

CLINIC INFORMATION, RULES & CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

This Pleasure Driving Clinic is not recognized by the American Driving Society (ADS) as an official sanctioned event, but every class offered herein will be conducted by the current rules and specifications of the ADS and will be directed and judged in accordance with an ADS licensed Pleasure 'R' Driving Judge. We recommend that all competitors familiarize themselves with the 2025 Prize List as well as with the current ADS 2025 Rule Book. If you are not a current member of the American Driving Society (ADS), we have included the relevant sections to this clinic in the following pages for educational purposes, but it is not comprehensive; please inquire with the show organizers if you have any questions.

A. COMPETITORS AND PUBLIC

1. LIABILITY

The Rocky Mountain Carriage Club and Raven's Roost Ranch, Officials, and Staff will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or injuries to any person, equine, or loss/damage to property incurred on the show grounds. All persons riding on any vehicle MUST sign both an RMCC waiver and a Raven's Roost Ranch waiver and both must be on file with the Show Secretary. Drivers will need to be a member of RMCC or pay a non-member fee. Competitors in violation are subject to disqualification from the show and could be asked to leave.

2. DOGS

Please refrain from bringing your beloved pet along. There will be lots of new drivers and novice horses and we want to prevent any distractions that might occur with a pet and cause any harm.

B. ENTRY PROCEDURES

3. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$40.00 for the all-day clinic of six classes (Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship, Timed Obstacles, Scurry, and Gamblers Choice). No exceptions and no partial-day cost. Entries will close on Friday June 20, 2025. All checks and payments are to be made payable to: Rocky Mountain Carriage Club. Or make online payments at PayPal to rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com by June 20, 2025. There are a limited number of entries; should the clinic become full and then a spot become available prior to June 20, the fee will be \$40. We will keep track of the waiting list to let competitors know of an opening.

4. RMCC MEMBERSHIP

Every driver must be a member of the Rocky Mountain Carriage Club or a non-member RMCC fee of \$25.00 will be charged to all competitors who are not members of RMCC. That is more than ½ of the membership fee, so please consider becoming a member as we have lots of fun activities scheduled for 2025.

5. POST ENTRIES

Schedule will be finalized after June 20, 2025. If you place your entry in the mail, it must arrive by June 20 to be considered. Please RSVP to rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com to let us know it is on the way for planning purposes and make payment via PayPal. The entries will receive final communication about which Division they will be assigned to by Tuesday June 24. Post entries will be considered only if the limit is not met and after committee approval for \$65. If there is a spot that comes available before June 20, the fee is \$40. All entries must have completed paperwork to participate. This will include Entry Form, Announcer Form, RMCC Waiver, and Raven's Roost Ranch Waiver. These can all be submitted by mail or electronically to rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com.

6. ENTRY DECLINED

The Committee reserves the right to decline any entry from participating. This would include but not be limited to unsafe harness, unsafe equine, unsafe carriage/cart, or unsafe driver. The entry fee will be forfeited if any of these is deemed the reason before or during the competition. If the entry is declined prior to the clinic, the entry fee will be refunded. Please contact us if you need to clarify.

7. FORFEIT OF FEES

In the case of horses/ponies entered and not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited. Refunds on entries will be made only on an individual basis for medical emergency of human or equine preventing them from participating due to said illness or injury. Please contact the organizer with any questions.

8. STABLING

Limited stalls are available at Raven's Roost Ranch; please inquire early if in need of overnighting. Contact Gary Sibert, 517-852-4484 for availability and health requirements. There might be other local stalling facilities; contact us for other options if needed and we will do our best to locate available space.

