

## Article 901 ORGANISATION

### 5. Choice of Classes

All, or any, of the following classes may be held at the same Event, but each must be classified separately:

<i>Advanced Singles Horse,</i>	<i>Pony (Level 5)</i>
<i>Open Singles Horse,</i>	<i>Pony (Level 4)</i>
<i>Intermediate Singles Horse,</i>	<i>Pony (Level 3)</i>
<i>National Novice Horse,</i>	<i>Pony (Level 2)</i>
Horse Pair	Pony Pair
Horse Tandem	Pony Tandem
Horse Four in Hand	Pony Four in Hand

### 11. Entries

11.2.2 Competitors and horses are not required to qualify as combinations [but in their own class](#).

11.2.4 For National Events to be considered as qualifiers, at least one International Judge must be on the Ground Jury. NFs wishing to use National Events as qualifiers must request from the FEI [prior to the event](#) the list of Judges from which the International Judge may be chosen.

11.2.5 The International Judge at National Events, which are used as qualifiers for Championships, must be foreign and approved [prior to the event](#) by the FEI.

11.2.6 Deleted

## Article 904 TECHNICAL DELEGATE

*2.4 National Events. The Technical Delegate must be at least An Associate Member of the BHDTA and will be appointed by the BHDTA Council from the BHDTA Technical Delegates list or on the list of Official International Technical, International or Candidate International Technical Delegates.*

## Article 907 COURSE DESIGNER

*2.2.1 National.. The Course Designer must be at least An Associate Member of the BHDTA and on the BHDTA Course Designers list or on the list of Official International Technical, International or Candidate International Course Designers and have attended a Course Designers Clinic in the two years prior to the Event for which they are appointed.*

## Article 908 FEI STEWARD

### 2. Duties

2.1.1. Checking the vehicles of each Competitor after Competition A and C, [and especially the width of the carriage](#) before Competition B [and the start and finish of Section E](#).

2.1.3 Reporting to the President of the Ground Jury any contravention of the Rules not limited to lamps, [locking devices](#), tyres, harness or bits.

## Article 915 VEHICLES

### 2. Equipment

2.1 Vehicles used in Competition A must be fitted with vehicle lamps and rear lamps or reflectors (penalties as per incorrect presentation). Lamps *are not required in Novice and below and* are optional in Competition C.

2.2 Speedometers and distance counters are not permitted in any of the Competitions.

~~2.3 Dampers and locking devices on the turntable at the front of the vehicle are not permitted in Competitions A and C. Vehicles will be checked after Competitors have completed their Driven Dressage Test and their Obstacle Cone Driving.~~

## **Article 916 HARNESS**

### **9. Penalties**

Contravention of any paragraph in this Article (other than Article 916.4 above - [penalties within competition](#)) will incur elimination [during competition and a warning and/or yellow card at all other times during an event.](#)

## **Article 920 National DECLARATION OF STARTERS**

### **1. Declaration of Starters**

[Drivers of all horses must declare which horses/ponies they will use before starting in the Event.](#)

## **Article 924 CLASSIFICATION**

### **6. Names of Horses**

6.1 The names of the horses must appear on the final score sheet, including the name of the reserve horse, if it took part in any of the Competitions.

*6.2 (deleted)*

## **Article 926 CRUELTY**

2.1.3. Reporting to the President of the Ground Jury any contravention of the Rules concerning lamps, ~~locking devices,~~ tyres, harness or bits.

## **Article 936 COMPETITORS**

### **3. Vehicles**

3.2 Vehicles must be fitted with lamps (*not required in Novice and below*) and all vehicles must have either rear lamps or reflectors.

3.3 ~~Speedometers and distance counters, dampers and locking devices on the turn table at the front of the vehicle~~ are not permitted.

## **Article 937 THE ARENA**

1.2 At CAI *and National* events a smaller arena, measuring 80m x 40m and laid out in accordance with Annex 8, may be used for all classes of Singles and Pairs, in which case the loops of the serpentine must be reduced from five to three.

