



STEWARDSHIP AWARDS OF NORTH AMERICA

SANA - CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & REGULATIONS

April 12, 2016

Exhibitors must wear suitable, safe footwear, and proper helmets for all ridden or discipline classes. All classes require safe tack and equipment. Except where noted, entries will not be judged on grooming, tack or clothing, however, appropriate turnout, gear, and clothing are encouraged.

- The discipline judge will judge the HORSE/PONY performance ONLY.
- There will be no breed scores for Pony Driving.
- Open to purebreds and part-breds, singles or pairs.

PONY DRIVING -----

SANA Driving Regulations

- 1) Open to all pneumatic, wooden and steel wheeled vehicles
- 2) Whip *in hand* is *mandatory* in all classes including obstacles.
Optional: hats, gloves, apron and other traditional dress are encouraged.
- 3) Helmet required for ALL exhibitors. Youth exhibitors 14 and under must have an adult passenger.
- 4) The judge may require three trots (slow trot, working trot, strong trot) a walk and a rein back.
- 5) Removal of the bridle while the horse/pony is between the shafts means instant elimination.
- 6) No horse(s) hitched to a vehicle shall be tied and left unattended.
- 7) Equine leg protection permissible in Obstacle classes.
- 8) Exhibitor may show more than one entry in the same obstacle class
- 9) If any questions or safety issues arise, final deciding factors are made by the Judge(s).

NOTE: The whip is MANDATORY and should be of the appropriate style and length for the turnout. Whips should be held in the hand throughout and should remain unfurled.

PLEASURE DRIVING: SINGLES

Entries will be judged on performance & manners by Discipline Judge. No breed scores will be added to driving classes.

A vehicle suitable to the horse or pony and properly fitting harness are vitally important accoutrements and should complement the entry. While the vehicle, driver, and equipment will not be judged, proper fit is required, and appropriate turn out is encouraged.

The judge is looking for an entry that is going forward in correct outline in a rhythmic, balanced manner showing good movement for it's breed with hind legs well engaged. Sound with regular strides. At higher levels should be able to show two clearly defined trot paces. The entry must be under control at all times.

Unsoundness, uncontrolled behavior (kicking, rearing) or any dangerous behavior including loss of control will be grounds for elimination. The judge will have the final opinion.

Serious Performance Faults:

Uneven gait. Head to one side. Above the bit. Inability to stand still. Excessive pulling. Anticipation or resistance to rein back. Refusal to walk.

Minor faults: breaks of pace that are quickly controlled. Lack of extension. A little on the forehand. Outline not quite correct — nose a little poked or slightly overbent. Not always straight. Slight fidgeting in halt. Rein back not straight or not far enough. Not tracking up in walk.

TIMED OBSTACLES

Timed Obstacles will be a series of 10 sets of numbered cones set to 12" wider than the vehicle's wheels to be driven at a trot and judged for time and accuracy. Knocking over a marker or a break to the canter will result in a 5 second penalty per occurrence. American Driving Society rules for timed competitions will be used as guidelines.

DRIVEN DRESSAGE

Driven Dressage will offer Training (Test 2) and Preliminary (Test 2). Arena will be 40x80 meters. Drivers should do their best to memorize the test, though in Training Level the test may be called. American Driving Society rules for dressage will be used as guidelines. Please indicate level on your entry.

NON-JUDGED Driving Items

Vehicle & Harness Recommendations

Any safe, well fitting harness is acceptable. Entries are encouraged to present appropriate turnouts. Judges will not assess these items except as they relate to safety.

Please do not bring an unsafe vehicle. These would include: Loose spokes and/or too much play in wheels. Cracked shafts. Cracked leather on C springs and swingletree straps.

Serious faults: Vehicle not balanced correctly. Size of vehicle unsuitable for horse. Shafts too long or too short. Incorrect attachment of the pair to the pole.

Driver/Groom/Passenger Recommendations

Driver: Dress should be in keeping with the style of the turnout. Aprons should cover the knees easily.

Dress code for Driving

Dress will not be judged, but drivers should be neat. Helmets and LONG sleeves and safe footwear are REQUIRED.

Though not required for this show, traditional driving dress includes brown gloves, long sleeves, and a long, driving apron and black shoes. Dark or khaki pants and a long sleeved blouse, shirt or jacket make a nice turnout.

Grooms: should be tidy, alert and looking part of the turnout. Gloves should be brown and shoes dark

Passengers: No passengers allowed.

Serious faults: Restricting the horse's forward movement. Chasing horse out of its natural rhythm. Whip not carried. Gloves or apron not worn.

Minor faults: Poor rein handling, Position of whip incorrect. Whip not suitable for turnout. Apron too short. Groom scruffy or dress not correct.

Harness Recommendations

Good quality, sound harness that is clean, fits well and is appropriate for the turnout.

Serious faults: Serious faults: Collar/breast harness ill fitting. Dried out or cracked leather. Pad ill fitting and/or incorrect position. Belly band too tight. Breeching significantly too low or high, too big or small, significantly tight or loose. Bridle ill-fitting, in particular blinkers and nosebands that do not fit. Throat lash too tight or too loose. Bit too low or narrow. Incorrect line of draught. Patent leather with country vehicles. No swingletree with breast harness.

Minor faults. Bit too high in the mouth or too wide. The swell of the pad not long enough to accommodate tug correctly. Breeching slightly ill fitting. Crupper slightly too loose. Reins incorrect color or material. Breast collar with a bearing surface that is too narrow. Bellyband too loose. Hames that are not quite correctly fitting to collar. Buckles to wrong side.