9. COMPETITOR NUMBERS

An entry (turnout) is defined as a combination of horse(s), vehicle, and driver, and must be assigned a specific entry number. In the event that a vehicle is disabled or not safe, management may authorize the substitution of another vehicle without issuing a new number. Vehicle changes must be reported. Essentially, we would like you to utilize the same vehicle all day for educational purposes. All entries must have an entry number before entering any of the classes. Competitor numbers will be given in your packet upon arrival to the facility, along with other educational paperwork. It is the driver's responsibility to display the proper number for the turnout entering the ring or obstacle course. AN AWARD MAY BE WITHHELD FROM ANY COMPETITOR PARTICIPATING IN ANY CLASS DISPLAYING AN INCORRECT OR MISSING NUMBER FOR THAT TURNOUT.

10. DIVISION AND CLASSES

The Judge and/or Show Committee reserve the right to determine the divisions for this educational clinic and in the interest of safety, should the number of entries warrant further division, you will be notified after all entries are submitted, or by June 24. There will be two divisions (initially). Division participants will be determined and decided in a way that best suits the learning environment, i.e., 2-wheeled vehicles, 4-wheeled vehicles, large horses, small ponies, novice drivers or equines, or a mix of any of these. You could be in a division that has a draft horse, horse, and small pony with only 2-wheeled vehicles. Or you could be in a division that is all 4-wheeled vehicles with single or pair horses or ponies. Please fill out the entry form as fully as possible to help the organizers decide the divisions for the most educational experience for everyone. Every entry can compete in all six classes.

11. MINIMUM ENTRIES

In the event that we don't have enough entries to make two divisions, the Show Committee reserves the right to change the clinic schedule to accommodate those entered or cancel said clinic. We don't want to cancel so please enter; it will be an extraordinary clinic, and you don't want to miss out.

12. VEHICLE WIDTH

Measurements for the obstacle courses will be taken at tread width, as cones with balls on top will be used. The tread width of each vehicle should be taken at the ground between the widest part of the wheels. If the singletree or splinter bar proves to be too wide for this arrangement, the cones may be adjusted accordingly. Please measure your vehicle and report that on your entry. We will verify on the day of the clinic, but this will help us decide the order of go for the obstacles in the afternoon and help with volunteers resetting cones.

13. ADS RULEBOOK

The 2025 ADS Rulebook with the Approved Rule Changes for the 2025 ADS Rulebook will be used. If you need help understanding the rules ahead of time, please reach out to the organizers. The rule book can be viewed by ADS members at <https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/>. Also, on the ADS site under the Education tab, you will find lots of information at "New to Driving" that does not require a membership; these links are available to everyone.

C. AWARDS

14. AWARDS

A rosette ribbon will be awarded to first through sixth place for each of the ring classes (Div A/Div B, Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship) and handed out before leaving the arena. Prizes will be awarded for the obstacle classes to be picked up at the end of the day.

15. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Championships are based on the total number of points accumulated in each division for all six classes. Points will be awarded for first through sixth place. Prizes or ribbons will be awarded and scoring explained at the end of the day. Please refer to Art. 316 in the following pages.

16. TIES: House Rules

Ties of Divisions will be decided by the Competitor's place in the Turnout Class. Ties of Championship placing will be decided by the Competitor's placing in the Reinsmanship Class.

17. ATTIRE FOR THE CLINIC

The committee requires that all competitors be turned out in the best appropriate pleasure show attire with clean harness and clean vehicle. Please refer to Art. 207 in the following pages. This is a clinic, but we are following the ADS rules for turning out to the best of our ability and with what we have available. **Please don't be discouraged by all the rules; we just want you to do your best with what you have available. The big picture is clean and safe and FUN.**

D. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

18. HEALTH CERTIFICATE, NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED FOR OUT OF STATE HORSES

A copy of a Negative EIA (Coggins) Certificate and health certificate must accompany each entry, originating from out of state, stating that each animal was submitted to a test for equine infectious anemia during the last year (12 months) and a health certificate within 30 days. Colorado horses should have a negative EIA (Coggins) to enter Raven's Roost Ranch. Colorado is a Brand State, and a Brand Inspection Card should accompany any horse in Colorado that is traveling more than 75 miles from their home. A copy of the health and Coggins can be electronically submitted to rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com. We do not need a copy of the Brand Inspection, but it should be with you while hauling.

