

Hereford and District Driving Group Rules for All Events Dec 2015

Compliance with these rules will ensure that everyone has the best opportunity to safely enjoy the events organised by HDDG.

1. All drivers must hold third party liability insurance for a minimum of £5,000,000 and be prepared to show it to Club Officers (if requested). Drivers must ensure they comply with any special conditions their insurance may have.
2. All drivers are responsible for their own equines and must ensure they are competent and fit enough to complete the event. They are responsible for the equine's welfare at all times.
3. HDDG reserve the right to refuse or reject any turnout deemed unsuitable or unsafe for the event/class entered. The decision of the members/judge present shall be final.
4. Any person abusing equines, misusing the whip, or behaving inappropriately will be excluded from the event and maybe excluded from future events.
5. Anyone driving or riding recklessly or endangering the safety of other people or equines at any event will be asked to leave by the event organiser or Officer of the club.
6. All equines ridden or driven must be 4 years of age or over – unless specifically allowed at the event.
7. All turnouts attending any event must have a competent groom in attendance.
8. Whips must ensure that their equine is happy driving in company and a similar environment prior to attending an event.
9. HDDG will do a risk assessment for each event and keep a copy on file.
10. Dogs are the responsibility of their handler and must be kept on leads and under close control at all times in parking areas and on show grounds (including carriage dogs). Dogs must be under control at all other times.
11. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.
12. Any equine in full harness and attached to a vehicle must not be left unattended.
13. Equines must be removed from the vehicle before unharnessing. Never remove the bridle and/or the reins before the equine is free of the vehicle
14. Anyone riding an equine must wear an approved riding hat.
15. Racing is not allowed.

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Best Practice Jan 2015

(Reviewed and unchanged Dec 2015)

These guidelines have been compiled by the members of HDDG to ensure that we all fully enjoy our events:

1. Members should book in with the organiser during the week before an event (at the latest), if there is no closing date for entries.
2. All harness should be in sound condition and adjusted to fit the equine.
3. The vehicle should be in sound condition and suitable for the event.
4. Whips should not mount or alight the vehicle without a groom at the equine's head.
5. It is recommended that spares and a first aid kit for humans and equines should be carried at all rallies and drives.
6. All turnouts should be driven at a walk in the lorry park or any public areas at shows and rallies.
7. Your whip is an aid, and should be in your hand, not in the whip socket.
8. Clear hand signals should be used by the whip and / or groom as necessary.
9. Look behind before moving off.
10. Look well ahead and remember what you miss that your equine may see - it could be the start of a problem.
11. When driving in company leave sufficient distance from the vehicle in front to permit change of pace or direction.
12. After descending a slope ensure the turnout behind you is clear of the slope before increasing pace.
13. Always approach any horses or pedestrians with caution, pass carefully, not too close or too fast.
14. Always stop in a space which allows you to exit easily at any time.
15. The wearing of Hi-viz and a hard hat at rallies are recommended.
16. Coachman style rein handling is recommended for all events, except cones and obstacles.
17. It is recommended that all juniors (under the age of 14) wear an approved riding hat whilst on a carriage.

Hereford and District Driving Group Show Rules Jan 2015

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These have been compiled as an aide memoire for organisers of any shows:

1. The HDDG Rules for All Events will apply, unless a specific exclusion is stated.
2. The show committee will consist of the Organiser, HDDG Chairman and HDDG Secretary
3. Judges may be changed without prior notification. The decision of the judge is final.
4. Classes may be amalgamated if entries are low.
5. Refunds will only be given if your class is cancelled by HDDG.
6. Competitors may be excluded from the class/event if not suitably dressed for the event attended. I.e. Hat, Gloves, Apron and Whip for showing.
7. Objections should be made in writing to a member of the show committee accompanied by a deposit of £40 within 30mins of the end of that class. The matter will be investigated by the show committee and their decision shall be final. The deposit will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
8. Winners of show trophies shall return them by registered post or by hand to the Trophy secretary one month before the next show in a clean and undamaged condition. Any engraving should be done appropriately. Loss or damage to trophies will be the responsibility of the holder.