

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.

SECTION B. COMPETITION CONDITIONS

Article 317 Suggested Formats

317.1 Option 1.

- Pleasure Drive – Pace (see [Art. 260](#)),
- a Driven Dressage Test,
- a second Pleasure Drive – Pace,
- followed by a Combined Driving Obstacles – Fault Competition (see [Art. CD-976](#)).

317.2 Option 2.

- A Driven Dressage Test,
- Pleasure Drive – Pace (see [Art. 260](#)),
- followed by a Combined Driving Obstacles – Fault Competition (see [Art. CD-976](#)).

Chapter 14 – Pleasure Driving Combined Test

318.1 **Pleasure Driving Combined Test**

Pleasure Driving Combined Test. The score for any ADS Dressage Test may be combined with the score of a Pleasure Driving Combined Test Obstacle Class.

- a. The Dressage Test – requires a judge with an ADS Dressage License or an ADS Combined Driving License.
- b. Scoring
 1. Dressage points awarded by each judge are added together for total points.
 2. Total points from all judges are divided by the number of judges to obtain the average total points.
 3. Average total points minus any penalty points given by the judge at “C” equals the total score.
 4. The total score is divided by the total possible score in percentage points.
 5. Scoring of PD Obstacles as per [PD Art 318.1.h](#).
 6. The final PD combined test score is the dressage score as a percentage minus the obstacle penalty points.
- c. The Pleasure Driving Comined Test Obstacle Class - requires a judge with an ADS Pleasure license or a competition knowledgable person for classes with 25 or fewer entries.
- d. Unless otherwise published in the Omnibus, the same vehicle is to be used in Dressage and the Obstacle Class.
- e. The PDCT Obstacle course will be a prescribed course of numbered obstacles, proportionate to the dimensions of the driving area. Not to exceed 15 obstacles, keeping in mind that pleasure competition vehicles may have a larger turning radius and may not be constructed with a fifth wheel. After passing through the start line, the driver proceeds through each obstacle in order and through the finish line.
- f. Suggested minimum clearances corresponding to the dressage test by level are:

SUGGESTED CLEARANCES FOR PD CT OBSTACLES				
	Single H/P	Single VSE	Pairs/Multiples H/P	Pairs/Multiples VSE
TRAINING LEVEL	40 cm	35 cm	50 cm	45 cm
PRELIMINARY LEVEL	35 cm	30 cm	45 cm	40 cm
INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	30 cm	25 cm	40 cm	35 cm

Remember these are based on traditional pleasure vehicles, often without flush hub and wider turning radius

g. Suggested speeds for Pleasure Driving Combined Test Obstacles

SUGGESTED CLEARANCES FOR PD CT OBSTACLES			
		SINGLE, PAIR	MULTIPLES
Training	VSE	150 mpm	140 mpm
	Horse/Pony	170 mpm	160 mpm
Preliminary	VSE	170 mpm	160 mpm
	Horse/Pony	190 mpm	180 mpm
Intermediate	VSE	180 mpm	170 mpm
	Horse/Pony	210 mpm	200 mpm

h. Pleasure Driving Combined Test Penalties

PLEASURE DRIVING COMBINED TEST OBSTACLE PENALTIES	
DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Knocking over start or finish marker	5 points
Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 points
Break to canter 1st break to canter	5 points
2nd break to canter	5 points
3rd break to canter	5 points
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
Disobedience or grooms dismounting (cumulative over course)	
1st incidence	3 points
2nd incidence	6 points
Starting before signal	20 points
Failure to cross the starting line within one minute of signal	20 points
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 over-check	Elimination
Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
Exceeding allowed time	1 point per commenced second
Exceeding time limit (twice allowed time)	Elimination
Entries that overturn	Elimination
Failure of entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination

i. Ties in placing. To be determined by Dressage Score. The competitor with the higher dressage percentage score will be placed ahead of competitors with lower percentage dressage scores. In case of a Dressage Score tie, highest total in Collective Remarks will be placed ahead. In case of a tie of Collective Remarks, the entries may remain tied; or the judge may review the score sheets to break the tie. (see Art DR 524.2)