E. PROTEST

19. THIS IS A CLINIC for QUESTIONS, not DISPUTES

If there are any questions or disputes, please address them at the time you are having difficulty. This is a learning/educational clinic, and the goal is to answer any questions about the technique, scoring, and judging as it is happening so you can understand at that moment in time. A Judge's decisions representing their individual preference are not protestable. At a real show, objections must be made to the Technical Delegate no more than one hour after the posting of class results. At the end of the day, if you still have questions or concerns there will be time to address these, so you will have a better understanding when you compete at a bigger event. And the following day (Sunday) can be used for any follow-up questions and technical questions you might have.

F. WORKING FROM YOUR TRAILER

20. Please bring water, hay, manure forks, and safe halter/lead rope for tying to the trailer, if that is your method. Water tanks will be available for watering; some horses don't like water from new facilities, so come prepared for the all-day event. We will have clean buckets to dip water with to then pour into your own bucket for biosecurity. **Equines put to a carriage cannot be tied to the trailer**. Please unhitch before tying your horse to your trailer. A bridle must be on your horse before putting it to a carriage with reins attached to bridle. Unhitch your horse from the carriage before taking the bridle off. Always be in control of your horse.

G. HOTELS/OVERNIGHTING (see also item #8 above)

Bed & Breakfast next door to Raven's Roost. Contact Karen at 970-218-0409 for information.

Quality Inn & Suites in Wellington (10 miles), 7860 Sixth St, Wellington, CO 80549, 970-568-0444.

The following are 2025 ADS Rules and regulations for selected classes in the clinic for educational purposes.



Article 207: Turnout

It is the responsibility of the driver to see that he and all attendants, grooms, passengers and horses are appropriately attired and turned out for the class in question. See Appendix PD-C. Turnout and Appointments on the ADS website for additional information.

207.1 Attire for drivers, grooms, and passengers

- a. Dress should conform to the type of turnout (i.e., Formal, Park, Country, Sporting, Commercial). Less traditional attire (example: Combined Driving Marathon attire) may be appropriate ONLY if it is specifically allowed in the ADS Omnibus or class description, otherwise a penalty or elimination may result. Except for certain commercial turnouts:
 - (i) Gentlemen must wear a coat or jacket while appearing in any class unless excused from doing so by the judge and/or show management. When accepting awards, gentlemen are requested to remove their hats.
 - (ii) Ladies must wear a conservative dress, tailored suit, or slacks. Floppy hats are discouraged.
 - (iii) Unless otherwise specified, the driver must wear a hat, an apron or knee rug and gloves. See Appendix PD-C. Turnout and Appointments on the ADS website.
- b. Grooms: Grooms of either sex may wear stable livery in any but the more formal vehicles where full livery is appropriate. Where it is specifically allowed in the ADS Omnibus or class description, less formal attire may be appropriate, but it should always be neat and clean. In all competitions, grooms must wear a hat or protective headgear.
 - (i) Stable Livery consists of one of the following:
 - (1) A conservative suit, white shirt, dark tie, derby, dark shoes and leather gloves.
 - (2) A conservative jacket, jodhpurs or drill trousers, jodhpur or paddock boots, white shirt, stock or four-in-hand tie, leather gloves, derby or conservative cap.
 - (3) Hunting attire with a hunting derby or bowler.
 - (ii) Full Livery consists of a close-fitting body coat with buttons of yellow or white metal to match the furnishings of the harness used (if possible), white breeches, black boots with tan tops, white stock, black top hat and brown leather gloves. The color of the coat remains the owner's preference, but preferred colors are conservative in nature and, where possible, complementary to the color of the vehicle.
- c. Passengers: Dress should conform to the type of turnout (i.e., Formal, Park, Country, Sporting). Less traditional attire (example: Combined Driving Marathon attire) may be appropriate ONLY if it is specifically allowed in the ADS Omnibus or class description, otherwise a penalty or elimination may result. Except for certain Coaching and Commercial turnouts, all passengers should wear a hat, an apron or knee rug, and gloves.

