

## **CARRIAGE DRIVING CHALLENGE SCHEDULE**

**The Event Organisers would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Earl of Strathmore, Glamis Castle and the staff of Glamis Castle for their gracious support of this event.**

### **Classes for Contemporary Vehicle Challenge**

- B1. Single Pony 4 years old and over to a contemporary vehicle
- B2. Single Horse 4 years old and over to a contemporary vehicle
- B3. Pony Pair 4 years old and over to a contemporary vehicle
- B4. Horse Pair 4 years old and over to a contemporary vehicle
- B5. Tandem 4 years old and over to a contemporary vehicle
- B6. Multiples of horses or ponies 4 years old and over to a contemporary vehicle
- B7 Donkeys or Mules

### **COMPETITION RULES**

The Carriage Driving Challenge is an introductory club level competition for drivers with modern vehicles that will run in conjunction with the Attelage de Tradition that is restricted to traditional type vehicles.

Like the Attelage de Tradition, the object of the Carriage Driving Competition is to promote and encourage best practise traditional carriage driving including Coachman style rein handling whilst using modern carriages.

This competition follows the format of the Association d'Attelage de Tradition (AIAT). All driving competitors will be expected to undertake and complete the three phases of the competition: Presentation, Road Drive with Difficulties and Cone Driving. The event is popular for its friendly and fair sportsmanship. The event is heavily scrutineered and supported with stewards and Marshalls who are on hand to assist the smooth running of the competition.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

To take part in this competition the driver and groom must be at least 12 years old. If aged between 12 and 16 the driver must be accompanied by an adult. Each driver who takes part in the competition must have evidence of comprehensive insurance (third party liability including cover for carriage driving). Given the distance of the road drive all horses, ponies and donkeys will be expected to be suitably fit. They will be required to have an equine passport. Failure to comply will result in not being able to take part in the competition.

### **JUDGING**

The competition is based on the accumulation of a number of scores gained over the three stages of the event and includes timekeeping, performance, turnout and skills. On collation of all the scores at the end of the competition the results are then calculated and the various category winners revealed.

The Jury is composed of a president and two Senior Presentation Judges with individual scrutineers for the road drive, difficulties and cones. We also have an AIAT Technical Delegate for advice and dispute approvals. This level of technical support ensures the rules are properly observed. Only the President of the Jury has the authority to eliminate what they consider to be a potentially dangerous turnout (including stressed or badly behaved horses, inexperienced drivers, dangerous carriages, badly fitting harness etc. ) if an equine is deemed unsuitable to compete or unfit due to illness/lameness etc., the competitor can be eliminated. If disputed, a Veterinary Surgeon can be requested at the competitor's expense.

### **CARRIAGES**

The principle aim of the Attelage de Tradition competition is to encourage the use of original traditional pre 1945 vehicles stemming from their demise due to the trend for modern competition vehicles. To introduce competitors to this new competition format, the Carriage Driving Challenge has been created and is open to smart 2 or 4 wheeled modern vehicles. These vehicles must be of a stylish traditional type, of a suitable construction with traditional type or pneumatic wheels (not car tyres) and grooms will be encouraged to travel alongside the driver, particularly for the road drive. Single seat marathon type

vehicles are acceptable if they have seating for the groom. Carriage lamps are optional. The competitor's number must be clearly visible on the carriage.

## **COMPETING**

The aim of the competition is to promote the principles of traditional driving and as such all competitors will be expected to retain the same appointment for all three stages including passengers, horse and attire. The complete turnout **CANNOT** be changed in any way (horse, carriage, driver, groom, harness) during the three phases. Any changing of harness is penalised by 20 penalties. The use of brakes is not permitted in the difficulties or during the cone driving course.

## **EQUINE TURNOUT**

Horses and ponies will be expected to be shown with their manes and tails in natural state and not plaited.

## **EVENT REGULATIONS**

We extend a warm welcome to members of the Equestrian community to our very special event. Whilst we endeavour to make the event as safe and enjoyable as possible for everyone, we would kindly request you to observe our regulations as below:

**In the interest of public safety no horses or ponies should be left tied unattended to the outside of a horsebox. Anyone found contravening this rule will immediately be asked to leave the event ground.**

- All participants have a duty of care to be as safe as possible and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner for themselves and those around them at all times at this event.
- It is required that all competitors are protected with cover for third party insurance. This can be through Societies such as BDS, BHS etc. or their own household insurance.
- Neither the organising committee of the event, nor Glamis Castle, nor any Land Owner, Agent, Employee or representative of these bodies accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage or injury or illness to any animal, person or property whatsoever however caused.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Children must be the responsibility of the accompanying adults.
- The organisers reserve the right to cancel any class, returning any fee in respect thereof; otherwise fees will not be refunded.
- The organisers reserve the right to change any judge without warning and to amalgamate or divide any class.
- It is the responsibility of all owners and exhibitors to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases and take all necessary precautions. Owners of all equines are advised to vaccinate against Equine Influenza.
- The organisers reserve the right to reject or cancel any entry if they deem fit to do so. Any exhibitor making an entry shall deem to accept and shall abide by these rules. The decision of the organising committee shall be final.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- Objections may be made in writing to the Secretary accompanied by £20 within half an hour of the occurrence, which may at the discretion of the show committee be forfeited to the events funds if the objection is disallowed.
- Driven equines must be 4 years old or over, unless otherwise stated. In the interests of safety any competing colts or stallions will only be accepted if the owner can assure their good behaviour. No child under the age of 14 yrs. can compete with/drive a stallion.
- All competitors will be expected to be smartly and appropriately attired. No competitor will be allowed in the arena for any class unless correctly dressed.
- Competitors must check at the Event Secretary Office on the event day for alterations. Any changes will be broadcast. Any advance changes will be posted on the website of Facebook.

- All equines must proceed at the walk in the horse park and in any public or crowded area. Any schooling, working in, warming up or lungeing must be done safely away from other participants. No cantering behind the back of the horseboxes as this may unsettle other participants.
- Anyone riding a pony/horse at any time **MUST** wear protective headwear.
- The referee or Secretary appointed for the day will act as a Disciplinary Steward and will penalise any person guilty of dangerous riding or driving, misuse of the whip or ill treatment of a pony/horse or conducting themselves in a manner which is offensive to the public.

**FIRST AID** A trained first aider will be in attendance. Any emergencies will be referred to the local A/E

**FARRIER** A registered Farrier will be in attendance/on call. Details will be available from the event office. Exhibitors are responsible for the cost of individual farrier services.

**VET** Arrangements have been made with nearest veterinary surgeons who will be on standby for the event. Exhibitors are responsible for the cost of individual veterinary treatment.

**LIVERY** In addition to onsite stabling, we can recommend local livery yards for overnight stabling. Advance booking is recommended.

### PROGRAMME FOR CONTEMPORARY VEHICLES

Please note that classes will run to time.

### SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE

**7 p.m. Champagne Reception in the Castle Grand Hall (ticket only event)**

**8 p.m. Gala Dinner (ticket only event)**

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

**10 a.m. Presentation commences followed directly by Routier (Drive with Difficulties)**

**3 p.m. Maniabilite commences (Cones.)**

**4 p.m. (approx.) Final awards for all categories. (On foot dressed as for presentation.)**

### TRADITIONAL ATTELAGE also on BOTH DAYS



