

CHDTL CLUB INDOOR DRIVING RULES

1 ORGANISATION

- 1 Entries only accepted if pre-paid and on Official Club Entry Form
- 2 Entries received after closing date will be subject to a £10 late entry fee if spaces available
- 3 Closing date will be 7 days prior to event
- 4 There will be no refund of entry monies after closing date
- 5 Organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry with or without stating a reason

2 OFFICIALS

- 1 The control of an event rests with the Event Manager whose decisions are final. The Event Manager may delegate any duties to stewards he or she considers competent.

3 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

- 1 It is recognised that for practical reasons officials at indoor events may also be connected with competitors or may compete. Officials are always required to show a high standard of fairness and to minimise any conflicts of interest especially on subjective decisions.

4 DRIVERS AND GROOMS

- 1 All drivers must be fully paid-up members of CHDTL (or ICDCUK if entering ICDCUK Qualifying classes)
- 2 The minimum age of a driver or groom is 10 years on the day of the event, but at least one person on the vehicle must be a competent adult aged 18 years or over. Also, grooms for Phase 3 – Obstacles must be capable of assisting and at least 14 years old on the day of the event.
- 3 Organisers may accept younger drivers, subject strictly to rules for young drivers, including, being covered by independent liability insurance [not covered by CHDTL].
- 4 Pony and Horse Fours must have a driver and two grooms. All other classes must have a driver and one groom. Extra people are not allowed on the vehicle, except multiples who wish to, may in addition, carry one further person as a passenger if the Event Manager agrees.
A small pony driven to a 2 wheeler may compete without a groom/backstepper on the vehicle provided a groom stays nearby to assist immediately if needed.
- 5 For singles, the groom may sit beside the driver or stand on the back step. In all other classes the groom must stand on the back step.

6 JUNIORS: Competitors under the age of 18 years on the 1st of October of that winter's season.

7 OPEN: Competitors who have competed in Open or Intermediate classes in BC National Horse Driving Trials competitions or Open classes in CHDTL competitions or who have won the Club Indoor Points League for their Class, even if they are Junior Drivers, or who have won a Novice Class on two occasions. (The Committee reserve the right to review this dependant on class numbers and the Driver may remain in Novice for the remainder of that Season) A driver may not compete driving a Multiples Turnout until he/she has completed three, full, Outdoor, Two-Day-Events, Driving a Single Turnout, without Elimination. Note that all Multiples classes are considered Open classes.

Once a Driver has driven a Multiple in competition anywhere, he/she will be considered an Open Driver. A Driver may choose to move up to Open from Novice after completing two full seasons Indoors if they so wish. Once they move up, they cannot revert back to Novice.

8 Drivers may compete with two or more animals in one class at an event and can gain Points from all. (It is up to the Competitor to ensure they will have enough time to manage more than one Turnout although Organisers will do their best to allocate Times far enough apart if there are enough entries for this to be feasible)

9 Everyone on the vehicle must wear a suitable, secured, approved protective hard hat in all phases and in warming up. **Body protectors are recommended and compulsory at all times for all Drivers & Backsteppers under the age of 18. Anyone riding a horse/pony at an event must wear a suitable, secured, approved protective hard hat. As from Jan 1st 2016, Body Protectors will be compulsory for ALL Drivers & Backsteppers.**

10 There is no dress code.

11 In all phases a number must be clearly displayed. These will be number bibs worn by the groom (number bibs are provided by CHDTL).

12 Grooms and passengers are not allowed to give assistance, including verbal or physical directions; sliding, lifting or moving the vehicle in any way during Precision and Paces or Cones. Contravening this will incur 20 penalties for their competitor for each incident.

13 Disabled drivers may compete at any indoor event providing they are accompanied on the carriage by an experienced/competent groom/back stepper.

5 CLASSES

1 Novice Pony Novice Horse Open Pony Open Horse Multiples (Combined)

6 HORSES/PONIES

1 All animals must be at least 4 years old to compete.

2 An equine which is more than 148 cm high without shoes or more than 149 cm with shoes is classified as horse. Below this is classified as pony. Small pony is 11 hands and under (112cm without shoes, 113 cm with shoes).

3 There is no minimum or maximum height.

4 Animals may wear boots and/or bandages during all phases of the competition. These must be removed for inspection if an official requires.

5 If the Event Manager observes a case of marked lameness, he must eliminate the competitor. In doubtful cases, the horse may be checked outside the arena immediately after the competitor has finished the phase.

7 VEHICLES

1 The competitor will use the same vehicle for all three phases.

2 Vehicles will be of a marathon or three-phase type. Pneumatic tyres are permitted but scurry vehicles are NOT permitted. Vehicles may have two or four wheels.