207.2 A whip must be carried in hand at all times while driving. A driver not in compliance may be eliminated or disqualified. The thong of the whip should be long enough to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse. A driver not in compliance with the above may be penalized. A whip with its thong tied in a manner which renders it incapable of reaching the farthest horse is not allowed. Failure to comply must be severely penalized.

207.3 Harness

- a. The harness should be in good condition, clean, fit properly and be appropriate for the style of vehicle.
- b. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch and a full noseband are mandatory. A full noseband is defined as a noseband fully encircling the nose. Flash nosebands and straps of any kind other than curb straps or chains, reins, bridle cheek pieces connected to the bit, are strongly discouraged in pleasure driving classes. The use of gullet straps is acceptable.
- c. Black harness is considered appropriate with:
 - (i) painted vehicles
 - (ii) natural wood vehicle with iron parts painted any color except brown
 - (iii) dash, fender, shaft and pole trimmings should match the harness.
- d. Russet harness is considered appropriate with:
 - (i) natural wood vehicle with brown or black iron
 - (ii) painted vehicle with natural wood panels with any color iron or
 - (iii) vehicle that is painted brown with brown iron
 - (iv) dash, fenders, shaft and pole trimmings should match the harness.
- e. The collars of four-in-hand leaders are not to be tied together.
- f. Boots – Bell boots, shin boots and wraps are allowed in Pleasure Drive classes and may be allowed at the discretion of the judge in other classes due to local conditions. Boots protecting the sole of the foot are allowed in any pleasure class.
- g. Standing martingales are allowed for Stanhope or Park Gate Gig vehicles and George IV Phaetons, except in obstacle classes. Check reins and martingales (except false martingales) are prohibited in Obstacle classes. Failure to comply will incur elimination. In other classes, check reins and martingales may be appropriate turnout for certain vehicles. See Appendix PD-C. Turnout and Appointments.
- h. Kicking straps are permissible, but they should match the harness being used.

Article 210: Description of Gaits

The following descriptions constitute the ADS-approved standard for performance of each of the required gaits in a pleasure driving competition. Cantering and galloping are not allowed unless clearly stated in the ADS Omnibus. Management is strongly encouraged not to allow cantering or galloping in any class unless it is held in a securely enclosed area.

210.1 Walk – A free, regular and unconstrained walk of moderate extension is ideal. The horses should walk energetically, but calmly, with even and determined pace. The walk is a fourbeat gait.

210.2 Trot – The trot is a two-beat, diagonal gait.

a. Slow Trot: The horse should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but not to the degree required in the dressage collected trot. However, the horse should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence.

b. Working Trot: This is the pace between the strong and the slow trot and more round than the strong trot. The horse goes forward freely and straight; engaging the hind legs with good hock action; on a taut, but light, rein; the position being balanced and unconstrained. The steps should be as even as possible. The hind feet touch the ground in the foot prints of the fore feet. The degree of energy and impulsion displayed at the working trot denotes clearly the degree of suppleness and balance of the horses.

c. Strong Trot: This is a clear, but not excessive, increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Light contact to be maintained. Excessive speed will be penalized.

210.3 Halt – Horses and vehicle should be brought to a complete and square stop without abruptness or veering. At the halt, horses should stand attentive, motionless and straight with the weight evenly distributed over all four legs and be ready to move off at the slightest indication from the driver.

210.4 Reinback – Reinback is defined as a backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs with the hind legs remaining well in line. To be performed in two parts:

a. The horse must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner with head flexed and straight, pushing the vehicle back evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact.

b. Move forward willingly to former position using the same quiet aids.

c. Road Coaches and Park Drags are not to be asked to back up in the show ring.

210.5 Canter – A controlled three-beat gait consisting of three evenly spaced footfalls followed by the “suspension” phase when all four legs are off the ground. The three beats and suspension are considered one stride.

