



NEWS



Upcoming Dates

March 13-17, 2024: USEF Combined Driving National Championship for Advanced Four-in-Hand Horses

Live Oak International
Ocala, Fla.

- [Click here to view the Prize List](#)
- [Click here to view the FEI Schedule](#)

March 20-24, 2024: Grand Oaks Spring CDE

Ocala, Fla.

- [Click here to view the Prize List](#)



Five USEF Combined Driving National Champions Crowned at Spring Fling CDE

Ocala, Fla. - At the conclusion of four exciting days of driving competition at the 2024 Spring Fling CDE, five new USEF Combined Driving National Champions emerged. With both veteran teams and some new faces gracing the winner's circle, it was an enticing look at some of what's to come for the sport in the season ahead.

[Find results from all USEF/FEI competitions here.](#)

What to give feedback on a USEF competition? [Click here for post-competition evaluations.](#)

Interested in hosting a competition? [Click here to apply for a USEF Combined Driving Competition Grant.](#)

Hosting a clinic or event you want added to the newsletter? Please contact Anna Brooks Thomas, US Equestrian Director of Driving, at abthomas@usef.org to submit your information to be featured.

Athlete Pathways Program

Emerging Athlete Program

2024 Emerging Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- **May 3-5, 2024**
 - Carrie Ostrowski-Place at Stone Ridge Equestrian, Springfield, Mo.
 - For more information, please contact [Cynthia Wiseman](#).
- **May 4-5, 2024**
 - Patricia Demers at Willow Grove Ranch, Emmett, Idaho
 - For more information, contact [Linda Hollingsworth-Jones](#).
- **May 16-18, 2024**
 - Suzy Stafford at Charlotte's Creek Farm, Georgetown, Ky.
 - For more information, contact [Jennifer Harber](#).
- **May 17-19, 2024**
 - Tracey Morgan at Cherry Valley Carriage Association, Morrisville, N.Y.
 - For more information, please contact [Tricia Anselm](#).
- **May 18-19, 2024**
 - Jacob Arnold at Focus Forward Driving, Bremo Bluff, Va.
 - For more information, please contact [Emily Langer](#).
- **May 25-26, 2024**
 - Jennifer Thompson at Foxwoods Farm, Lodi, Wisc.
 - For more information, contact [Jennifer Thompson](#).
- **July 19-21, 2024**
 - Paula Bilss at Harlequin Farm, Hillsboro, Va.
 - For more information, contact Paula Bliss.

Developing Athlete Program

2024 Developing Athlete Program Clinic Schedule

- **June 6-8, 2024:** Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, Ky., with Bartek Kwiatek (POL)
- **Date Change June 11-13, 2024:** Kismet Farms in Martinez, Calif., with Bram Chardon (NED)
- **Aug. 2-4, 2024:** Solstice Farm in Chesapeake City, Md., with Suzy Stafford (USA)

For more information, please contact Anna Brooks Thomas, US Equestrian Director of Driving, at abthomas@usef.org.

Pre-Elite and Elite Athletes Program

As the competition season starts, please familiarize yourself with the scores required for entrance into the Pre-Elite and Elite Athlete Programs. Click the images below to view the full documents.