## **Article 942 GENERAL IMPRESSION**

*6.5 For Novice classes or where a separate Presentation competition is held, judging will take place up to one hour (but not less than half an hour) before a competitor's scheduled Dressage time. The Appeal Committee may act as judges. The organising committee will provide a suitable area near the Dressage arena. For Novice classes the Judge should not expect the standard achievable by more experienced competitors and should accept Marathon Harness and Three Phase Vehicle without further penalty*

## **Article 944 SUMMARY OF DRIVEN DRESSAGE PENALTIES**

1.5 Article 936.3.2 Entering the arena without lamps (*not required in Novice and below*), rear lights or reflectors on the vehicle; ..... maximum of 5 penalties

## **Article 947 COMPETITORS**

### **2. Dress**

2.1 Less formal dress is acceptable for Competition B for the Competitor and Grooms. "Shorts" are not permitted. [but gloves and apron are optional.](#) Competitors and Grooms must wear securely fastened protective head gear, under penalty of elimination throughout section E. [Wearing shorts \[or not wearing a hat\] 5 penalties..](#)

## Article 948 THE COURSE

### 1. Distances and speeds

Section	Maximum Distance	Minimum Distance	Paces	Maximum Speed Km/hour	
				Horse	Pony
A	10,000 m	5,000 m	free	15	14
D	1,000 m	800 m	walk	7	6
E	9,000 m 10,000 m	*	free	14	13

\* At least 1 km per obstacle.

1.2 The total distance for all Sections must not exceed a total length of 20(21) km. *The total distance for Novice events must be 12 to 17 km. Pre Novice events should be 8 to 12km.*

## Article 949 OBSTACLES IN SECTION E

### 1. Number of Obstacles

1.1 The maximum number of marked obstacles, natural and artificial, is eight. The minimum number is six. *Pre Novice events should have four to six obstacles, Club Novice six and National Novice six or seven obstacles.*

### 4. Compulsory Gates

4.1 Obstacles may include up to six *(five for Novice and below)* compulsory gates marked with red and white flags, which should be visible from all sides.

## Article 950 INSPECTION OF THE COURSE

### 3. Inspection of the Course by Competitors

3.1 At least 48 *(42)* hours before the first Competitor is due to start Competition B, the whole course *(Sec E only)* must be open for inspection by the Competitors *except under exceptional circumstances, when Organisers have the option to not open sections A and D for inspection with the agreement of the Technical Delegate.*

*Competitors may not ride or drive their horses on or over any part of the marathon course unless the course incorporates the public highway or is part of the official exercise route, nor enter the Dressage or Obstacle Driving arenas, except when actually competing, unless they have express permission to do so.*

## Article 954 OBSTACLE PENALTIES

### 3. Dismounting

3.5 A competitor must stop immediately whenever a horse has its leg over a pole, lead bar *or trace*, when a horse is down and remains down and when instructed to make necessary repair by member of the Ground Jury or Obstacle Observer. Failure to stop and correct the situation before leaving the Obstacle will incur elimination. Time shall continue to run.

## Article 956 JUDGES

### 1. Positions

1.1 One Judge *may (must)* be at the Compulsory Rest after Section D. The Judge must act on the advice of the Veterinary Delegate to decide whether the horses of a Competitor are in a fit condition to continue the

## **Article 958 CLASSIFICATION**

### **2. Summary of Penalties in Competition B**

2.1 Article 947.1 Contravening the Rules .... Elimination

2.2 Article 947.2 Wearing shorts or not wearing a hat ([excluding section E](#)) ...5 Penalties

2.3 Article 947.3 Contravening the advertising Rules Fine of CHF 1,000

### **Article 959 GENERAL**

1.3 Championship and CAIO events [may](#) have a Drive off (Article 966) between all Competitors with zero penalties or equality of penalties for first place.

### **Article 960 COMPETITORS AND GROOMS**

#### **5.Vehicles.**

5.5 Speedometers and distance counters, dampers and locking devices on the turn table at the front of the vehicle are not permitted.

### **Article 961 THE COURSE**

#### **1.Building and Measuring the Course**

1.4 The number of obstacles may not exceed 20 (*18 for Club Novice, 15 for Pre Novice*). The length of the course must be between 500 and 800m.