210.6 Gallop – A four-beat gait, faster than a canter.

210.7 Stride – A stride is defined as the cycle of movements that is completed when the horse’s legs regain their initial positions.

Length of stride refers to the amount of ground covered by an entire sequence.

210.8 Intermediate Gait – Breed-specific gaits will be used in divisions for non-trotting breeds.

210.9 In Pleasure classes for mules and donkeys, the gaits are walk, slow trot, and working trot.

210.10 In Pleasure classes for draft equines, gaits may be limited to walk, slow trot, and working trot at the discretion of the organizer as published in the ADS Omnibus.

210.11 Park Class Gaits – To be called for only in Park classes.

a. Park Walk: A four beat, collected gait with good action and animation. It should have snap and easy control and be performed with great style, elegance and airiness of motion while displaying the good manners of the horse(s).

b. Park Trot: A two beat, diagonal gait performed in a collected manner with excessive speed to be penalized. The horse’s energy should be directed toward animation rather than speed.

c. Show Your Horse: At this command, the driver has the privilege of showing the Park Driving Horse(s) to its (their) best advantage at the trot, but speed will be penalized

Article 217: Turnout

217.1 A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout.

217.2 To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back.

217.3 To be judged:

- 65% for condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire, appointments, and overall impression.

- 30% on performance, manners and way of going. 5% on spares.

217.4 Required spares are:

Wheel wrench (as appropriate)	Screwdriver
Length of rawhide, string or wire	Pliers
Rein splice or spare rein	Small hammer
Trace splice or spare trace	Hoof pick
Hame strap (if appropriate)	Knife
Halter and lead shank per horse	
Leather punch	

Article 218: Working

218.1 A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive.

218.2 To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back.

218.3 All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests.

- 218.4 To be judged:
- 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s).
 - 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle.
 - 10% on neatness of attire.

Article 222: Reinsmanship

- 222.1 A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver.
- 222.2 To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers are required to rein back.
- 222.3 All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests.
- 222.4 The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective.
- 222.5 Either the one- or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent “feel” with the horse’s mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another.
- 222.6 To be judged:
- 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver.
 - 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

Article 247: Timed Obstacles

- 247.1 To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to the dimensions of the driving area. Not to exceed 20 obstacles.
- 247.2 After passing the starting line, the driver proceeds through each obstacle in order to the designated finish line.
- 247.3 Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver’s elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis.
- a. House Rules, course to be driven with time allowed with penalties.
 - b. Driver must salute the judge.
 - c. Driver must pass thru start with in 45 seconds after whistle is blown.
 - d. 10 obstacles, set for precision driving.

Article 246: Penalties

Unless otherwise specified, these penalties will apply to all Obstacle classes. Additional penalties will apply as specified in individual class rules. (See Art. 211 Break in Gaits).

PLEASURE DRIVING OBSTACLE PENALTIES

Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds/4 faults
Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 seconds/1 fault
Break to canter	
1st break to canter	5 seconds/5 faults
2nd break to canter	5 seconds/5 faults
3rd break to canter	5 seconds/5 faults
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course)	
1st incident	5 seconds/ 5 faults
2nd incident	10 seconds/ 6 faults
3rd incident	Elimination
Starting before signal	Elimination
Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal	Elimination
Off-course	Elimination
Outside assistance	Elimination
Failure to carry whip in hand at all times while driving (Art. 207.2)	Elimination
Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
Exceeding time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination
Entries that overturn	Elimination
Failure of entire entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination

Article 248.1: Scurry Obstacle With House Rules:

- a. To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles consisting of cones and balls, not to exceed 10 obstacles.
- b. After passing through the Start markers from any direction, the driver proceeds through each obstacle from any direction, in any order. Each obstacle must be driven once. Upon completion of the course, the driver must pass through the Finish markers from any direction, where time will be taken.
- c. Refusals and run-outs will not be penalized.
- d. Course faults will be scored as penalty seconds and added to the driver’s elapsed time. Placings will be determined on a low total time basis. Ties for first place will be broken by a drive-off, unless otherwise stated in the ADS Omnibus.
- e. House Rules: obstacles will be numbered 1 – 10. Competitors can pass through any direction but must go thru each obstacle.
- f. House Rules: Scurry will start at a halt in the middle and end in the middle with a halt. Each halt will be 5 seconds.
- g. Ties will not have a drive-off

