

ATTENTION COMPETITORS!

Welcome to Elk Creek CT & CDE 2026

PLEASE READ THIS. IT IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

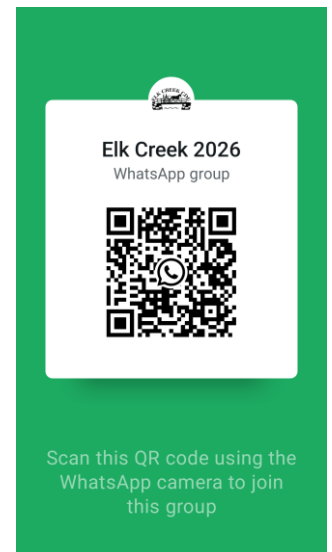
Upon entering the Stabling Area, you MUST stop and check in with the Stable Manager before proceeding to stalls. There may be more paperwork before unloading.

*NOTE: Stabling & Camper Pads open & close @ 3:00 pm daily. You cannot occupy your stall before 3:00 pm on the day of arrival. *DNR Rules*

1. **WAIVERS:** All competitors should have returned a signed ADS Waiver & a signed FHI Waiver for EVERY member of your team. If you have not, please have them visit the Elk Creek CDE website to sign waivers online: <https://elkcreekcde.com/waivers> or use this QR code:



2. Having all paperwork and payment completed prior to arrival will speed up your check-in & get your horse off the trailer ASAP. **If your paperwork is not in order or you have not paid in full, you will not be permitted to take your horse off the trailer.**
3. **SCHEDULES & MAPS:** All Schedules & Maps are TENTATIVE! Check the office bulletin board at the stabling area regularly for changes & updates.
4. We will be using **WHATSAPP** this year for real-time updates pertaining to daily important information as the competition progresses. Please be advised that the office board is still the OFFICIAL information. Join the Whatsapp by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GLwOxikXs0xK9Z2X2PdFpm>
5. **PETS:** Please keep dogs on a leash.
6. **PARKING at Stabling:** Around the stabling area please observe parking signs. DNR parking rules are strictly enforced.
7. **OFF-ROAD VEHICLES:** You must wear helmets on ATV & E-Bikes at all times. The DNR does not normally allow ATVs and gives Elk Creek special permission to use them provided we wear helmets and use them * ONLY to inspect hazard/obstacles. Please respect this rule or you can walk. You do not have to wear helmets on golf carts or gator type machines.



All ATV/Golf carts must display a special permit card. If you paid for a vehicle tag with your entry, your permit card will be on your stall door. If not, be really nice to the Stable Manager. ATV Permits go into effect on Thursday. Until then ATV & Golf Cart use is restricted. If an ATV /gator/golf cart is seen flying fast across the Sawmill jump field – your privilege of its use will be taken away!! And no ATV /gators /golf carts on course once marathon starts, PLEASE!! It is a RULE!!

8. **COMPETITOR NUMBERS:** All the competitor numbers for CT and DT are provided to you in a PDF file. Locate your number and print that page (which will give you 2 number placards – but you don't need to use both). NOTE: If you are entered in both the CT and DT, you will have 2 different numbers. Please be sure to use the correct number for each competition – you will find those numbers in the CT and DT Class Lists. If you cannot print your number, come to the Office and we will print it for you.
9. **CHECK-IN for ALL Day Trailer- in Competitors:** If you do not owe any paperwork or payment to the Secretary, then you do not have to check in at stabling. If you received an email from the Secretary (ElkCreekSecretary@gmail.com) stating that some documents or payment are missing, or you need us to print your competitor number, then you **MUST** stop in at the Office at stabling before you unload. You can do this the day before if more convenient.
10. **TRAILER PARKING AT GALLAHER:** You may park your trailer in the field across Gallaher Rd entering through the main gate at Big Elk Chapel Rd. *DO NOT enter the gate across from the cones course area.* You may also park at the stables.
11. **CAR PARKING AT GALLAHER RD SHOWGROUNDS:**
 - a. **Thursday through Saturday only:** Cars can park just inside Red Gates near the cones course Thursday thru Saturday only up to the point of the roped off area. No cars in this gate on Sunday.
 - b. **Sunday:** You can enter through the Main Gate at Big Elk Chapel Rd, below tunnel road and down near Red Shed Obstacle and park to the left upon entering. Do not go beyond the sign – “Caution Horses On Course”. If you come in the main gate below the tunnel road you may not come beyond the sign! There will be parking signs.
12. **STALL BEDDING:** Please, No shavings! **THIS IS A DNR RULE!** If for a medical reason your horse must use shavings you **MUST** take them home with you. Do not scrape shavings from your horse trailer into the straw pile!