### **Article 962 OBSTACLES**

#### **1. Cones**

1.4 Clearance between each pair of cones shall be set at *165cm for Intermediate and below*, 160cm for Horse Single, Pony Single and Pair; 170cm for Horse Pair and Tandem, Pony Tandem and Four-in-Hand; and 190cm for Horse Four-in-Hand. See Annex 18 – Competition C Summary

#### **4. Water and Bridges**

4.3 Wooden bridges, or bridges of similar suitable construction approved by the Technical Delegate, with fan shaped wings at the entrance, with the bridge surface not more than 20 cm above the ground with a usable width of three metres and a maximum length of ten metres are permitted, boarded or rail sides are optional. [Technical Delegates may grant an exception if the Bridge is of a permanent solid construction with strong side rails](#). There must be a pair of cones at the entrance (flag lettered A) and exit (flag lettered B) with the cones at least 2.5m apart. See Annex 16.3

#### **6. Plan of the Course**

6.1 At [least 2](#) hours before the start of Competition C, a plan of the course must be given to the Competitors. At least one hour before the start of the competition for each class in the event, a plan must be posted in the Collecting Ring showing the length, speed in metres per minute and the Time Allowed for that class.

## Article 964 PENALTIES

### 9. Timing

9.5 The Time Allowed is calculated using the following speeds in metres per minute.

Class (horses)	First course	Class (ponies)	First course
Four-in-hand	230	Four-in-hand	230
Pair	250	Pair	250
Tandem	230	Tandem	240
<i>Advanced</i> Single	250	<i>Advanced</i> Single	250
<i>Open Single</i>	240	<i>Open Single</i>	240
<i>Intermediate Single</i>	230	<i>Intermediate Single</i>	230
<i>Novice</i>	220	<i>Novice</i>	220
<i>Club Novice</i>	220	<i>Club Novice</i>	220
<i>Pre Novice</i>	210	<i>Pre Novice</i>	210

## Article 969 TECHNICAL SUMMARY

### 1. Horses

	Single	Pair	Tandem	Four-in-Hand
Vehicle	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no brakes	4 wheels	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no Brakes	4 wheels
Minimum track width	138 cm	148 cm	138 cm	158 cm
Clearance between cone pairs *	160 cm <i>(Intermediate &amp; Below:165cm)</i>	170 cm	160 cm <i>170 cm</i>	190 cm
speed allowed (metres per minute)	<i>Advanced 250 Open:240 Intermediate:230 Novice: 220 PreNovice:210</i>	250	230	
Distance between consecutive Obstacles	12m		15m	
Distance between Cones in a Serpentine *	8m		12m	
Distance between Cones in a Zig-zag *	11m		12m	
"L" Shaped Obstacle *	IN – 3m OUT – 3m		IN – 4m OUT – 4m	
"U" Shaped Obstacle	IN – 3m OTHERS – 4m		IN – 4m OTHER – 5m	
Number of Grooms	1		1	2

- Minimum measurement allowed

## 2. Ponies

	Single	Pair	Tandem	Four-in-Hand
Vehicle	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no brakes	4 wheels	2 or 4 wheels, Breeching if no Brakes	4 wheels
Minimum track width	138 cm			
Clearance between cone pairs *	160 cm <i>(Intermediate &amp; below: 165 cm)</i>	160 cm	170 cm	
speed allowed (metres per minute)	<i>Advanced: 250 Open: 240 Intermediate:230 Novice: 220 Pre Novice: 210</i>	250	240	230
Distance between consecutive Obstacles	12m			
Distance between Cones in a Serpentine *	8m	10m		
Distance between Cones in a Zig-zag *	10m			
"L" Shaped Obstacle *	IN – 3m OUT – 3m			
"U" Shaped Obstacle	IN – 2m OTHERS – 3m	IN – 3m OTHERS – 4m		
Number of Grooms	1			2

- Minimum measurement allowed

## BHDTA JUDGES 2005

### ANNEX 3A

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### ANNEX 4A

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### ANNEX 5A

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## COMPETITION B SUMMARY

	<b>Division Class</b>	<b>Maximum distance</b>	<b>Max. km/h 5 Section (3 Section)</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b>	<b>Minimum Track Width (cm)</b>	
<b>Horses</b>	Four-in hand		15/7/19/7/14  (15/7/14)	600 kg	125cm	
	Pair			350kg		
	Tandem			5 Section		150kg
	Single <i>(Advanced, Open, Intermediate)</i>			22km 3 Section 17km		
	<i>Novice</i>			3 Section 12-17km		
	<i>Pre-Novice</i>			3 Section 8-12km		
<b>Pony</b>	Four-in hand		14/6/17/6/13  (14/6/13)	300kg	125cm	
	Pair			225kg		
	Tandem					90kg
	Single <i>(Advanced, Open, Intermediate)</i>					
	<i>Novice</i>			3 Section 12-17km		
	<i>Pre-Novice</i>			3 Section 8-12km		

