



National Novice Qualifying Classes

Guidelines for Organizers

1st January 2015

Athlete Qualification

To be eligible to Compete as a National Novice in an official Qualifying Class, an Athlete must have successfully completed all three phases, with a minimum of a three section marathon, at three affiliated Club events.

Athletes must submit a photocopy of a fully completed competence form to the British Carriagedriving office for ratification prior to taking part in a National Novice qualifier.

In addition, the Athlete must not have:

- a. Previously competed at a National or Regional Event unless this was in a Novice qualifying or Club class.
- b. Finished in the top 50% at the National Novice Championships.
- c. Won three National Novice Qualifiers although he/she can retain their National Novice status throughout the season in which this is achieved.

Contravention of (a) (b) and (c) above will result in disqualification.

Athletes in National Novice qualifiers must be members of British Carriagedriving, but British Carriagedriving Associate Membership is acceptable. Organisers of National Novice Qualifiers are advised to state vaccination requirements in the Event Schedule.

Explanatory Notes

An Athlete who qualifies for the National Novice Championship, but does not compete at the National Championship in the year that he qualifies, will be eligible to enter National Novice Qualifier classes in subsequent years until otherwise precluded by (a) (b) or(c) above.

An Athlete who has won his class three times at National Novice Qualifiers, whether in one year or over a number of years, will cease to be eligible to compete as a National Novice Athlete at the end of the year in which the third win is achieved.

Event Organisers are required to submit the list of entries for National Novice qualifiers to the British Carriagedriving Office AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS prior to the date of the competition, so that the Office can verify the eligibility of all Athletes.

EVENT QUALIFICATION

Events to be included in the programme each year will be National, Regional and applications received from clubs and allocated by Council, normally on the basis of achieving the best geographical spread of events.

Each event will require British Carriagedriving approval of its Venue, the **Technical Delegate, Course Designer** and **A National or Probationary National** Judge before being included in the Programme.

The National Novice Qualifying Classes must be run in accordance with current National Rules, although other classes at a Club Event may run under local rules, if required.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Start Fees

Start Fees are now payable to British Carriagedriving by all Athletes in National Novice Classes. Event Organisers please contact the British Carriagedriving Office for details.

Technical Delegate & Course Designer at Club Qualifying Events

The Technical Delegate & Course Designer (who must not be competing in the event) must be approved by British Carriagedriving, but need not necessarily be a British Carriagedriving -listed T.D. or C.D. Approval is unlikely to be given to anyone who has not attended the British Carriagedriving Club Course Designer's /TD'S Clinic in the current year or in the year prior to the Event at which they are to officiate. This clinic will in future, include a briefing on current requirements for National Novice Qualifiers, to ensure as far as possible, a consistent standard of events. In the interest of safety the posts of TD, CD and Safety Officer must be independent and not be shared by the same person. It is preferable that the Organiser does not hold one of the above positions, also in the interests of safety.

Safety Check

A safety check, by a suitably experienced person, must be carried out before the Driven Dressage test.

Presentation

This is now included in the Driven Dressage test.

Dressage

(i) The Driven Dressage Test will be British Carriagedriving Novice test 100, 2011 (Arena 100m x 40m) at National Events. Regional Events and Clubs may choose to use British Carriagedriving Novice test 80, 2011 (Arena size 80 x 40) if they choose.

(ii) At National Events a minimum of one Judge from list 2 and one Judge from the National Probationary list is required.

(iii) At Regional and Club events there must be a minimum of two Judges of at least British Carriagedriving National Probationary List Standard or one National List Judge together with an experienced Club Judge.

(iv) One of the above judges will be nominated by the Competitions Committee to submit a report on the Event.

Marathon

(i) The Course must be three sections with a minimum length of 12km in total. There must be 6 to 8 Obstacles with some of these gated to F.

(ii) A Judge, as described in the Dressage Section, must attend at the start of Section A. If another Judge is available, they must be located at the Rest Area

(iii) Athletes & grooms must wear body/back protectors.

Obstacle Cone Driving

National Novice Qualifier classes will have a maximum of 20 numbered cones. Speed allowed will be 220m / minute, and the clearance between cones will be 25 cm over track-width.

Qualification for the National Championships

1 to 4 in a class, the highest placed, disregarding those already qualified.

5 or more in a class, the highest two, disregarding those already qualified, from the first eight places.

In order to qualify an Athlete must complete all phases without Elimination or Retirement.

SPONSORS

Organisers may be asked to display banners on behalf of class sponsors and also issue invitations to representatives of this sponsor to attend the Qualifier.