

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **The Great Lakes Carriage Classic** is recognized by the American Driving Society and every class offered herein which is covered by the current rules and specifications of the Society will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith."
2. **Ancaster Agricultural Society**, The GLCC Show Committee, Officials and any property owners of any such land which may be used for any aspect of the Competition will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or injuries to any person, horse/pony or loss or damage to property incurred on the show grounds, staging/stabling area or property used during the competition. In all situations the whip assumes responsibility and liability for any injury or damage to him/herself, to groom/s, and or passenger/s riding with them in the vehicle. All persons riding on the vehicle from time of arrival to departure **MUST** sign a waiver and put it on file with the Show Secretary. A parent or guardian must sign the waiver if the competitor is under 19 years of age.
3. **Dressage & CDE Style Cones** The entry fee for the Friday Dressage and CDE Style Cones is \$75. The fee is \$50 for a turnout that signs up for the dressage only and \$40 for the turnout that signs up for the CDE Style cones only.
4. **Pleasure division** Entry fee is \$150 for the pleasure division. The pleasure division is made up of five classes: Pleasure Turnout, Pleasure Working, Reinsmanship, Fault and Out Obstacle Course and Timed Obstacle Course. The fee is \$35 per class for a whip who signs up for individual classes in the pleasure division. The Carriage Dog Class, International Class/ Costume Class and Ride/Drive Class have an entry fee of \$25 each. The Red Light / Green Light Class is \$15. There is no entry fee for the Concours d'Elegance Class.
5. **Entries received** before the closure date of **Friday, July 12TH** will be entered in a draw for a gift basket. This basket will be presented to the draw winners at registration with the Show Secretary. Late entries will be taken from closure date until July 28th with a \$50 late penalty fee.
6. **In the case of an exhibitor** being entered and not exhibiting, the entry fees will be forfeited unless a veterinary or doctor certificate is presented to the Show Secretary prior to the start of the show. Stall fees are NOT REFUNDABLE.
7. **Any questions or disputes** should be referred to the Technical Delegate for a ruling or decision. Should a competitor wish to protest the TD's ruling, he/she may do so at the time such decision is made by filing a formal protest in writing with the Competition Appeals Committee. A \$100 fee must be submitted to the Show Secretary to activate a Protest Hearing by the Committee that is chaired by the Technical Delegate. The ruling of the Appeal Committee is to be rendered within 24 hours of the protest filing or prior to the presentation of Championship Awards. No protest will be heard after the close of the show. The \$100 filing fee will be returned to the competitor if a decision is rendered in favour of the competitor.
8. **The show committee** reserves the right to combine or cancel classes if there are less than three entries received in any of the listed classes. The Committee also reserves the right to split any class in the interest of safety and if the number of entries warrant such action.
9. **Ties for champion placings** will be broken by the competitors' placing in the Turnout Class of that Division unless the two entries are owned by the same person and in this case the owner may designate the order of finish.
10. **Outside assistance** is forbidden unless directed by the judge or in the coach assisted division.
11. **All animals** must be serviceably sound and not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, physical distress or impairment of vision in both eyes.

