

British Carriagedriving

OFFICIAL NEWS

Council Meeting

The next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council takes place on Wednesday 6 February 2019. Council always welcomes, and takes into account, feedback received from members, so if there are any matters or issues which you would like Council to consider, please send an e-mail to the British Carriagedriving office. The deadline for submitting matters to be considered at the February meeting will be Tuesday 29 January.

Membership Renewals are now due for 2019

All members should have received a newsletter in December with a membership renewal form (by email for the majority of members and by post for those without email addresses). Memberships can also be renewed on-line. If you are unsure which option best suits you, please contact the BC office for advice. Remember there is a £15 discount for 2 members at the same address and Young Drivers (8 to 21 years) pay half the rate for the membership category in which they are joining.

Amateur photographers' insurance in BC membership

If you wish insurance cover for photographing driving trials, this is now provided to amateur photographers who join British Carriagedriving as Associate, Full or International members. This cover is not extended to anyone working commercially as a photographer.

2019 British Carriagedriving Rule Book

The FEI have now confirmed the rule changes for 2019. There is a summary of the ones most likely to affect drivers under the International heading below. Our British Carriagedriving Rules Committee are currently discussing which should be implemented into our own rules. Their recommendations will be discussed by Council after which the 2019 Rule Book will be published. The most influential change, which is likely to be adopted by BC in line with the FEI, is the reduction from 5 to 2 collective marks in dressage. The co-efficient which is applied to the final mark will be altered so that the influence of the dressage on the final result of the competition is not altered.

Clinics

The following clinics have been arranged for 2019. Bookings for the National and Club Judges Interactive Workshop and the UKCC Level 2 Conference should be made directly

to Angela Flanagan. To book for the others, please complete the booking form, sent with your December newsletter, or use the on-line option on the British Carriagedriving website. Delegates attending the International Conference should send their FEI application, which can be downloaded from the FEI web-site, to the BC office. **Please do not send forms directly to the BEF.**

National and Club Judges Interactive Workshop

Date: 9 February 2019
Venue: Arena UK (signed from A1 at Grantham)
Times: 10am to 3pm
Cost: No charge. Bring own lunch. Tea / coffee/cake provided.

Booking: To register or for further information contact Angela Flanagan tel: 07740 707729 or email amflan1@hotmail.com. Ridden dressage judges are invited to join in and drivers are welcome to watch.

National / FEI Clinic 2019

Date: 23 /24 February 2019
Trainers: Judges – Andrew Counsell (GBR) Course Designers - Wolfgang Asendorf (GER)

Technical Delegates – Philip Bateman (GBR)
Stewards - Jan Devaere (BEL).

Venue: Unicorn Trust, Netherswell, Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire, GL54 1JZ
Times: 9am for 9.30am – approx. finish 5.30pm Sat and 3.30pm Sun
Cost: £70 to include lunch and refreshments

Club Judges South

Date: 9 March 2019
Trainer: James Rooney
Venue: Cricklands, Crick, Monmouthshire, NP26 5XP
Times: 10am for 10.30am – approx. finish 4pm
Cost: £25 to include tea/coffee and biscuits and soup and sandwiches for lunch

Club TDs South 2019

Date: Saturday 16 March 2019
Trainer: David West
Venue: Holiday Inn, Reading South
Times: 10am for 10.30am – approx. finish 4pm
Cost: £25 to include tea/coffee and biscuits and a sandwich lunch

Club TDs North 2019

Date: 24 March 2019
Trainer: Tommy Thomlinson
Venue: The Rheged Centre, Penrith
Times: 10am for 10.30am – approx. finish 4pm
Cost: £25 to include tea/coffee and biscuits and a sandwich lunch

UKCC Level 2 Conference

Date: 16 March 2019
Venue: Thompson House Equestrian Centre, Pepper Lane, Standish WN6 0PP
Times: 10am to 3.30pm
Cost: No charge. Bring own lunch. Tea/ coffee provided.
Booking: To register contact Angela Flanagan tel: 07740 707729 or email: amflan1@hotmail.com

EVENTS

New Cones Speeds

Apologies for an error in the December Carriage Driving news pages. Only the cone speeds for Intermediate ponies will be increased from 230 m/min to 235 m/min and the Open pony increased from 240 m/min to 245 m/min. The speeds for horses have not been changed.