## ANNEX 18

## COMPETITION C SUMMARY

	Category type	Speed M/min	Cones Width (cm)	Serpentine	Zig-Zag	L	U	Single	Min. Track (cm)
Horse	Four-in hand	230	190	12	12	4/4	4/5/5	15	158
	Tandem								138
	Pair	250	170	8	11	3/3			148
	Single (Advanced)		160						
	<i>Open</i>	<i>240</i>							
	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>230</i>	165				3/4/4	12	
	<i>Novice</i>	<i>220</i>							
	<i>Pre-Novice</i>	<i>210</i>							
Pony	Four-in hand	230	170	10	10				138
	Tandem								
	Pair	250	160	8					
	Single (Advanced)								
	<i>Open</i>	<i>240</i>					2/3/3		
	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>230</i>	165						
	<i>Novice</i>	<i>220</i>							
	<i>Pre-Novice</i>	<i>210</i>							

## **ANNEX 19**

### **Article 902.National**

#### **1. Affiliation**

1.1 Requests to hold NATIONAL HORSE DRIVING TRIALS must be made in writing to The British Horse Driving Trials Association. In the case of new applications the Council will arrange for the site and facilities to be inspected and the organisation approved before affiliation is agreed. Once the date and classes are agreed upon, the appointment of the Technical Delegate, President of the Jury and Safety Officer have been approved and the event has been included in the BHDTA Fixture List, these may not be altered without permission of the Council. **The BHDTA Office will supply Event Organisers with the necessary paperwork for their Event and a list of equipment available for hire, if required.**

1.2 Applications to hold **National Novice Single (Level 2) qualifiers** at affiliated Club Events must be made in writing to the BHDTA who, after approving the Venue, Technical Delegate, Course Builder and Judges, will allocate qualifier classes to events, normally on the basis of achieving the best geographical spread. For detailed information on the Officials and course requirements please refer to the '*Guidelines for Organisers – National Novice (Level 2) Qualifier Events*' issued January 2007 obtainable from the BHDTA office or on [www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk](http://www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk)

#### **2. Start Fees**

2.1 National and National Novice Single (Level 2) Event Organisers will be responsible for collecting Start Fees from all Competitors at the rate to be published by the BHDTA Council in December each year for use in the following year. The Fees collected must be remitted to the BHDTA office within ten days following the Event.

#### **3. Schedules**

The Organiser should publish a schedule of competitions not less than six weeks before the event. Schedules need not repeat the Rules contained in the Rule book but should include: Classes and Competitions to be held

~~Prizes to be awarded~~

Conditions of entries

Approximate timetable

Number of Dressage Test and size of arena

Marathon sections included

Time at which Marathon papers are available and course is open for inspection

~~Time and place when the Technical Delegate and Course Builder are available to answer questions~~

Disclaimer of Liability, Organiser's Reservation of Right, Brief instructions how to reach the place of competition

Health & Safety Clause

#### **4. Programme**

4.1 All programmes must include the following:-

Statement that the Event is held under the BHDTA Rules

Classes and timetables of competitions

List of entries, ~~if possible with score sheet in the same form as the public score board~~

List of Officials, including Organiser, Technical Delegate, Ground Jury, Appeals Committee, Course Builder, Veterinary and Medical Officer, Farrier and Safety Officer.

Disclaimer of Liability

Reservation of Right

Health & Safety Clause

4.2 The following should be included if possible:

Brief Rules and system of scoring

~~System of Presentation for Novices~~

~~Dressage Test~~

Plan of the Marathon Course however simple

Sketches of Marathon Obstacles

Plan of Obstacle Driving Course

~~Rules on forbidden substances~~

Requests that dogs should be kept on leads

~~Lists of forthcoming events~~

~~Advertisements~~

## ANNEX 20

### 1. Membership

1.1 Owners, Joint Owners, Sponsors, and Drivers must be Full, Young, [Introductory](#), [Foreign](#) or Company Members of The British Horse Driving Trials Association. All Marathon Grooms must be Members or Marathon Groom Members of the British Horse Driving Trials Association.

1.3 Foreign Competitors may apply to the BHDTA Office to register to compete at a maximum of two National Events each year without having to become Full Members of the BHDTA. The cost of this registration will be reviewed and published annually. Full Membership will be required to compete at more than two National Events in any year.

National Novice Intermediate, Open and Advanced. Levels(2 – 5)	16 years	18 years
	14 years	18 years

### 4. Driver Qualifications

The eligibility to compete in a class refers to the driver unless stated otherwise.

