



# CIAT ASHFIELDS

2-3 AUGUST 2025

## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Ashfields Carriage & Polo Centre, Green Street, Great Canfield, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1JU

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# EVENT PROGRAMME...



**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July**

7.00pm The Routier will be available to view online at YouTube where competitors will be emailed a link to study and review the route and difficulties prior to the event.

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August**

11.am Gates open for arrival of competitors.

6.30pm Competitors welcoming Pimms & Evening Meal. (Paid bar available).

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

10.30am Carriages Presentation Judging Point 1 commences.

Carriages Presentation Judging Point 2 to follow.

Carriages Presentation Judging Point 3 to follow.

1.30pm Carriage Driving Routier will immediately follow on from the Presentation stage.

**Ashfields Club House**

7.00pm Dinner (prepaid ticket event only).

Awards:

Best Presentation - The Mike Cooper Memorial Trophy.

Best Groom

The Stewards Favourite - The Evelyn Radnai Memorial 'Pretty as a Picture' Trophy.

Best Harness - The Tabé Annema Trophy

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August • MAIN ARENA**

10.00am Maniabilité commences in the Event field Main arena.

2.30pm Grand Finale and final awards for the individual driving categories.

## EVENT OFFICIALS:

Event Director

Event Secretary

Event Organiser Team

President of the Jury

Hon Judges:

Paul Mills

Liz Harcombe

Paul Mills, Gill Mills

Ad van der Pluijm

Elizabeth Cartwright-Hignett

Ad van der Pluijm

Geoff Dudley

Paul Mills

Technical Delegates

# 2025 COMPETITION GUIDELINES...

The object of these competitions is to maintain the art of traditional driving, using original traditional carriages (built before 1945), to develop it's image and help the lovers of this sport to improve their skills.

The competitions has three phases: **A. Presentation - B. Road drive - C. Cone driving**

## REQUIREMENTS

To take part in a traditional driving competition (CAT) or international driving competition (CIAT), the driver and the groom must be at least 12 years old. Between 12 and 16, the driver must be accompanied by an adult. Each driver who takes part in such a competition must be in order with statutory requirements( membership, engagement).

To compete the driver must have evidence of comprehensive insurance (third party liability including cover for carriage driving.) and horses, ponies and donkeys must be correctly vaccinated, chipped and have an identification card or passport. Otherwise they will not be able to take part in the competition. Heavy horses can take part in the category of horses but only for a whole season. Horses can only take part in the category of heavy horses if they are inscribed in a national studbook of heavy horses.

## JUDGING

The jury is composed of a president and one or two AIAT certified judges . It guarantees that the rules are properly observed. Only the President of Jury has the authority to eliminate what they consider to be a potentially dangerous turnout (including stressed or badly behaved horses, inexperienced drivers, dangerous carriages, badly fitting harness)  
The Veterinary can only give information to the President of the Jury.

## CARRIAGES

Original traditional old carriages (before 1945) are marked out of 20 points (coefficient 3), reproductions and others are marked out of 20 points (coefficient 1).

The competitor's number must be clearly visible on the carriage.

A participant who gives wrong information of his carriage will be disqualified.

## Phases

The same driver accompanied by their groom(s) must drive in all three phases or will be disqualified. The number of grooms (in grooms clothing or otherwise) must be minimal:

- Single, Pair, Tandem or three horses: one groom,
- Unicorn, Pickaxe, Four-in-hand or more: two grooms.

The complete turnout cannot be changed in any way (horse, carriage, number of grooms, harness) during the three phases. Any changing is penalised by 20 penalties. The change of driver will cause the elimination. The driver and the grooms must wear the same clothes, except if it rains. The whip, adapted to the team (short or long reins) will be kept in the hand during the event. A whip that is not held in the hand, or that is not adapted to the team, will be penalised by 10 penalties. A horse or pony may only be driven once in each phase during the event. It is mandatory to participate in the price giving ceremony, except when the president of the jury has previously agreed through exceptional circumstances, to excuse the competitor. Any outside assistance during the entirety of the competitions may result in a disqualification.

## A. Presentation

Each turnout is judged at the halt individually by each of the judges as per the official Presentation Sheet.

Boots and bandages on the horses are forbidden. (10 point penalty)

A competitor arriving after the time indicated on the schedule for the presentation of for the Routier, receives a 5 point penalty.

## B. Routier

The Routier is to test the skills and knowledge of the driver and the ability to drive at a steady pace in normal circumstances. The route will be suitable for all type of carriages on good tracks.

The distance should be between 12 kms and 17 kms and less than 9 kms for donkeys and without interrupting the itinerary.