Article 249.3: Gambler's Choice Obstacles

- a. To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles, each carrying a specific point value.
- b. Each driver has the same allowed time to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Each obstacle is assigned a point value according to its degree of difficulty and each driver tries to amass as high a score as possible within the time allowed.
- c. After passing through the Start markers, the driver may drive through the obstacles, in any order, from any direction. Each obstacle may be driven twice, but not in succession. **If driven a third time, no points will be awarded.**
- d. No obstacle may be redriven once it has been disturbed. (Exception: obstacles which are designed to be knocked down.)
- e. No points will be awarded for an incorrectly driven obstacle. If the obstacle is incorrectly driven, but not disturbed, it may be attempted again.
- f. If a horse should refuse or run out at an obstacle without disturbing it, the driver may elect not to attempt it and may drive to another obstacle without penalty. The obstacle may be attempted later. If it is correctly driven the appropriate points will be recorded.
- g. A signal will sound at the end of the allowed time and the driver must then exit through the Finish markers where the total time on the course will be recorded and points tallied.
- h. If the signal sounds when the competitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and receive the appropriate points, then proceed through the finish markers for total time to be recorded. Whether or not the competitor was committed to the last obstacle at the signal will be left to the discretion of the judge.
- i. Dislodging a start or finish marker will incur a penalty of 5% of the total points accumulated by the entry.
- j. Break to canter will be penalized as follows (incident penalties are cumulative):
 - 1st incident = 5% of total points accumulated
 - 2nd incident = an additional 5% of total points accumulated
 - 3rd incident = an additional 5% of total points accumulated • 4th incident = elimination

Article 316: Scoring

- 316.1 Unless specified by the organizer in the ADS Omnibus, the following scoring system must be used:
- 316.2 Each competition will be scored according to the ADS rules for that competition and the entries placed accordingly.
- 316.3 Points for placings are as follows, 1st = 8; 2nd = 7; 3rd = 6; 4th = 5; 5th = 4; 6th = 3; 7th = 2; 8th = 1.
- 316.4 Points for each competition are combined for a winner in each division. (Highest point total wins.)
- 316.5 If an overall championship is awarded, the highest point total of all entries will be the overall event winner.
- 316.6 For overall placing, entries eliminated in any ONE competition will finish below those who completed all competitions. Entries eliminated in any TWO competitions will finish below those who were eliminated in ONE competition, and so on.
- 316.7 Ties for each competition will be decided as specified in individual competition rules.
- 316.8 Ties for the overall event winner to be decided by the best score in the competition designated by the organizer as published in the ADS Omnibus

DIVISION CHAMPION AWARDS: House Rules

To be awarded to the combination of vehicle and horse or pony driven in each division and having won the greatest number of points in 6 Classes: Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship, Timed Obstacle, Scurry and Gamblers Choice.

Article 4 Cruelty

4.1 Cruelty to or the abuse of any animal by any person at a recognized competition is forbidden and an offender is subject to disqualification. Management shall bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition and report the incident to the ADS for any further disciplinary action deemed in order. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto: excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before or during a competition, by any person. Except in emergency situations, any striking of the horse's head (on the poll and forward of the poll) with the whip shall be deemed excessive..

4.2 All animals must be serviceably sound, and must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, physical distress, or impairment of vision in both eyes. In the case of an appeal on this ground, the judge will have the animal in question examined by the official veterinarian or designee for a decision by the judge or jury which will be final

Article 205 Driver's Responsibility

205.1 Excessive use of the voice, shouting or whistling to the horse may be penalized at the judge's discretion. The driver should strive to control the horse's movements with discreet use of vocal aids.