



Carriage Driving Prize List



Welcome

NAVHS competitions provide individuals and programs the opportunity to virtually compete and earn points toward show and year-end high-point awards.

Our inclusive competitions are open to the following:

- Individuals with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities
- Hippotherapy Participants
- Veterans
- Neurotypical Individuals who participate in adaptive programs on academy horses.

Beyond fostering a sense of accomplishment, we aim to create a rewarding experience that celebrates participants' goals, determination, and perseverance.

Our competitions also support and empower adaptive programs with opportunities to provide participants competitive shared experiences, foster unity, encourage engagement along with rewards directly for programs.

Who is eligible to compete in our Driving Series

In order to participate, an exhibitor must

- **Adaptive Status.** Have a medically diagnosed condition that causes a permanent impairment that can be measured objectively.
- **Veteran status.** Be or have been a member of our National Forces,
- **Academy status** Be a participant of an Adaptive riding program, taking lessons on a horse who is a lesson horse.

Classes, Divisions and Sections

- Competitors are responsible for choosing their eligibility status and division.
- Competitors are responsible for entering their correct class(s)
- Competitors are only permitted to participant in one division per show
- Classes and Divisions are based on Eligibility Status
- Sections are based upon Age
- Each competitor is eligible to compete in 4 classes but it is not required.

Eligibility Status

- Individual, instructor, trainer or program is responsible for choosing the eligibility status.
- Competitors can only participate under 1 status during a show year.

Veteran

Academy

Adaptive

Sections

Age

- Competition show age is determined what a competitors age is on Jan1 of the current competition year.
- A competitor will compete at that age for the entire show year. .
- No changing age sections during the show year

Nuggets 3 - 6

Younglings 7 - 13

Juniors 14 -21

Adults 22 - 45

Primers 46 and 69

Silver Stirrups 70 and over

Divisions

Supported.

2 sets of reins. No penalty for assistance

Header(s) required in the middle of the arena

Maiden Walk Only

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring. The assistant Able-bodied Whip may maintain control of the horse.

Maiden Walk/Trot

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring. The assistant Able-bodied Whip may maintain control of the horse.

Novice Walk/Trot

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring.
The assistant Able-bodied Whip may maintain control of the horse.

Limited Support.

2 sets of reins. Assistance permitted in case of emergency only

Header(s) required in the middle of the arena

Intermediate Walk Only

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring.
The horse will be driven by only the competitor. Any assistance from the able-bodied whip will be penalized, except in a safety first situation. Judges discretion

Advanced Intermediate Walk

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring.
The horse will be driven by only the competitor. Any assistance from the able-bodied whip will be penalized, except in a safety first situation. Judges discretion

Intermediate Walk/Trot

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring.
The horse will be driven by only the competitor. Any assistance from the able-bodied whip will be penalized, except in a safety first situation. Judges discretion

Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring.
The horse will be driven by only the competitor. Any assistance from the able-bodied whip will be penalized, except in a safety first situation. Judges discretion

Independent (No Support).

One set of reins. Assistance permitted in case of emergency only

Header(s) required in the middle of the arena

Advanced Walk

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring.

The horse will be driven by only the competitor. Any assistance from the able-bodied whip will be penalized, except in a safety first situation. Judges discretion

Advanced Walk/Trot

An Assistant Able-bodied Whip is required and a minimum of one header in the ring.

The horse will be driven by only the competitor. Any assistance from the able-bodied whip will be penalized, except in a safety first situation. Judges discretion

Driving Classes

Pleasure Driving

Competitors are judged on the partnership between the horse and the driver, with emphasize on the presentation, the driver's reinsmanship, and the horse's manners. There should be a relaxed and harmonious partnership between horse and driver which will be considered more important than the horse's performance

Reinsmanship

Competitors will be judged on the driver's reinsmanship. Reinsmanship is the skill of communicating with the driving horse through the reins, whip, body position and voice. There should be a relaxed and harmonious partnership between horse and driver which will be considered more important than the horse's performance

Obstacle Pattern

Competitors are judged equally on successfully completing each obstacle and their reinsmanship. Emphasis on their communication with the horse and proper use of aids. The competitor's attempt to properly complete the course correctly will be considered more important than the horse's performance.

