

CLASSES

Very Small Equines (VSE)

There is only one class to cover any equine turnout under 11hh. If sufficient entries Organisers can split the class into singles and multiples, or by height – 35 inches and under and 35+ inches to 11hh.

Athletes (Drivers, Competitors) must have passed a safety assessment carried out by a BC approved assessor before entering. They may only enter with the turnout which has been assessed.

A safety check must be completed on entries prior to starting dressage and marathon.

Age limits. Equines must be 5 years or over. For athletes as specified in the BC Rule book.

The 3 parts of the competition are: Dressage, Cones and Short Marathon. .

VSE classes can be part of a one, two or three day event.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Any person under 18 must wear a body protector while on the carriage.

All drivers under 12 must always be accompanied on the carriage by an adult.

All persons on a carriage or in close attendance must adhere to dress and protective equipment rules as specified in the BC Rule Book.

Para Drivers can use Compensating Aids as allowed in the BC Rules Book.

Dressage

- Arena size: 80m x 40m
- Test: BC Novice A Test
- Dress: As per current BC Rule Book.
- Safety: Check prior to test

Cones

- Full Cones Course
 - Speed 200 m/min
- Carriage Width 125cm
 - Cones set at 155cm
- Dress As per current BC Rule Book.

Marathon

- Part Section B only
- Length up to a max of 4 kilometres - dependant on terrain
- Obstacles Four
 - Gated as for main competition
- Speed 10 km/h, 6 mins per km.
- Dress As per current BC Rule Book.

Pony Heights

- 11hh (112cm) and below
 - Normally one class but if entries warrant this may be split
 - 35+inches (90cm) to 11 hands (112cm) and 35 inches (89cm) and below
 - Multiples split from singles

Carriages - No specified weights

- Singles/tandems 2 or 4 wheeler
- Pairs/Teams 4 wheeler

Grooms

- Dress: See BC Rule Book.
 - Hard hats/back or body protectors required as per BC rule book.
- 2 wheeler.
 - Groom must be in close attendance throughout all phases (including the marathon section) being able to render assistance if required.
 - May be on foot, sitting alongside or on backstep (if fitted).
 - May travel on marathon between obstacles on foot, by bike, (or quad if allowed by organiser).
 - If backstep can stand in dressage and cones.
 - See age limits above.
- 4 wheeler single & tandem
 - Groom on back step of carriage.
- 4 wheeler pair
 - Groom on backstep of carriage
- 4 wheeler team (four-in-hand) - 2 grooms
 - One Groom can be on foot in close attendance being able to render assistance if required
 - Minimum One groom to be on carriage in all phases.

Organiser to monitor weight of carriage and driver/grooms being conscious of the welfare of the equine(s) at all times.

Driver of the Year League and National Championships qualification will be the same as for other classes at Regional and National Events.