12. **It is the competitor's responsibility** to be certain that all harness and vehicles are in good repair. No competitor will be allowed to continue in a class if in the opinion of the Judge, any part of the turnout has become dangerous or unsafe.
13. **There shall be no schooling** or walking of an equine over any portion of the obstacle courses. While walking the course competitors shall not move an obstacle or part thereof in any way.
14. **All entries must have a number** before class entry. If an equine, whip or vehicle changes in the pleasure division a new number is required. The numbers are available at the Secretary's Office once all fees have been paid.
15. **Wire wheeled vehicles** and vehicles with pneumatic tires are allowed in the Utility Division without prior approval. For all other classes and divisions such vehicles must get PRIOR approval to show. Please contact Jean McLean at <mailto:jean@glcc.ca> to get approval.
16. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A BRIDLE BE REMOVED FROM AN ANIMAL WHILE IT IS STILL PUT TO A VEHICLE.** While put to, no animal should be left un-attended and if this is done it will result in ELIMINATION.
17. **Cantering is not allowed** in any class in the pleasure division or in the specialty classes, (carriage dog, international/costume, red light/green light). Cantering is allowed in the Drive/Ride Class and in the Friday dressage and CDE Style cones according to ADS protocols.
18. **For a non-showing equine**, a fee of \$50 is to be paid and the animal is to wear its number at all times while on the show grounds.
19. **It is the responsibility of the whip** to be on time for classes. At the discretion of the Technical Delegate the entrance gate will be closed to late arrivals or temporarily held open if the whip notifies the Show Secretary prior to the class that there will be a conflict.
20. **When a driver is cross entering**, their entry must be received by the closure date of **July 12th**. No late cross entries will be accepted.
21. **For breed specific** classes and awards - documentation / registration papers for the equine is required and must be submitted with the entry.
22. **Wheel measurements** must be recorded prior to the cones classes.
23. **All whips must** be members of The American Driving Society or by reciprocity Equine Canada or pay a non member show fee of \$30 US or \$45 Canadian. This fee can later be applied towards an ADS membership for the same calendar year. All competitors must pay an ADS administration fee of \$5 US or \$7.50 Canadian.
24. **All whips are responsible** to ensure that adequate and current liability insurance coverage is in place prior to registering in the GLCC Show. (This is at the determination of each Whip).
25. **The GLCC Show Committee reserves** to itself the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fee before or during the competition without being liable for compensation.
26. **Juniors are defined** as being less than 19 years of age as of January 1st, 2024. Juniors must wear a properly fitted, fastened and approved helmet at all times on the vehicle. A knowledgeable adult must accompany the entry if the whip is less than 10 years of age as of 1/1/2024. If the entry is less than 14 years of age as of 1/1/2024 a knowledgeable adult must accompany the entry unless the equine is a VSE. A groom may also ride on the carriage with the knowledgeable adult but no other passengers are allowed. Stallions are PROHIBITED in the Junior Division.

27. **In all classes the driver** will wear a hat or helmet, apron or knee rug and gloves. An appropriate driving whip should be carried at all times while driving and the whip thong must be able to reach the farthest horse/pony's shoulders. Failure to carry a whip in a cones or obstacle class incurs ELIMINATION unless accommodations have been approved prior to the class. In CDE Style Cones a properly fastened helmet must be worn .
28. **Para/COOL/SN drivers** must submit their restrictions and accommodations to the Show Management with their entry by the entry due date of **Friday, 12th of July**.
29. **Drivers may** be either an amateur or a professional. The only person to handle the reins, whip and brake is the driver unless under emergency circumstances where assistance may be given without penalty by the grooms or passengers who may dismount for this purpose.
30. **In the event of a breakdown** in the obstacle classes to harness or vehicle, the competitor is to make only those adjustments necessary for the safe removal of their turnout from the obstacle course.
31. **No person**, horse or pony may appear twice in the same class or over the same diagrammed course except in the Red Light/Green Light Class or in the occasion where they first show as a single or pair and are then shown as a pair or four, or if approved by the TD. In the case of an accident the TD or Show Manager may require a safety inspection of the vehicle involved in the accident by members of the Competition Committee before allowing the vehicle to be used in succeeding classes.
32. **Dogs are not allowed** to run alongside, behind or under a vehicle during competition, may not be tied or in any way attached to the vehicle, and must be on a leash at all times while on the show grounds. For the first off leash infraction it is a warning, the second off leash infraction is \$100 and the third off leash infraction incurs elimination from the show.
33. **Minors who** do not hold a valid driver's license will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle or golf cart on the competition grounds.
34. **ADS rules will** be followed unless otherwise specified in the General Rules and Regulations.