

BRITISH YOUNG DRIVERS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



**ESCRICK PARK, YORKSHIRE (BETWEEN YORK AND SELBY)
27th and 28th September 2008**

Run under **BHDTA** National Rules (unless otherwise specified, see below)

All competitors **must** be members of the BHDTA, BHS Gold Members or have Third Party private insurance.

Classes: (age as at 1st June 2008):

Class 1	10 - 12 years - singles
Class 2	13 - 14 years - singles
Class 3	15 - 17 years - singles
Class 4	18 - 25 years - singles
Class 5	11 - 25 years - multiples
Class 6	14 - 25 years who have driven at National Novice level and above - singles

Qualification:

Open to any driver aged 10 – 25 years old, provided that they have completed two affiliated club three-phase events in the last twelve months without being eliminated or retiring, or have been assessed at the summer camp. Competitors must obtain a record card from the BHDTA Office and get it signed by the Club Secretary, the TD **and** the Dressage Judge at each event.

Rules:

The event will be run under BHDTA National Rules unless otherwise specified. You need a copy of these rules. Not knowing the rules is not a defence when you have infringed one.

Variations from BHDTA Rules are as follows:

1. Drivers 13 years and under must have a groom over 21 years with driving experience.
2. Drivers 14 - 18 years old must have a groom of 18 years plus who has participated at affiliated club level as a driver or a groom.
3. Drivers and grooms must wear BHS approved hard hats for the marathon phase and when exercising. Drivers 14 years and under must wear BHS approved hard hats for all phases of the competition.
4. It is recommended that all drivers and grooms wear body protectors on the marathon, but they are compulsory for 10 year olds
5. The vehicle must fit the driver. The driver must be able to brace themselves between a solid foot-rest and the back of the seat.
6. Competitors in class 1 (10 - 12 years old) may use a vehicle with 125cms track width in all phases.
7. (a) 10 year olds may only drive a single turnout
(b) 11 - 15 year olds may drive a single or a pair
(c) 15 - 25 year olds may drive any turnout
To qualify to drive a pair, a driver must have completed three affiliated club three-phase events without being eliminated or retiring. They may only drive a tandem or a team after being assessed. Two grooms will be required with a team turnout.
8. The groom will be expected to assist the driver to regain control if the turnout is in danger. Penalty points will be awarded at the discretion of the TD or any member of the Ground Jury.
9. Drivers must at all times respect their horse/pony and retire at any time if the animal is distressed. It is the responsibility of the groom to monitor the welfare of both the driver and equine.

There will be a safety check at the start of the competition.

Competitors are minded that helpers appreciate your thanks and courteous attitude.

Dressage Test:

Class 1	Pre-Novice 2008 (Arena 80m x 40m)
Class 2	Novice 2008 (Arena 80m x 40m)
Classes 3, 4	Intermediate 2008 (Arena 80m x 40m)
Class 5	Intermediate 2008 (Arena 100m x 40m)
Class 6	FEI Test No. 6a (Arena 100m x 40m)

Cones: To be driven after Dressage
Marathon track width (125cms) acceptable for Class 1
Track width of 138cms for all other classes.

Marathon: 3 sections, flat tracks and woodland, 6 obstacles
Approximately 14Km

Timetable:

Thursday 25 th September	1200 Close of withdrawals
Saturday 27 th September	Trot up prior to Dressage Driven Dressage (start approx 1200) Obstacle Cones Driving
Sunday 28 th September	Marathon Prize giving after Marathon

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES : Wednesday 17th September 2008

Entry Fees: £45 for all Classes (no start fee)

Late entries: Late entries may be accepted, with a surcharge of £10.

Entries to: Amanda Saville
Chariots of Fire Driving Centre
Boreland
Lockerbie
Dumfries, DG11 2LL
Tel 01576 610248

Please use our entry form - either ring for one or download from BHDTA web site.

Cheques payable to: Chariots of Fire

Withdrawals: Please advise by 1200 on Thursday 25th September AT THE LATEST if you are unable to compete.
Tel 07710 053777

Dressage times: Available Thursday 25th September between 2000 and 2200hrs
Tel 07710 053777, and on site from Friday.

Site open: Friday 26th September

Location: Escrick Park is situated on the A19 south of York. Entry is through the gates opposite the turning to Stillingfleet.

Other information: Dogs on leads at all times and kept within the parking area.
There will be a Get-together on Saturday evening.
Any other relevant information will be put on the web, or please contact Amanda at amanda@chariots.org.uk or telephone on 01576 610248 or 07710 053777.