3 Grooms are recommended to stand on the back step in the Obstacles and must do so on four wheel vehicles.

4 Minimum weights do not apply but all vehicles must be of a construction suitable for the competition.

5 The minimum width for all phases of the competition is 125cm. This is measured at ground level on the widest part of the rear wheels. Width extension by 'wheel hoops' or 'scurry bars' is not allowed.

6 There is no maximum width requirement, but note that Cones widths will not be increased for any over-width vehicles.

7 Vehicles may be measured at any stage during the competition.

8 HARNESS

1 Any type of harness is allowed provided it is safe and appropriate for the welfare of the horse.

2 Auxiliary reins (including any type of check reins) are not permitted, except for dual reins for very young or disabled drivers.

3 The harness must have breeching for all Singles classes.

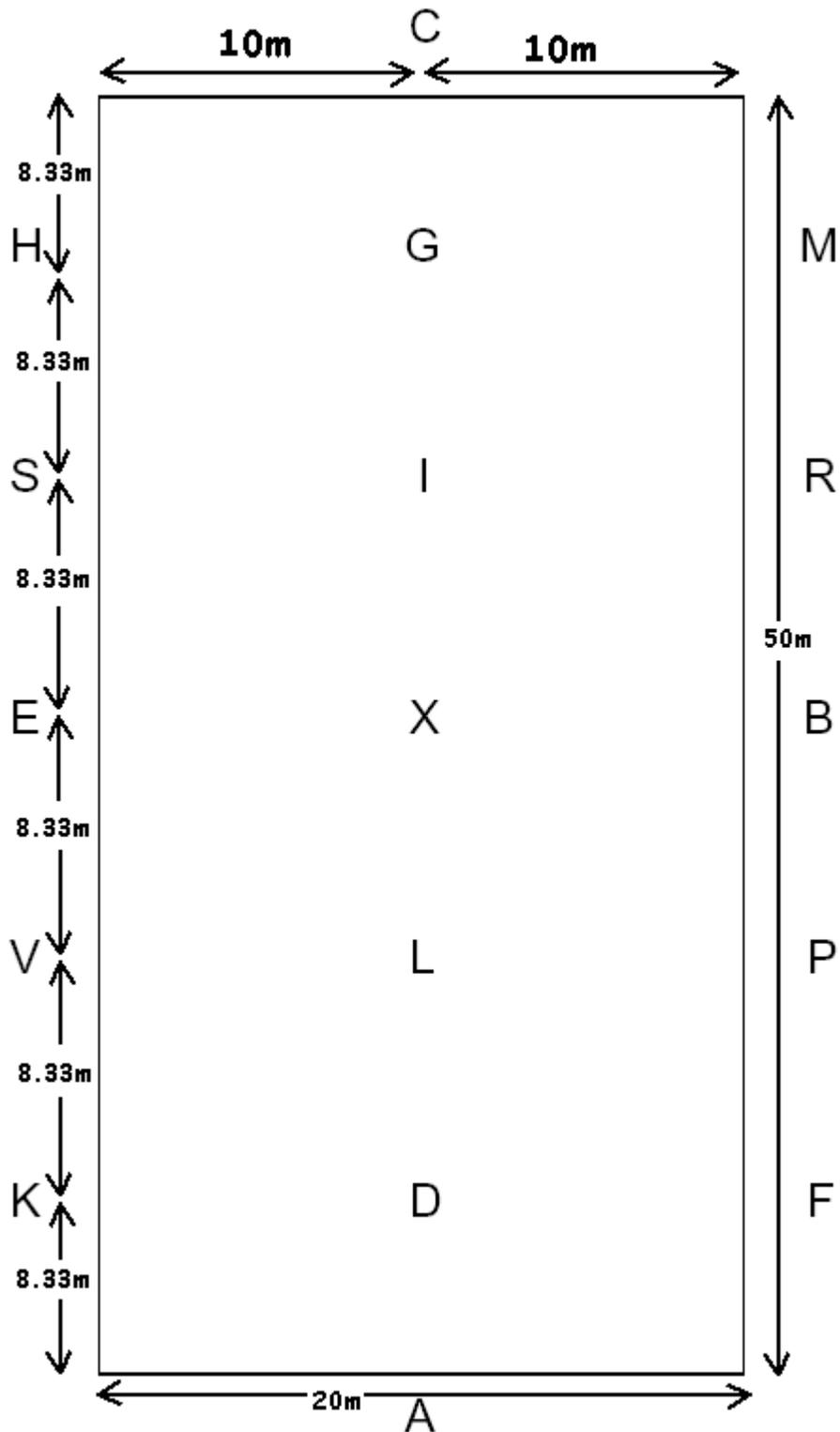
4 Bitless bridles (hackamore) are not permitted

5 All rings, terrets and/or other types of device which have an extreme leverage effect on reins or bits are forbidden.

9 COMPETITIONS

Phase 1 – Precision and Paces

1 The arena will be 50 x 20 metres and the markers will be equally spaced apart, 8.33m apart on the long sides, 10m on the short sides.



