

The Oaks Driving Club Limited: Rules

EVENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

An appropriate head collar or halter must be worn by each animal during the marathon phase. A lead rope must be readily available and shall be used whenever appropriate. Hard hats must be worn and a whip must be carried at all times.

DEFINITIONS:

Driver: The person who is entered for the Event as the Whip/Driver and maybe a Junior.

Juniors: - are aged between 8 years and 18 years on the 1st. January of the current year. Young drivers aged 8-10 years must have an adult groom (18 years or older) on the carriage using dual reins with ribbons. A junior must be accompanied by a competent adult aged 18 years or over. From the 1st of January of the current year in which they reach 16 years a Junior driving a single may be accompanied by a groom aged 14 years or over.

All adult whips must be accompanied by a groom aged 14 or over. All junior drivers and grooms MUST wear a body/back protector whenever on a carriage. See rules for Juniors.

Organiser: The person organising the Event, or any person co-opted to assist organising the Event, or any member of the Committee of The Oaks Driving Club.

Objective: The primary aim of competitions is to allow drivers and their horses/ponies to have an enjoyable day and experience a competition format in a relaxed atmosphere. Beginners are very welcome and actively encouraged with help given if requested. Experienced competitors will be helping with the organisation of events and will be available to assist should it be required/requested.

Neither the Oaks Driving Club Ltd, the Event organisers, nor any land owner, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies save for the death or injury caused by negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, accepts any liability for any incidents, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, grooms, spectators or any other person or property caused by their negligence, breach of contract, or in any way whatsoever.

EVENT RULES:

- 1) The Driver is responsible for the safety of the turnout and their invitees at all times.
- 2) The organiser is responsible for the event at all times.
- 3) All participants and their invitees must comply with the directions of the Organiser of the event.
- 4) All non Oaks member drivers shall carry third party liability insurance and will be required to produce evidence of such to the Organiser before their entry is accepted.
- 5) Compliant hard hats with fastened chin straps must be worn at all times by any person whilst on a carriage. A whip must be carried at all times. All junior drivers and junior grooms MUST wear a body/back protector for all phases. All adults MUST wear a body/back protector for the obstacles. We recommend that they are also worn whenever on a carriage.
- 6) A groom 14 years or over must accompany the driver whenever the vehicle is in a competition or is exercising.

- 7) It is the Competitors responsibility to acquaint themselves with British Carriage Driving Rules and Indoor Carriage Driving Rules with possible local variations.
- 8) It is the Competitors responsibility to be on time for all phases of the competition and it advised to be ready 10 minutes beforehand.
- 9) The Judges decision is final and in their absence, the decision of the Technical Delegate shall be final.
- 10) No unauthorised motor vehicles of any kind will be allowed on the Marathon course.
- 11) Dogs MUST be kept on leads at all times and are not allowed into either indoor or outdoor dressage arenas with the exception of assistance dogs.
- 12) All equines must be four years old or over.
- 13) A lead rope and suitable spares kit must be carried at all times and an under halter worn for the marathon phase of an event.
- 14) All vehicles must be parked as instructed by authorised personnel.
- 15) Competitors in a Beginners class may have their P & P test called out to them.
- 16) Children under the age of 8 years are NOT allowed on a carriage at the event.
- 17) Dangerous or inconsiderate driving will not be tolerated and in the event of a dispute the decision of the Organiser/TD/President of the jury shall be final.
- 18) In the event of the competitor cancelling, an entry fee will be rolled over to another event unless a Dr's or Vet certificate can be provided. Should the event be cancelled by the club entry fees will be rolled over to another event but a discretionary decision could be made by the committee/chair.