



Ontario Carriage Driving Association

Salute to Huron

Horse Driving Trial



Saturday, September 6, 2025
Sunday, September 7, 2025

Steenbeek Friesians
74280 Parr Line Varna, Ontario N0M 2R0

Ontario Carriage Driving Association

Code of Ethics

We Believe:

- That equestrian sport is based on a partnership between horse and human athlete;
- That it is the right and responsibility of Equestrian Canada to set standards in matters of ethics, sportsmanship and the welfare of the horse and in all matters under its jurisdiction;
- That it is desirable to define ethical practices, to delineate unethical practices, to encourage good sportsmanship, fair play, safety and high ethical behaviour and to warn, censure, or bring to public attention and discipline those who commit acts detrimental to the best interests of stakeholders;

Every class offered herein is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules of The American Driving Society and will be held and judged in accordance with them.

Statement of Principle

Ontario Carriage Driving Association, supports adherence to humane treatment of horses in all competitions under its jurisdiction.

OCDA is committed to:

- Upholding the welfare of horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities;
- Requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect and the compassion that they deserve, and that they never be subjected to mistreatment;
- Ensuring that owners, trainers and exhibitors or their agents use responsible care in the handling, treatment and transportation of their horses as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose;

- Providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort, sanitation and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure;
- Continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare;
- Increasing education in training and horsemanship practices;
- Requiring owners, trainers and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competition;
- Reviewing, revising and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of horses.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be neither cruel, abusive nor inhumane.

Code of Sportsmanship

Our sport of Carriage Driving has the valuable reputation of being welcoming to all, a sport where the welfare of the horse is foremost, and the thrill is in the partnership with our equines, (regardless of the results). Protecting these ideals is of paramount importance to the health of driving.

In order for the sport of driving to prosper, our expectation is that every participant knows the rules, plays fairly, graciously accepts the final results, and always conducts themselves in a composed manner. It is the duty of all to behave in a manner that creates a positive environment. Therefore, any infringement of the common principles of good behaviour, fairness or good sportsmanship will result in disciplinary action. Sportsmanship infractions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Abusive or intimidating language at ADS/EC Events.
- b. Refusal to accept Officials' final decisions.
- c. Intentional circumventing of the rules.

- d. Unsafe behaviour while on event grounds.
- e. Damaging land or property.
- f. Actions detrimental to the welfare of the horse.
- g. Negative interaction with volunteers.
- h. The use of social media, or any public platform, to personally attack

The character or reputation of fellow competitors, organizers, volunteers
or Officials.

We all have a duty to each other and to our sport to display good sportsmanship.

When our members display good sportsmanship, it not only makes driving more enjoyable for all, but presents a positive impression of the driving community to the general public.

Let us always do the right thing for our equine companions, our sport, and our fellow ADS/EC members.



Welcome to the OCDA Combined Test and Horse Driving Trial at Steenbeek Friesians, an event hosted by the Ontario Carriage Driving Association.

It is the mandate of the OCDA to foster and support the sport of Carriage Driving in Ontario. As such, we intend to provide a safe and enjoyable event environment in which to promote our sport. The Two Day Horse Trial includes all three elements of a CDE in a two-day format.

Please take time to read this prize list carefully. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the event secretary listed below.

The OCDA Show Committee looks forward to meeting each of you and wishes you a safe and successful competition.

General Information:

- The Ontario Carriage Driving Association Board of Directors and administration, Officials, Steenbeek Friesians and property owners of any such land which may be used for any aspect of the competition, will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or injuries to any person or equine or loss or damage to property incurred on the competition grounds.
- Wheel Measurement will be done shortly after your arrival on the grounds. Please have your vehicle accessible for measuring.
- A Safety Check will be performed prior to Dressage. Please report to the Safety Officer at least 30 minutes prior to your Dressage Test.
- Cones will start approximately 10 minutes after your Dressage Test.
- There will be a Safety Check before the start of the Marathon. Please report to the Safety Officer at least 30 minutes before your start time. Breeching or brakes are required.
- Remember your Spares Kit! A minimum of a halter & shank per animal.
- For scheduling purposes, when making your entries, please inform management if you are sharing a 'gator or equipment with another driver.

General Rules:

- This competition will be run in accordance with ADS Rules for Combined Driving with Canadian Amendments.
- A marathon vehicle is acceptable for dressage, cones & marathon.
- All persons, while riding, or on a carriage, at all times must wear securely fastened, approved Protective Headgear. Failure to comply will result in elimination of the entry.
- Drivers & Grooms under the age of 18 must, at all times, wear a body/back protector and a securely fastened Protective Headgear.
- During the Marathon it is mandatory that properly fastened protective headgear and a body/back protector be worn by the Driver and Groom.
- We strongly recommend Medical Armbands for the Marathon. Armbands will be available for purchase.
- Removal of the bridle while the horse is put-to the carriage incurs elimination from the competition.
- Drivers must carry a whip at all times while on the carriage.
- Horses/Ponies must be a minimum of four (4) years of age to compete in this event.
- The reins must be in the hands of a competent driver at all times. The driver must be first on and last off the carriage.
- No horse/pony may take part on the Marathon in more than one entry.
- No motorized vehicles on course after the first horse has started the Marathon except for officials.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entries Open: Friday, August 1, 2025

Entries Close: Friday, August 29, 2025

ENTRY FEES:

Driving Trial – Dressage, Cones, Marathon \$250.

Early Bird Entry Fee - August 1 - 15 \$225.

Combined Test – Dressage & Cones: \$125.

Marathon only: \$125.

Junior Driver – Combined Test \$62.50

Junior Driver – Driving Trial \$125.

POST ENTRY FEE: After August 29 Additional \$30

Proof of EHV-1 Vaccination is required for all equines.