The driver must respect the Highway Code at all times and he drives at their own risk. The maximum speed is:

- 6 km per hour for donkeys.
- 9 km per hour for small ponies - up to and including 1.32 m (13hh) and heavy horses and great donkeys.
- 11 km per hour for ponies - over 1.32 m (13hh)
- 13 km per hour for horses. - (over 14.2hh)
- 11 km per hour for heavy carriages (Coach).

The Technical Delegate only can reduce the speed as a function of the topographic and prevailing conditions. He will inform the judges.

The time allowed will be + or - 1 minute.

For example: official time = 65 mins. Allowed time = between 64 and 66 mins.

Each second over or under the time allowed = 0.2 penalty point.

There is a maximum of 5 natural or artificial obstacles (PC) The last one must be at least 300 metres before the finish. (taken from official AIAT list)

There is a 5 point penalty for the driver who stops in the last 300 metres.

A driver will be disqualified if they drive through a PC on the Road Drive or through a gate of the cone driving before the competition. All help in a PC is penalised by 10 penalties. Using brakes is not allowed in a PC and is penalised by 10 penalties. Each destruction of the PC before, during or after

the execution of the figure will be punished with 10 penalties. The figures of the PC must be executed directly and in one movement (except reining back). E.g.: One handed circle is executed in one circle, the drinking glass, straight on between A and B.

## C. Cone driving

The cone driving competition is to test the skill of the driver and of the obedience and agility of the horses on a given course.

The area should be on flat firm ground of between 6000 – 8000 square metres and provide safe driving conditions.

The speed is 180m/mn for heavy horses, tandems and four-in-hands, 200m/mn for the others and 160m/mn for donkeys. The use of brakes is not allowed during this phase. If used, a 10 point penalty will be applied.

The competitor may not stay in the arena more than twice the time limit allowed for the course, after this they will be asked to leave.

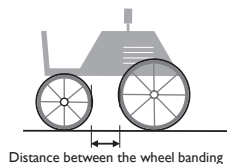
The course will have a maximum of 20 gates. No obstacle with bars is allowed. The distance between each gate of the zig zag is at least 12 meters.

### The width of the gates:

For a 2 wheeled vehicles, the wheel track width + 30 cm;

For a 4 wheeled vehicles, depends on the track of the rear wheels and of the distance between the front and the rear wheel banding:

Width between the wheel banding	Width of the Gate
less than 40 cm	track width +30cm
from 40 cm to 59 cm	track width +35cm
from 60 cm to 89 cm	track width +40cm
from 90 cm	track width +45cm
Winchester	total width 230 cm
Winchester with heavy horses	total width 250 cm



If competitors inspect the course within 1 hour of the cone driving they must be dressed as for the competition. If not: 5 penalty points.

The driver must salute the Jury before the start of their round but not necessarily at the end.

Exceeding the time limit: 0.2 point/second.

Missing the starting gate: 10 penalty points and must start again.

Each ball knocked down: 5 penalty points and on any one gate there is a maximum of 5 penalty points .

The gates must be negotiated in numerical order and cannot be crossed again. If a gate is taken twice: 5 penalty points. (in either direction)

If a driver misses a gate, they can retake the gate, before continuing on to the next gate without penalty points. If they have already taken the next gate: 10 penalty points. Each gate taken or not taken, if knocked down: 5 penalty points. The clock is stopped when the Jury bell is rung until the gate is re-erected. A gate partially taken without any balls knocked down: 5 penalty points. Any incident even when not noticed by the driver may be indicated by the Jury in which case, the driver must correct it and continue whilst the clock continues without interruption.

If the driver forgets to go past the finish gate: 10 penalty points. As long as the driver has not gone through the finish or has not gone out of the arena, the clock continues.

A refusal at a gate is not penalised.

## COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

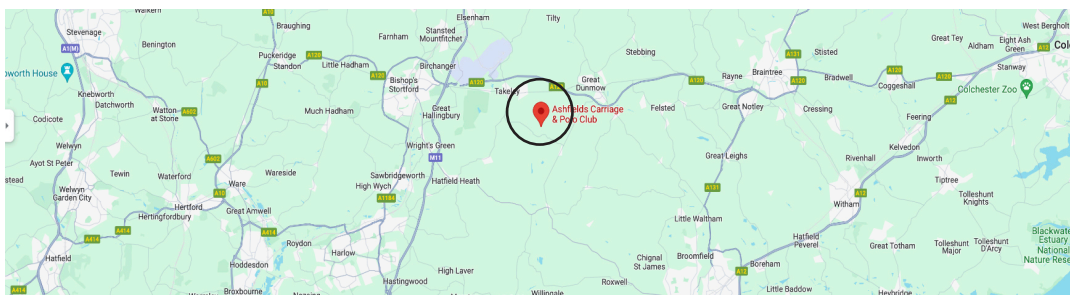
- A1. Single Pony** (up to and including 14.2hh)
- A2. Single Horse** (over 14.2hh)
- A3. Pony pair**
- A4. Horse pair**
- A5. Tandem**
- A6. Multiples of horses or ponies**
- A7. Donkeys, Mules & very small Ponies**  
(VSP - under 11.00hh).

