



Small Equines

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Guidelines for Competitors & Organisers

These SE classes can be part of a one, two or three day event or 'stand-alone'.

There is no requirement for drivers of smaller equines to compete in either VSE or SE classes. They may, if they wish, compete in the standard Pony classes.

There is one (1) class to cover any equine turnout 12.2hh (127 cm) and under.

A competence assessment may need to be completed on a turnout prior to a club competition depending on experience and club rules.

Competency cards will be required to be completed as per British Carriagedriving (BC) National Rules prior to competing at a National Event.

A safety check may be completed on entries prior to starting dressage and marathon.

Age limits. Lower limit for equines is 5years in all phases. For competitors as specified in the BC Rule Book.

All drivers under 12 must always be accompanied on the carriage by a competent adult with carriage driving experience.

All persons on a carriage or in close attendance must adhere to dress and protective equipment rules as specified in the BC Rule Book.

Para Drivers can use Compensating Aids as per BC Rules.

Grooms may stand throughout.

Dressage.

- Arena size 80m x 40m.
- BC Novice Test
- Safety Check prior to test

Cones

- Full Cones Course
 - Speed 220 m/min
- Carriage Width 125 cm
 - Cones set at 155 cm

Marathon

- Section B only
- Length up to max as allowed
- Obstacles Max 6 gated as for main competition
 - Organisers may choose to exclude Obstacle1 (& 2) if the distance is not sufficient from Start B to Obstacle1 for the equine to be sufficiently warmed up. (As a guideline there should be a minimum of 1 km between Start B and the first Obstacle).
- Speed 11 km/h, 5.45 minutes per km.
- Dress As per current BC Rulebook including, hard hats, body/back protectors

Carriages - No specified weights

- Singles/tandems 2 or 4 wheeler
- Pairs/Teams 4 wheeler

Grooms

- 2 wheeler.
 - Groom must be on the carriage throughout all phases
 - May sit alongside driver or be on backstep (if fitted).
- 4 wheeler single & tandem
 - Groom on backstep of carriage.
- 4 wheeler pair
 - Groom on backstep of carriage
- 4 wheeler Team
 - 2 grooms on carriage

- Grooms can stand in dressage and cones although they may not 'jump' the carriage or unduly influence its direction of travel.

The Ground Jury, (judging panel), will monitor the weight of carriage and driver/grooms throughout the competition, being conscious of the welfare of the equine(s) at all times.

Driver of the Year League and National Championships qualification will be the same as for other classes at National Events.