OCDA reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fee before or during the competition, without being liable for compensation.

REFUND: In the case of an entry being cancelled before the entry closing date of August 29, the entry fees will be refunded. Refunds on entries cancelled after the closing date will be made only on receipt of a Veterinary/Medical Certificate attesting to the inability of the animal/driver to participate due to illness or injury. This Certificate must be received prior to the beginning of the event on Friday, September 6, 2025.

MEMBERSHIP: Competitors must be OCDA & OE members. If you are not an OE member, you must provide proof of Liability Insurance.

STALLS: Friday – Sunday \$100. Includes 1 bags of shavings. Extra night at \$30/night.

Additional shavings \$10/bag

Stalls must be mucked out (manure and urine) before you leave. Invoices for a Stall Cleaning fee of \$50.00 will be sent to anyone who leaves before cleaning the stall.

CAMPERS: Camper with Hydro \$75. Friday – Sunday

Camper with No Hydro No Charge – generators permitted

There is limited availability of Stabling and Camper spots with Hydro. They are on a First Come, First Served basis.

DOGS: Although we encourage people to leave their dogs at home, pets must be contained at your trailer. Any dog found roaming will be held and a \$50 "Bail-Out" fee will be required to release the dog.

Food will be available on site for Lunch only.

The Horse Driving Trial Committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, or divide any division or section; to alter the course, advertised times or officials if necessary; or to refuse an entry. The Committee also reserves the right to use their discretion in matters not specified in the rules or to relax rules in cases of a competitor's physical disability.

OCDA SHOW COMMITTEE:

Show Organizer: Jon Steenbeek 519-955-4606

Show Manager Vicki Cork 519-429-1607

ENTRY SECRETARY: Mary Cork 519-940-6610

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Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 4K4

Entry Forms and any questions should be sent to: info@carriagedriving.ca

OFFICIALS:

Head Judge:Carole Precious

Cones:Karen McCrea

Scoring:Alien Wigchers,

DIVISIONS OFFERED:

Training:Horse, Pony, VSESingle, Pair, Multiple

Preliminary:Horse, Pony, VSESingle, Pair, Multiple

Intermediate:Horse, Pony, VSESingle, Pair, Multiple

NEW FOR 2025:

With all the new drivers that are becoming involved in combined driving, OCDA will be holding an information session on Friday evening on all the "how to's" of working out your times for the Marathon, how to drive an Obstacle, what to do with your "green card" and many other aspects of a Combined Test (Dressage & Cones) or a Driving Trial (Dressage, Cones, Marathon).

A Pre-Training division is offered for those who wish to try a modified Marathon course. Schooling will be available with appropriate supervision between 1 and 5 pm on Friday. The fees would be the same as listed.

EQUINE HEIGHTS:

All heights are unshod. For shoes, add 1 cm.

HORSE – Over 148 cm/ 14.2 hands

LARGE PONY – 120 – 148 cm. with or without shoes or 149 with shoes.

SMALL PONY – 99 cm – less than 120 cm. with or without shoes.

VSE – Under 99 cm, with or without shoes.

CLASS INFORMATION:

Dressage: ADS Test C– All Divisions40 x 80 Grass Ring

If you wish to drive a different test, please note this on the entry form and provide a copy of the test with your entry.

Cones: Grass course with up to 20 gates.

Marathon: Section B only. Approximately 3 - 5 km with maximum 5 obstacles including a bridge and water crossing.

Tentative Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025: 12:00 NOON STABLES OPEN

Competition Office Opens: 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025:

Competition Office Opens: 8:00 a.m.

Dressage: 9:00 a.m.

Cones: 10 minutes after the end of your Dressage Test

Drivers' Meeting/Course Walk: One hour after last competitor finishes cones

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025:

Competition Office Opens: 7:30 a.m.

Arrival of Volunteers: 8:00 a.m.

Section B, Marathon: 9:00 a.m.

Awards: One hour after the Scores have been posted.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Albion Hotel, Bayfield: 519-565-2641 ~ 11 minutes

The Little Inn of Bayfield: 519-565-2611 ~ 12 minutes

The Ashwood Inn, Bayfield: 519-565-4444 ~ 12 minutes

Kildonan House Bed and Breakfast: Clinton 519-482-1163 ~ 13 minutes

The Benmiller Inn & Spa, Goderich: 519-524-2191 ~ 21 minutes

The Comfort Inn, Goderich: 519-440-0215 ~ 24 minutes

www.tripadvisor.ca/Hotels-g499251-Bayfield_Bluewater_Huron_County_Ontario-Hotels.html

There are many hotels and B&B's in the Bayfield, Grand Bend and Goderich areas.

Book early as it is Tourist Season!!



OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITIONS

The objective of the Driven Dressage Test is to judge the freedom, regularity of paces, harmony, impulsion, suppleness, lightness, ease of movement and correct bending of the horses/ponies on the move. Competitors will also be judged on style, accuracy and general control of their horses/ponies and also on their dress, condition of their harness and vehicle and the presentation of their whole turnout.

Dressage: Will take place in the grass Dressage Ring in lower field.

The objective of Obstacle Driving is to test the fitness, obedience and suppleness of the horses/ponies and the skill and competence of the competitor.

Cones: Will take place on the grassy area near the front of the property, 10 minutes after the end of your Dressage Test.

The objective of the Marathon, Competition B, is to test the fitness, stamina and training of the horses/ponies and the driving skill, judgement of pace and general horsemanship of the competitor.

Marathon: The terrain is rolling with some hills. The course will follow the trails around the fields. Horses should have a good level of fitness. Brakes or breeching will be required.

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 29th.

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF YOUR START TIME FOR DRESSAGE ON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