Dressage Driving

Dressage develops and displays polish, discipline, and athleticism of equine and driver working together. Competitors will be judged individually in specified patterns and gaits to demonstrate the skills, obedience, and development appropriate to their levels. There should be a relaxed and harmonious partnership between horse and driver which will be considered more important than the horse's performance

Division and Class Specifications

Supported

Maiden Walk

401. Maiden Walk Only Pleasure Driving- Class will consist of walk in both directions and a halt

411. Maiden Walk Only Reinsmanship - Class will consist of walk, halt and 1 circle each way

421. Maiden Walk Only Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of walk, halt transition, a minimum of 2 cone obstacles

431. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA

Maiden Walk Trot

- 402. Maiden Walk/Trot Pleasure Driving - Class will consist of a walk and normal trot in both directions and a halt
- 412. Maiden Walk/Trot Reinsmanship - Class will consist of walk, normal trot, halt and 1 circle each way
- 422. Maiden Walk/Trot Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of walk, normal trot, a halt transition and minimum of 2 cone obstacles
- 434. Maiden Walk/Trot Carriage Dressage TBA

Novice Walk/Trot

- 403. Novice Walk/Trot Pleasure Driving - Class will consist of a walk, slow trot and normal trot in both directions and a halt
- 413. Novice Walk/Trot Reinsmanship - Class will consist of walk, slow trot, normal trot, halt and 1 circle each way
- 423. Novice Walk/Trot Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of walk, slow trot, normal trot, a halt transition and minimum of 2 cone obstacles
- 437. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA

Limited Support

Intermediate Walk Only

- 404. Intermediate Walk Only Pleasure Driving- Class will consist of walk in both directions and a halt
- 414. Intermediate Walk Only Reinsmanship - Class will consist of walk, halt and 1 circle each way
- 424. Intermediate Walk Only Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of walk, halt transition, a minimum of 3 cone obstacles
- 440. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA

Advanced Intermediate Walk Only

- 405. Intermediate Walk Only Pleasure Driving- Class will consist of normal walk, extended walk in both directions and a halt
- 415. Intermediate Walk Only Reinsmanship - Class will consist of normal walk, extended walk, a halt and 1 circle each way
- 425. Intermediate Walk Only Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of normal walk, extended walk, halt transition, a minimum of 3 cone obstacles
- 443. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA

Intermediate Walk/Trot

- 406. Intermediate Walk/Trot Pleasure Driving - Class will consist of a walk, slow trot and normal trot in both directions and a halt
- 416. Intermediate Walk/Trot Reinsmanship - Class will consist of walk, slow trot, normal trot, halt and 1 circle each way
- 426. Intermediate Walk/Trot Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of walk, slow trot, normal trot, a halt transition and minimum of 3 cone obstacles
- 446. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA

Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot

407. Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot Pleasure Driving - Class will consist of a walk, normal trot and extended trot in both directions and a halt
417. Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot Reinsmanship - Class will consist of walk, normal trot, extended trot, halt and 1 circle each way
427. Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of walk, normal trot, extended trot, a halt transition and minimum of 3 cone obstacles
449. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA

Independent (No Support)**Advanced Walk**

408. Independent Walk Only Pleasure Driving - Class will consist of normal walk, extended walk in both directions and a halt
418. Independent Walk Only Reinsmanship - Class will consist of normal walk, extended walk, a halt and 1 circle each way
428. Advanced Walk Only Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of normal walk, extended walk, halt transition, a minimum of 3 cone obstacles
452. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA

Advanced Walk/Trot

409. Advanced Walk/Trot Pleasure Driving - Class will consist of a normal walk, extended walk, normal trot, slow trot, and extended trot in both directions and a halt
419. Advanced Walk/Trot Reinsmanship - Class will consist of normal walk, extended walk, normal trot, slow trot, extended trot, halt and 1 circle each way
429. Advanced Walk/Trot Obstacle Pattern - Course will consist of normal walk, extended walk, normal trot, slow trot, extended trot, a halt transition and minimum of 3 cone obstacles
455. Maiden Walk Only Carriage Dressage TBA