should not interfere with the driver in any way. The dog may be of any breed. To be judged: 60% on the suitability of the dog as a companion; 30% on the performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 10% on the overall impression of the turnout, including the dog. Entries with a dog not clearly under control may be eliminated. **Offered:** Class 30 - Carriage Dog.

Description of Pleasure Obstacle Classes

NOTE: CANTERING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY OBSTACLE CLASSES A horse may not be entered more than once in the same Obstacle class, except as a single and again as part of a pair/multiple hitch (different entries). Therefore, there is no cross entering of division obstacle classes allowed by the same entry.

Attire /Procedures: Pleasure show attire (including a lap robe) applies to all Obstacle classes. A salute is not required, but be sure to wait for the signal to start your course. Course diagrams will be posted at the Show Office the first day of the show and/or will be included in the Show Program. On Saturday afternoon, it remains to be determined if Timed Obstacles or the remaining rail classes for the day begin first after the lunch break. Either way, the time to “walk” the course will be available and announced. Sunday, the Fault and Out Obstacle Class will be set up in the show ring after the Reinsmanship classes, for walking during lunch. Hopefully, the second obstacle class on Sunday can be walked during a break, whose length may depend on the lateness of the day at that point.

Obstacle Class ribbons will be presented in the ring after the last go for a Division. Class competitors should remain in the warmup area outside the ring gate and listen for the announcement to re-enter the ring for class placement.

Any TIES in PLACING in the Obstacles classes will be broken by a coin toss or drive off at the judge’s discretion.

Timed Obstacles - To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles. Obstacle clearance for horses and ponies is a set distance of 80 inches (200 cm). Distance will be less for VSE (160 cm). After passing the Starting line, the driver proceeds through each obstacle in order to the designated finish line. Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver’s elapsed time. (See Article 246 Penalties, in the Rule Book.) Placings are determined on a low total time basis. Ties are broken on lower course fault total.
Offered Timed Obstacles Division Classes: 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. To be run in classes, order of go posted or in Program.

Fault and Out Obstacle Classes - A timed course of numbered obstacles, not to exceed 10, to be driven at a trot. Obstacle clearance for horses and ponies is a set distance of 80 inches (200 cm). Distance will be less for VSE (160 cm). After passing through the Start markers, the driver shall proceed through each consecutively numbered obstacle, in order, until the allowed time expires (suggested time, 90 seconds to two minutes), or until an obstacle is dislodged or a disobedience occurs. If all the obstacles are driven cleanly before the allowed time expires, the driver will begin the course again, starting with obstacle #1, without having to pass through the Start markers. Passing through the Start markers more than once is not considered “off course” and is not penalized.

Two points will be scored for each obstacle cleared before the allowed time expires, a disobedience occurs or an obstacle is dislodged. When the allowed time expires, a disobedience occurs or an obstacle is dislodged, a signal will be given. The driver then proceeds through the next consecutively numbered obstacle. The time will be taken when the rear axle clears this obstacle. If that obstacle is cleared, one point is scored. If it is dislodged, no points for that dislodged obstacle are scored, but the time is still taken.

The score of a driver who fails to drive the next consecutively numbered obstacle after the whistle is blown counts, up to the point where the signal is given, but the competitor must be placed after those with an equal score and time. Placings will be determined by the greatest number of points; ties broken by faster time. Going off course will incur elimination.

Offered Fault and Out Classes: Division Classes 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44. To be run in classes, order of go posted or in Program.

Progressive Obstacle Classes - To be driven at the trot over a course of six numbered obstacles which will be adjusted to the following clearances: #1 – 51 cm, #2 – 41 cm, #3 – 30, #4 – 20 cm, #5 – 10 cm, #6 – 5 cm. After passing the starting line, the entry proceeds through each obstacle, in order, until finishing the course or dislodging an obstacle.

Scoring:

- Time to be recorded when an obstacle is dislodged or when the rear axle clears Obstacle #6. Points accumulated to that point count.
- For a disobedience or for going off course, points accumulated to that point count; however, no time will be recorded.
- Two points given for each set of obstacles cleared. No points given for dislodged obstacles.
- Placings determined on a high-point basis. Placings determined by points in descending order, with ties in points broken by fastest time.
- Entries with accumulated points and no recorded time are placed after those with equal points and recorded times.