## SPECIAL AWARDS:

- S1 The Stewards Favourite**
- S2 The Evelyn Radnai Pretty as a picture Trophy**
- S3 The Tabe Annema Trophy** - Best Harness
- S6 Best Young Driver** - Highest placed turnout driven by a young driver under 17yrs
- S7 Best Lady Whip** - Highest placed turnout driven by a lady whip
- S8 Best Gentleman Whip** - Highest placed turnout driven by a gentleman whip
- S9 The Mike Cooper Trophy for Best Presentation**
- C1 The Mills Trophy for Supreme Champion** - Highest placed turnout
- C2 Reserve Champion** - Second Highest placed turnout

## LOCATION

The Ashfields Centre is easily accessible for very large horseboxes. SAT NAV code is: CM6 1JU.



# EVENT REGULATIONS...

The Organisers would like to express their sincere gratitude to Ashfields Carriage & Polo Club and the staff of Ashfields Carriage & Polo Club for their gracious support of this event. We extend a warm welcome to members of the Equestrian community to our very special event. Whilst we endeavour to make the event as safe and as enjoyable as possible for everyone, we would kindly request you observe our regulations:

- All participants have a duty of care to be as safe as possible and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner for themselves and those around them at all times at this event.
- It is required that all competitors must provide proof of Third Party Liability Insurance at time of entry.
- Neither the organising committee of the event, nor the Organisers, nor Ashfields Carriage & Polo Club, nor any Land Owner, Agent, Employee or representative of these bodies accept any Liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to any animal, person or property whatsoever however caused.
- The Organisers will not be responsible for any entry made in the wrong class.
- Dogs must be on leads at all times. Children must be the responsibility of the accompanying adults.
- Children and vulnerable adults are the responsibility of the accompanying adults or guardians. Please advise the event organiser if you DO NOT wish to have any photographs taken of these individuals.
- The Organisers reserve the right to cancel any class, refunding any fees in respect thereof, otherwise fees will not be refunded.
- The Organisers reserve the right to change any judge without warning and to amalgamate or divide any class.
- It is the responsibility of all owners and exhibitors to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases and take all necessary precautions. Although not compulsory, owners of all equines are recommended to vaccinate against equine influenza.
- The Organisers reserve the right to reject or cancel any entry if they deem it fit to do so. Any exhibitor making an entry shall deem to accept and shall abide by these rules. The decision of the organising committee shall be final.
- The decision of the President of the Jury shall be final. As Disciplinary Steward, they have the authority to penalise any person guilty of dangerous riding or driving, misuse of the whip or ill treatment of a pony/horse or conducting themselves in a manner which is offensive to the public.
- Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary accompanied by £20 within half an hour of the occurrence, which may, at the discretion of the event committee, be forfeited to the event funds if the objection is disallowed.
- Driven equines must be 4 years old or over, unless otherwise stated. In the interests of safety, any competing colts or stallions will only be accepted if the owner can assure their good behaviour. No child under the age of 14 can compete with/drive a stallion.
- Competitors must check at the Event Secretary office on the event day for alterations. Any changes will be broadcast. Any advance changes will be posted on the website and facebook
- All equines must proceed at the walk in the horse park and in any public or crowded area. Any schooling, working in, warming up or lungeing must be done safely away from the other participants. No driving furiously or cantering in the proximity of the event field, stables or horseboxes is allowed as this may unsettle other participants.
- Anyone riding a pony/horse at anytime MUST wear protective headgear.
- In the interest of public safety, no horses or ponies should be left tied unattended to the outside of a horsebox. Anyone found contravening this rule will be asked to leave the event ground immediately

**FIRST AID** A trained first aider will be in attendance. Any emergencies will be referred to the local A&E

**FARRIER** A registered farrier will be in attendance/on call. Details will be available from the Stable Manager. Exhibitors are responsible for the cost of individual farrier services.

**VET** Arrangements have been made with the nearest veterinary surgeons who will be on standby for the event. Exhibitors are responsible for cost of individual veterinary treatment.