SCORE QUALIFICATIONS

HORSE FOUR-IN-HAND	
DRESSAGE	48 OR BETTER
MARATHON	107 OR BETTER
CONES	7 OR BETTER
OVERALL	170 OR BETTER

HORSE PAIR	
DRESSAGE	58 OR BETTER
MARATHON	100 OR BETTER
CONES	12 OR BETTER
OVERALL	174 OR BETTER

HORSE SINGLE	
DRESSAGE	60 OR BETTER
MARATHON	84 OR BETTER
CONES	4 OR BETTER
OVERALL	149 OR BETTER

PONY FOUR-IN-HAND	
DRESSAGE	58 OR BETTER
MARATHON	100 OR BETTER
CONES	12 OR BETTER
OVERALL	174 OR BETTER

PONY PAIR	
DRESSAGE	52 OR BETTER
MARATHON	84 OR BETTER
CONES	4 OR BETTER
OVERALL	149 OR BETTER

PONY SINGLE	
DRESSAGE	56 OR BETTER
MARATHON	84 OR BETTER
CONES	6 OR BETTER
OVERALL	150 OR BETTER

PARA-DRIVING GRADE I	
DRESSAGE	53 OR BETTER
MARATHON	102 OR BETTER
CONES	3 OR BETTER
OVERALL	166 OR BETTER

PARA-DRIVING GRADE II	
DRESSAGE	55 OR BETTER
MARATHON	103 OR BETTER
CONES	2 OR BETTER
OVERALL	165 OR BETTER

Athlete/equine combinations are defined as two of the same horses/ponies in the turnout for pairs or three of the same horses/ponies in the turnout for Four-in-Hands. Qualifying results for competition phases will only be considered successful when obtained together at the same event. Marathon results for all divisions are determined by seven obstacles, and where applicable, athlete results are calculated to an average of seven obstacles.

SCORE QUALIFICATIONS

HORSE FOUR-IN-HAND	
DRESSAGE	44 OR BETTER
MARATHON	104 OR BETTER
CONES	5 OR BETTER
OVERALL	168 OR BETTER

HORSE PAIR	
DRESSAGE	54 OR BETTER
MARATHON	98 OR BETTER
CONES	7 OR BETTER
OVERALL	163 OR BETTER

HORSE SINGLE	
DRESSAGE	53 OR BETTER
MARATHON	81 OR BETTER
CONES	2 OR BETTER
OVERALL	141 OR BETTER

PONY FOUR-IN-HAND	
DRESSAGE	48 OR BETTER
MARATHON	93 OR BETTER
CONES	8 OR BETTER
OVERALL	157 OR BETTER

PONY PAIR	
DRESSAGE	49 OR BETTER
MARATHON	89 OR BETTER
CONES	4 OR BETTER
OVERALL	149 OR BETTER

PONY SINGLE	
DRESSAGE	55 OR BETTER
MARATHON	83 OR BETTER
CONES	4 OR BETTER
OVERALL	145 OR BETTER

PARA-DRIVING GRADE I	
DRESSAGE	50 OR BETTER
MARATHON	47 OR BETTER
CONES	0 OR BETTER
OVERALL	155 OR BETTER

PARA-DRIVING GRADE II	
DRESSAGE	49 OR BETTER
MARATHON	96 OR BETTER
CONES	0 OR BETTER
OVERALL	149 OR BETTER

Congratulations to the following Athletes on being named to the Pre-Elite and Elite Pathway Programs:

- **Pre-Elite**
 - Jennifer Thompson with Lexus owned by Jennifer Thompson
 - Colten Parker with Jack and Jill owned by Colten Parker
- **Elite**
 - Amy Cross with Eulenhof Spencer owned by Wendy O'Brien
 - Raymond Helmuth with Kendro owned by Raymond Helmuth
 - Jacob Arnold with Kenji V and Kenzo owned by Jacob Arnold
 - Chester Weber with Ideaal, Julius V, Kasper D, Kadora, and Nico Teusje C owned by Chester Weber

Licensed Officials

2024 Licensed Official Grant

The 2024 LO Grant Application is open and [can be found here](#). If you have any questions about the application process, please contact loinquiry@usef.org.

Pony Measurement Clinic

USEF will host a pony measurement clinic that is open to all combined driving officials. Any Federation-licensed combined driving official may obtain a pony measurement certification. The clinic will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, on April 25, 2024. Attendees must pass a practical measurement exam with a score of 85% or higher to obtain the certification. If you have any questions, please contact the USEF Licensed Officials Department at loinquiry@usef.org.

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Navigating the US Equestrian and FEI Medication and Drug Rules

View the presentation on FEI and US Equestrian medication and drug rules from FEI 4* driving veterinarian Dr. Rich Forfa [here](#) (PowerPoint download).

USEF Rulebook Updates

Review 2024 updates and clarifications to the Combined Driving chapter of the USEF Rulebook. [Download the pdf here](#).

FEI Updates

The FEI Board has allocated the 2025 FEI Para Driving World Championship with the FEI Driving European Championship for Four-in-Hand Horses in Löhden, Germany. The group also approved edits to the FEI Youth Cup rules. [Information on both can be found here](#).

See updates from the FEI on the [use of video in social media here](#).

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