Straw that has been pre-purchased will be locked in the assigned stall.

13. **ROUTE FROM STABLING TO SHOWGROUNDS:**
 - a. The route to Showgrounds from Stabling is down the Sawmill Road following the red arrows. This is for ATV/Golf Carts and for Carriages.
 - b. Cars, please go by the road. – Route 273/Gallaher Rd.
 - c. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - if possible, take someone with you on your carriage following the Sawmill Road with RED arrows to the gate near the cones ring. There will be cones on the road to slow cars and a crossing guard Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
14. WE ARE OFFERING **Pony Measurements** on Friday at Stabling by the Office at 8:00AM. BRING DOCUMENT WITH PHOTOS ATTACHED along with your equine to the site. Here is the document for your convenience:
https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=548049&module_id=407754 When your measurement has been completed, please stop into the Office trailer to have it scanned.
15. **DT COMPETITOR BRIEFING:** There is a short briefing on Friday at 5:00pm under the tent at stabling, followed by CT Awards and States Night Reception.

16. **STATES NIGHT:** FRI 6/5 after the DT Briefing. Please bring an offering that represents your State or region to share with your fellow competitors. We will provide wine, beer, water.
BRING A CHAIR

17. **DRESSAGE:** Everyone –please check in with Dressage Warm-up Steward which is in the big stone dust arena.

All Dressage will be in the grass field behind the big stone arena. Warm up will be in the big stone dust arena.

Wheel measuring will be near the cones course as you arrive to Gallaher show grounds. Please have wheels measured before Dressage.

18. **CONES:** will be in the grass Dressage ring above the Big Arena. There will be warm up cones near the cones ring. Check in with the Cones Steward when you are done with your dressage. There will be 2 cones courses: one for Friday CT then Friday afternoon it will be changed over to Cones course for CDE. CT awards will be during States Night reception.

19. Return to the stabling by the gravel road with red arrows backwards.

20. **MARATHON:** Please stay on paths that are mowed WITH YOUR HORSES AND ATV/GOLF CARTS. We cannot guarantee the footing in unmowed areas. Unmowed areas are hay fields so stay out of tall grass please.

Section B: You will be returning thru a tunnel on course at the end of the marathon. Any day before the marathon you may drive your horse through the tunnel to acclimate them. It is one-way traffic from the show grounds towards stabling. There will be signs!

Section B Vet Box: will be at the end of B. There will be water provided for cooling off your horse.

21. **RESULTS AND AWARDS:** Results will be available at stabling. You may pick up ribbons and awards at the Welcome Display. Here you can also pick up your Dressage tests if ready. We will be posting results on the WhatsApp and our website www.elkcreekcde.com and will also be posted on www.carriagedrivingtoday.com.

22. **STABLING DEPARTURE:** According to DNR you are supposed to be out of your stalls by 3:00 Sunday. If you can great, but don't panic about it!!

DNR Rules: *A full list of DNR Rules is included in your Competitor Packet.

- The consumption or possession of an open container of alcohol is prohibited in all Maryland State Park Campgrounds, including Fair Hill NRMA's Equestrian Camping Facilities.
- No vehicles or trailers are to be parked on roadways OR between the Race Barns, as they also serve as FIRE LANES and avenues for emergency vehicles. Parking and camping on the natural surface areas between the Race Barns and inside the access road loop is prohibited as it creates ruts and inhibits grass growth.
- Plugging camping units or other electrical devices into buildings at Race Barns is not permitted. No electric golf cart charging! Electrical outlets at the barns are for fans, E bikes & clippers ONLY!

- Quiet hours at stabling must be respected between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.
- The use of quiet generators is permitted within the Race Barn Equestrian Camping Facility. However, generators may not be used during established quiet hours. Fair Hill Park Management may make limited exceptions based on medical necessity.

The entire elk Creek Show Committee would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting the show. Our goal is to provide you with a safe, organized and FUN weekend!