#### 4.1 National Novice Singles (Level 2) Qualifier Classes for the National Novice Championships. (to be run at approved affiliated Club events)

To be eligible to compete in a National Novice Singles (Level 2) Qualifier Class at an Affiliated Club Event, a driver must have:

4.1.1 successfully completed all three phases, with a minimum three section marathon, at three affiliated Club events within the current or previous two seasons.

Competitors must submit a photocopy of a competence form signed by the club/event secretary to acknowledge completion and also by the Dressage Judge and the Technical Delegate to signify their approval of the competitor's ability to enter a National Novice Qualifier class. Competence forms must be submitted for signature at each event to which they relate before the start of Competition A. Competence forms partially completed before 2007 without a Judge's signature are acceptable.

4.1.2 Or have previously competed at a Novice Qualifier event

The driver must not have:

4.1.3 competed in an Intermediate Class or higher at a National Event, nor

4.1.4 finished in the top 50% of the class in the National Novice Championship, nor

4.1.5 won a National Novice Singles (Level 2) Qualifier on two occasions (although the Novice status is retained until the end of the season), nor

4.1.6 qualified for the National Novice Championships in 2006 or before.

#### 4.2 Intermediate Singles (Level 3) Classes

To be eligible to compete in an Intermediate Singles (Level 3) class at a National Event, a driver must have:

4.2.1 qualified for the National Novice Championships, or

4.2.2 finished in the top three at an approved Novice Qualifying event on three occasions with a minimum of four in the class within the current or previous two seasons, or

4.2.3 competed previously in an Intermediate class.

The driver must not have:

4.2.4 won an Intermediate (Level 3) Class on two occasions. (although the Intermediate status is retained until the end of the season ), or

4.2.5 finished in the top 50% of the class in the National Intermediate Championship, nor

4.2.6 competed in an Open Class or Advanced Class at a National event. However a Competitor from the Advanced

or Open Classes may compete in the Intermediate Singles Class with a Novice horse. They must return to the Open Class after one win and will not be eligible to qualify for the National Intermediate Championship. A Novice horse is one that has never competed in an Open or Advanced Class.

#### 4.3 Open Singles (Level 4) Classes

To be eligible to compete in the Open Singles (Level 4) Class,

A driver must have:

4.3.1 previously competed in a National Open Class, or qualified for the National Intermediate Championship, or finished in the top three in the Intermediate Class on three occasions with a minimum of four in the class within the current or previous two seasons.

4.3.2 the horse/driver combination must not be currently qualified to drive in the Advanced class.(Art 910 National 4.4 below)

#### **4.4 Advanced Singles (Level 5) Classes**

4.4.1 The eligibility to drive in the Advanced Singles (Level 5) class refers to the horse/driver combination.

4.4.2 To be eligible to compete in the Advanced Singles (Level 5) class, the combination of horse and driver must have won the Open Singles (Level 4) class on two occasions and have achieved a Dressage score of 60 or less on at least one of these occasions.

4.4.3 An Advanced Singles Competitor loses eligibility for this class until requalified through Open Singles class if: he/she has competed in the Advanced Singles (Level 5) class with a minimum of 5 competitors in the class during the season but has not been placed above the last two places in a class,

Or, he/she has not competed in the Advanced Class for two consecutive seasons,

Or, (Advisory note) - he/she has changed the horse with which the Advanced status was achieved. See Article 910.4.4.1 above

4.4.4 Open Horse/Pony Competitors who register their intention to compete for selection for the 2007 World Pony Championships or the 2008 World Single Horse Championships may compete in the Advanced Class at the discretion of the Council.

#### **4.5 Open Pair or Tandem Classes**

4.5.1 To be eligible to compete in an Open Pair or Tandem Class, a driver must have completed the marathon with a minimum of three sections without retirement or elimination with a Single in a minimum of three Open or Advanced classes at National events or with a Pair or Tandem at a minimum of three Affiliated Club events. A Competitor qualifying at Club events must submit a photocopy of a competence form (see Art 910.4.1.1). A competitor will be asked to present the turnout for a safety inspection before the Dressage at his/her first National event with the pair/tandem, at a time specified 196-2

#### **4.7 National Championships and National Points Leagues**

4.7.1 To be eligible to drive at the National Championships or be included in the National Points Leagues, a competitor must be a Full or Introductory Member of the

#### **4.8 Qualification for the National Championships**

4.8.1 Qualification for the National Championships refers to the driver except in the Advanced Class where it refers to the horse and driver combination. A Competitor may qualify for more than one class providing he/she has been placed in a qualifying position in that class and must nominate which class they intend to contest at the time of entry for the National Championships.

