



## Driver Classification Rules

These rules apply to indoor and outdoor competitions i.e. inside/out, ODE's, mini ODE's, Indoor events and World Cup competitions. Showing classes have their own set of rules.

Whilst other organisations may have their own set of rule, the following rules appertain to all Oaks Driving Club events and are what all Oaks competitions will be based upon. Rules are based on the driver, not the animal being driven. So for example, an open driver driving a novice animal competes in open classes whilst a novice driver may drive in novice classes with an experienced animal. A "class" is entries of three or more competitors. When entries are lower the class will be combined with the next grade up, i.e.; an intermediate horse class with only two entries will be amalgamated with the open horse class.

**Beginners Class** - Drivers who are in their first year of competing at club level. Drivers may stay in this class for one calendar year only, after which they must move up to Novice. Where a beginners class is not shown in a schedule, drivers compete in Novice class.

**Novice Class** - Drivers not to have been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at Novice club level prior to season. Drivers may stay in this class for one calendar year only, after which they will move into Intermediate.

**Intermediate Class** - Drivers not to have been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at Intermediate club level prior to season. Drivers may stay in this class for one calendar year only, after which they will move into Open.

**Open Class** - Open to all. Drivers of multiples are considered open class. Any driver that has competed in National Novice Qualifies and upwards at British Carriage Driving is an open driver.

**Multiples Class** - Drivers of more than one pony in a turnout. Drivers are considered in the Open class.

**Small Pony Class** - Open to all levels of drivers. Ponies 11 hands (112cm) and under.



**Hors Concours** - For those who do not want the pressure of competition. Please state H/C on your entry form for any competition. Competitors will receive all the score sheets/comments as available on the day. No place rosettes will be presented. Competitors may drive hors concours at any event.

**Once a driver has attained a level they will not be able to downgrade.**

Entry fees will not be refunded except on production of a Veterinary Surgeon's or Doctor's certificate on or before the day of the Event. If the Club cancels an event, full entry fees will be refunded.