Penalties:

Dislodging an obstacle - Accumulated points and time recorded to that point. Break in gait (to canter or walk) - Accumulated points and time recorded to that point. Disobedience - Accumulated points count, no time recorded. Off course - Accumulated points count, no time recorded. Groom(s) dismounting - Accumulated points count, no time recorded.

Offered Progressive Classes for all Divisions: 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51. To be run in classes, order of go posted or in Program.

CLASS SCRATCHES, SUBSTITUTIONS & ADDITIONS, REFUNDS

Competitors are responsible for keeping track of show progress. Conflicts due to tack changes should be reported to the Show Office at check-in (if suspected) and to the gate before the first call for a class.

Day of Show Secretary Contact: For set up day, November 6th, and on the show days, in case you may need to contact the Show Day Secretary, for instance if you have broken down and will be late or are not coming at all, please call Karen at 928-379-3070.

Scratching Classes the day of the show: As soon as you know, please notify the Show Secretary, and the appropriate gate person prior to the 1st gate call for a class, if you decide to scratch classes during the show. This is to avoid holding the gate or repeated calls for an entry that does not intend to show in that class. No notification of a scratch prior to the gate being closed for that class, will be considered a missed class by the entry.

Substituted Classes: An entry may substitute some other class for a scratched class for that same entry at no charge, but must add the substituted class at least 2 classes prior to the gate call for the class. There is no free substitution for missed classes.

Adding Classes the day of the show: Adds are allowed, but added classes must be processed AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE A MINIMUM OF TWO CLASSES PRIOR TO THE GATE CALL FOR THE ADDED CLASS, so there is time to notify the show ring and the gate.

Payment for the added class(es) is required when the class is added, or an **open check** can be left with your first added class, if you think you may add more classes later. Plan ahead. If you try to add a class and do not bring payment or an open check with you, you could be too late to add it after you go back to get your money! If paying cash, try to have the exact amount.

Combined or Canceled Classes: The show organizers reserve the right to combine small, like classes in the same ring and to possibly cancel classes with fewer than two entries.

REFUND POLICY: **Note:** If show fees were paid online, any refunds could take a week or more to process.

Withdrawal from the Show: (Fees paid to Horseshoe Park for camping — contact them about their refund policy.)

- By close of the Early Entry Deadline of Oct. 19th, which is the online enter deadline and when any mailed entry should have arrived - Refund of all show fees paid, except any online payment transaction/processing fees.
- By close of Late Entry deadline of Oct. 27, all show fees refunded except the office fee, and any online payment transaction/processing fees.
- Withdrawal after Oct. 27th, no refund of any kind; exception would be special circumstances decided on a case by case basis, if a refund is requested and the entry secretary is notified before November 6th. A vet or doctor statement may be required. A "no show" on Show day, no refund of any kind.

Scratched and Missed Classes:

- Canceled classes by Show Organizers - refund of class fee or free substitution of another class.
- Competitor scratched class, with no substitution class chosen for a replacement - If requested, any refund will be decided case by case depending on having a very good reason for the scratch.
- Missed class — no refund.

See the Show Secretary to settle your fees at the end of the show, if you left an open check, or have payments pending, etc.

Information for Vet /Farrier Services: Horseshoe Park maintains a list of area vets and farriers (not "on call.") Phone numbers will be available at the show office. See the Show Program for our "on call" vet services information.

HORSESHOE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Pets must be on leash.

No outside bedding will be allowed on Horseshoe Park grounds. Any exhibitor who violates this policy will be handled thus: The number of bags of outside bedding will be billed by the Event to the competitor at \$11 per bag.

Vehicles and equipment may be parked on the HPEC Premises during posted HPEC hours only, unless prior approval is given by the HPEC General Manager. No vehicles allowed in the center of the facility (driving on the center walkway).

The Town reserves the right to remove from the HPEC Premises or cause to be removed from the HPEC Premises any person or persons considered by Town staff to be disorderly. Neither the Town, nor its employees, shall be liable to the Event Promoter for any damages that may result from such action.

Dead or Injured Animals: Any dead or injured animal are the responsibility of the owner/Event Promoter. All veterinary and hauling services for said animal will be the owners' responsibility. Animal must be removed within 24 hours of injury or death.