YH classes discontinued

Due to lack of entries, the Young Horse classes have been withdrawn. The intention had been to mirror the FEI classes but these also seem to lack support. The Evolution classes remain.

Two days of dressage at the 2019 National Championships

To enable all drivers to compete in the best arenas and to make the day shorter for the judges, some classes will do dressage on Thursday at the 2019 National Championships at Bywell. The organisers will ensure this does not inconvenience anyone and, when this was trialed at Sandringham, proved a popular initiative. No classes will be split between Thursday afternoon and Friday to ensure no drivers are either advantaged or disadvantaged depending on weather conditions. This will not affect the Novice Horse, Novice Pony, Para Drivers or Horse Fours classes and the earliest Thursday dressage will be 1pm.

INTERNATIONAL

Kisber date change confirmed

The dates for FEI Driving World Championships 2019 for Combined Ponies have been changed to 25 to 29 September 2019 (instead of 7 - 11 August 2019).

Selection Events for 2019

Single Horses start their new selection process, for the 2020 World Championships in Pau, France from 21-26 October, at Lowther where a standard cone course will be driven.

Horse Pairs have already had one selection event at the National Championships in 2018 and complete their selection process at Ashfields, Hopetoun and Sandringham for their World Championships in Drebkau, Germany from 11-15 September 2019.

Horse Fours have 3 selection events, with 2 to count, for their European Championships in Donaueschingen, Germany from 15-18 August 2019. Their selection takes place at Hopetoun, Cricklands and Sandringham.

The next Pony World Championships take place in Ászár Kisbér, Hungary from 25-29 September 2019. Their first selection event was at the National Championships in 2018 with Hopetoun, Cricklands and Sandringham as the final 3 events for Singles and Pairs while the Pony Fours complete their selection at Ashfields, Cricklands and Sandringham.

New FEI Rules Summary

Entries and Team Classification for Pony Championships (906 and 923)

A national team shall consist of one or two Singles, one or two Pairs and one or two Four-in-Hands. Each nation is entitled to send up to a maximum of six Athletes.

The Team classification will be determined by adding the score from the Best Athletes in the Single Pony class, the Pair Pony class and Four-in-Hand Pony class with the lowest penalties in each Competition. Only those scores of the team Members who have completed all three Competitions without Elimination can be counted towards the final Team scores.

Grooms (912, 6.1 and 6.2.1)

Grooms on the carriage in either the Driven Dressage Test, the Cones Competition or the Marathon shall be considered as "Participating Support Personnel". Each Driver must inform the show office at the latest half an hour before the start of each competition (Dressage, Marathon, Cones) who is/are "Participating Support Personnel".

In-Harness Inspection before Cones (935 5.3 and 946)

Only the Ground Jury member has the authority to Disqualify the Horse if it is considered to be unfit to continue the Event. It is permitted to substitute a Horse who has failed the In-Harness Inspection before Cones, upon re-presentation, the Athlete may start the Cones Competition and therefore change the declaration.

Competing in CAI3* WC Qualifiers (943 2.2.3)

An Athlete with 2 entries in a World Cup Qualifier must declare, at the show office, before the Horse Inspection which entry will compete for qualification points and World Ranking Points. For all 3 Competitions, the declared entry must start first of the two entries. Only the declared entry receives qualification points and World Ranking points.

A groom can start multiple times in CAI3* WCQualifiers.

Starting order for the first Competition (Dressage) for CAIs (948, 1.1.1)

The starting order will be a physical draw held in the presence of the President of the Ground Jury and open to Athletes.

Dressage-General Impression (955, 1)

There are two boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on: Athlete and General Impression & Presentation observed by the judges throughout the whole test. General impression & Presentation: Appearance of driver Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness harmonizing with of harness and carriage. Fitness, matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout. Clearance and fit of harness. Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete.



Wilf Bowman-Ripley at Sandringham, one of the venues for 2019 European Championship selection