

## **Club Rules**

1. An application for membership may be approved or rejected by The Club without giving reason.
2. Continuation of membership is dependent upon the payment of a subscription fee and compliance with the rules of The Club and British Carriage Driving.
3. Full members have full voting rights. Juniors and “Friends of The Club” have no voting rights. A “Friend of The Club” is a person who wishes to give a donation to receive newsletters.
4. Everyone on a carriage must have Third Liability Insurance. This can be by being a member of the club (Affiliation to BC) by being an associate member of British Carriage Driving or with private insurance. Non-members must provide proof of insurance prior to the competition starting.
5. All horses and ponies must have an up-to-date vaccination against Equine Influenza.
6. No driver shall:
  - Drive dangerously, misuse the whip or ill-treat a horse.
  - Conduct himself/herself at an event in a manner which is violent, improper, or offensive to the public or other competitors.
  - Disobey or deliberately ignore any reasonable instructions given by an officer of The Club, judge or event organiser.
  - Publish any defamatory criticism of The Club.
7. Hats, gloves and aprons must be worn for dressage and cones. Hard hats are compulsory on the marathon and when riding a horse or pony.
8. Minimum age for Young Drivers – 8 years old at the start of the driving season. All young drivers must be assessed prior to them competing at their first club event.

Drivers aged 8 to 10 (inclusive) may, after assessment, be required to drive a two wheeled carriage with the groom seated alongside.

(An assessment can only be carried out by a person approved by British Carriage)

Reins to be taken, by a competent driver over 21 years old when on the public highways. It is illegal to drive on the highway in Scotland under the age of 14 years.

Young drivers under 10 years old must have their own insurance, 10 years and above will be covered by the club insurance if they are members.
9. Back steppers for young drivers to be a minimum of 21 years and a competent driver.

Notwithstanding the above (7&8) Annex 18 of the British Carriage Driving rules will apply.
10. A Back stepper must be a minimum of 14 years of age.

11. Grooms may not assist the driver during the Dressage or Cones phase.
12. Walking of the cones course will only be allowed prior to the Dressage starting. If a driver to walk the cones course after their dressage they can only do this if it does not impede other competitors and their own time slot. Furthermore, they must ask a competent person to be on the box seat of their turnout while they are away from their turnout.
13. Vehicle Widths, Cones and Dressage All as British Carriage Driving rules.
14. Competitors should report to the start of section A 10 minutes early so that a safety check can be made. New Competitors to the club will not be allowed to start without a safety check and may incur penalties if their start is delayed. Competitors must carry a basic spares kit, (the club can advise).
15. Slow turnouts should allow faster turnouts to overtake where safe to do so, failure to do so will result in penalties.
16. Scores will be posted as soon as practical in a prominent place and each competitor will have 10 minutes from the time of posting the scores to raise any mistakes they think may have incurred. Competitors should lodge their concerns with the secretary.
17. Parked horse boxes/trailers/caravans must carry a fire extinguisher.
18. Stabling areas must be cleared and cleaned before leaving the event, failure to meet the land owners' requirements will result in a cleaning fine being levied.
19. **Classes** Beginners Novice - Pony Single, Pony Multiple, Small Pony, Horse Single, Horse Multiple Intermediate - Pony Single, Pony Multiple, Small Pony, Horse Single, Horse Multiple Open - Pony Single, Pony Multiple, Small Pony, Horse Single, Horse Multiple Classes will be combined if there are less than three in a class, or at the discretion of the organisers.
20. **Progression through the classes** Beginners - one season or a minimum of three events. Novice to intermediate - Novice Club Champion or three events wins in a three year period. Intermediate to Open - Intermediate to Open - Intermediate Club Champion or three events wins in a three year period.
21. All new club members must provide evidence of experience or sit the British Carriage Driving Competence. Beginners must sit the competence and have a competent backstep with them on the carriage.
22. Horses at rest. No horse to be tied to a carriage, even if someone in attendance.
23. All horses to be immunised against Equine Influenza, as per the British Carriage Driving competition rules.