Absolutely NO dumping gray water on the ground or in the retentions. Violators will be fined \$100 per incident.

FESTIVAL 2026 - LIST OF CLASSES BY DAY

It is suggested that you print this page and mark the classes you have entered on it and take it with you to the show.

#	SATURDAY CLASSES-Ring 1
1	Turnout Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, any Vehicle
2	Turnout Single/Pair/Multi Sm. Pony, any Vehicle
3	Turnout Single Pony, Pleasure Vehicle
4	Working Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, any Vehicle
5	Working Single/Pair/Multi Sm. Pony, any Vehicle
6	Working Single Pony, Pleasure Vehicle
7	Turnout Single Horse, Pleasure Vehicle
8	Turnout Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any hitch
9	Turnout Pair/Multiple Horse/Pony, any Vehicle
10	Working Single Horse, Pleasure Vehicle
11	Working Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any Hitch
12	Working Pair/Multiple Horse/Pony, any Vehicle
13	Junior to Drive - Turnout, any Vehicle
14	Gentlemen's Driving Class
15	Junior To Drive - Working any Vehicle
	LUNCH BREAK **
16	Timed Obstacles, Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, any vehicle
17	TimedObstacles,Sing/Pair/MultiSmPony,anyVehicle
18	Timed Obstacles, Single Pony, Pleasure vehicle
19	Timed Obstacles, Single Horse, Pleassure vehicle
20	Timed Obstacles,Pair/MultiHorse/Pony, any vehicle
21	Timed Obstacles, Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any hitch
	BREAK to remove cones
22	AARP VSE & Small Pony, any hitch
23	AARP Horse & Pony, any hitch
24	Ladies Driving Class, VSE & Small Pony, any hitch
25	Ladies Driving Class, Horse & Pony, any hitch
26	Maiden Driver Class, working any hitch*

*Driver has never won a blue ribbon at a Pleasure Show. See the "maiden driver" definition for details.

**Tentatively, Cones will be set up during the lunch break and Timed Obstacles will be run right after lunch; rail classes will be resumed after Timed Obstacles. This order could change.

To determine the approximate time a class will be called, figure 15 minutes per Pleasure Class (4 classes an hour) and probably longer for Obstacle Classes, especially if there are more than a few entries. This is only a guess, as larger classes take longer and some classes could have no entries.

#	SUNDAY CLASSES-Ring 1
27	Antique Carriage Class
28	Red Hat Class, VSE & Small Pony, any hitch
29	Red Hat Class, Horse & Pony, any hitch
30	Carriage Dog Class
31	Reinsmanship, Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, any Vehicle
32	Reinsmanship,Single/Pair/Multi Small Pony, any Vehicle
33	Reinsmanship, Single Pony, Pleasure Vehicle
34	Reinsmanship, Junior to Drive, any Vehicle
35	Reinsmanship, Single Horse, Pleasure Vehicle
36	Reinsmanship, Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any hitch
37	Reinsmanship, Pair/Multiple Horse/Pony, any Vehicle
	LUNCH BREAK - Set Cones Course/Walk Cones
38	Fault and Out Obstacles, Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, any Vehicle
39	Fault and Out Obstacles, Single/Pair/Multiple Small Pony, any Vehicle
40	Fault and Out Obstacles, Junior to Drive, any Vehicle
41	Fault and Out Obstacles, Single Pony, Pleasure Vehicle
42	Fault and Out Obstacles, Single Horse, Pleasure Vehicle
43	Fault and Out Obstacles, Pair/Multiple Horse/ Pony, any Vehicle
44	Fault and Out Obstacles, Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any hitch
	RESET COURSE - break to walk course
45	Progressive Obstacles, Single/Pair/Multiple VSE, any Vehicle
46	Progressive Obstacles, Single/Pair/Multiple Small Pony, any Vehicle
47	Progressive Obstacles, Junior to Drive, any Vehicle
48	Progressive Obstacles, Single Pony, Pleasure Vehicle
49	Progressive Obstacles, Single Horse, Pleasure Vehicle
50	Progressive Obstacles, Pair/Multiple Horse/ Pony, any Vehicle
51	Progressive Obstacles, Utility/Marathon Vehicle, any hitch

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