#### 4.8.3 Qualifying Classes for the National Championships

Qualifying Class	Venue
National Novice singles ( Level 2)	BHDTA approved Affiliated Club Events
Intermediate Singles(Level 3)	National Events
Open Singles (Level 4)	
Advanced Singles (Level 5)	
Open Pairs, Tandems and Fours	

#### 4.8.4 Qualification for the National Championships Criteria for all Classes

Number of Competitors In the class	Qualification Criteria
6 or more	The highest <u>two</u> disregarding those already qualified from the first <u>eight</u> places.
3 to 5	The highest place disregarding those already qualified.
2 or less	The highest place disregarding those already qualified, provided the driver's dressage score is 65 or less.

## PASSPORTS AND REGISTRATION

### Article 912. National PASSPORTS,

#### 1. Registration.

1.1 All horses and ponies competing in National Horse Driving Trials must have a recognised, statutory passport and unique identification number in compliance with government regulations.

1.2 On collection of Event paperwork at events a declaration form must be handed into the event office listing the full names and identification number of the horse/ponies competing at that event.

1.3 **Vaccinations** for equine influenza including booster injections at twelve month intervals must be entered in the passport which must include a fully completed identification diagram verified by a vet.

1.4. Horses/ponies must be entered at all affiliated Events and Shows in their registered names. Spot checks of identification, passport and vaccinations record of horses/ponies, will be carried out on the first day of the competition at all Events on 10% of starters.

#### 2. Penalties.

The following penalties will be imposed if any passports or vaccination record are not in order:

2.1 If the Competitor is not in possession of statutory passports for all his horses as described in Article 912.National.1.1 above, on arrival at the event, he /she will not be allowed to compete. If a Competitor is found to have competed with a horse without being in possession of a passport, a fine of £50.00 will be imposed, and the animals will not be allowed to compete in a National Event until the fine has been paid.

2.2 If the passport is not correct or if the record of vaccinations, which must be entered in the passport, are incorrect - these will be referred to a Veterinary Surgeon and if found to be out of order, the competitor will be allowed to continue to compete but will be fined £50.00. The passport must be in order and the fine paid before the animal will be allowed to compete again.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL BHDTA HORSEDRIVING TRIALS

2. All owners, joint owners, ~~sponsors~~ and drivers must be Full, Young, Introductory, Foreign or Company Members of The British Horse Driving Trials Association. **All grooms on the Marathon phase at a National Event and National Novice Singles (Level 2) at affiliated club events must have subscribed as Members or Marathon Grooms with The British Horse Driving Trials Association.**

3. Newcomers to National Horse Driving Trials, including the National Novice Singles (Level 2) at affiliated club events, may compete for their first season as an Introductory member provided they have not previously been a full member of the BHDTA.

4. All horses/ponies must be aged 4 years old or over and must have a recognised, statutory passport and unique identification number in compliance with government regulations.

5. All horses/ponies must be vaccinated against equine influenza, including booster injections at 12 monthly intervals, and the record of vaccinations must be recorded in the statutory passport. Passport must accompany all horses/ponies to events, and spot checks will be made at all events to ensure that horses/ponies can be correctly identified are entered in their registered name and their record of vaccinations is in accordance with the Rules.

12. Competitors are responsible for providing their own number cloth holders, which must be purchased in advance from the BHDTA Office ~~price £8.50 including VAT, post & packing.~~

## **INDOOR HORSE DRIVING TRIALS UK RULES.**

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### **Speed.**

2.18 A competitor will incur one penalty point for each commenced second above or below the target time and *five* penalties for dislodging one or both balls of a single obstacle.

### **4. Competitors**

4.4 Drivers may compete in two classes at an event and will qualify from both.

4.5 Drivers who are sixty years old on the first of October will qualify for the Seniors class at the finals.

### **5 - Grooms**

5.5 Drivers may act as grooms on other turnouts within the same event in which they are competing.

### **9 – National Finals Qualification System**

9.3 Competitors may not transfer points between regions unless an event is specified as being multi regional in the schedule.

9.4 In combined classes, points will be awarded separately to both classes.