2 Only approved ICDCUK Tests will be used.

3 All judges' scores will be indicated to and recorded by the scorer at the end of each movement. Judges are not expected to record comments on the movements.

4 The scores in precision and paces for each movement will be made available to the

Competitors after their tests.

5 Two judges are used. One judge assesses and marks the paces, which count for 50% of the score while the other assesses and marks the precision of the movements executed, these scores contributing the other 50% toward the total.

6 Marks out of 10 will be awarded for each numbered movement on the following basis:

10 Excellent	4 Insufficient
9 Very good	3 Fairly bad
8 Good	2 Bad
7 Fairly good	1 Very bad
6 Satisfactory	0 Not executed
5 Sufficient	

7 The score for a test is calculated as follows:

- add up all the marks for one judge
- subtract the result from the score you would get for 10 points for each movement—normally 100
- multiply this by 0.5.

Do the same for both Paces and Precision.

8 Errors of course or instances of rule breaking will be indicated, recorded and reported to the scorer by the judge responsible for marking Precision.

9 The judges for this section do not need to be BC panel judges but must be competent and suitably experienced.

10 The test must be driven from memory.

11 The definitions of walk, trot and other paces are as in the FEI rules.

12 Changes of pace must always be made smoothly and promptly with the horse remaining in balance and on the bit. A transition must be completed as the nose of the horse arrives at the prescribed marker.

13 A halt must be made so that the leading horse's nose is at the mark, unless specified otherwise in the test.

14 It is an "Error of Course" when a competitor deviates from the required track or when a movement is omitted altogether.

15 If a competitor makes an Error of Course, the Precision Judge will ring the bell and stop the competitor. The competitor must then resume the test from the beginning of the movement where the error was made. If the competitor is in any doubt, he/she may approach the Precision Judge for instructions.

16 Other penalties in Precision and Paces

Entering the arena without a whip or losing or putting down a whip	5 penalties
Vehicle overturning	Elimination
Groom (s) dismounting (one or both) 1st incident	5 penalties
2nd incident	10 penalties
3rd incident	Elimination
Competitor dismounting	20 penalties
Lame horse	Disqualification
Outside assistance	Elimination
Error of Course: First occasion:	5 penalties
Second occasion	10 penalties
Third Occasion	Elimination
Part of the turnout leaving the arena during a movement:	Mark down for Inaccuracy.
The whole turnout leaving the arena:	Elimination

Phase 2 – Cones

- 17** There will be up to ten obstacles
- 18.** Each obstacle will be a pair of cones or a multiple obstacle.
- 19** The course may include at most one multiple obstacle.
- 20** Gate markers will be numbered sequentially with a number on a white background on each left cone, from 1 up to the number of gates.
- 21** All elements must have a dislodgeable element.
- 22** The starting line may not be less than 5 metres from the first obstacle.
- 23** The finishing line may not be less than 5 metres from the final obstacle.
- 24** There is no set minimum or maximum distance between obstacles but the design should enable drivers to maintain an even pace throughout the majority of the course.
- 25** Drivers may take whatever line they wish but must take each obstacle in sequence. The entire turnout must pass between the cones.
- 26** Driving any obstacle out of sequence, including an obstacle which has already been driven, results in elimination.
- 27** Drivers may cross their own line between obstacles without penalty.
- 28** Knocking down a previously driven obstacle or obstacle yet to be driven will incur 5 penalties.

29 The target time will be calculated from a speed of 220 metres per minute.

30 Competitors will be told the *optimum time* for the course but are reminded that Stop watches and/or other timing aids are strictly forbidden. Outside assistance could lead to disqualification.

31 A competitor will incur one penalty point for each commenced second above or below the target time and 5 penalties for dislodging one or both balls of a single obstacle.

32 Other penalties in Cones

Entering the arena without a whip or losing or putting down a whip	5 penalties
Vehicle overturning	Elimination
Groom (s) dismounting (one or both) 1st incident	5 penalties
2nd incident	10 penalties
3rd incident	Elimination
Competitor dismounting	20 penalties
Lame horse	Disqualification
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Phase 3 – Obstacles

33 Each competitor will drive four marathon type obstacles.

34 Two obstacles will be erected in the arena and will have a maximum of 5 flagged gates.

35 Competitors may drive all four Obstacles at once or drive two, leave the arena whilst the next Competitor has their turn, then drive the other two after that Competitor has driven.

36 Obstacles may have one knockdown per element.

37 Start and finish gates will be positioned between the obstacles and will be common to both obstacles.

38 The competitor must go through the start, then through the lettered gates in sequence and in the correct direction, then through the finish. Once a lettered gate has been driven in the correct sequence it is 'free' and may be driven again in either direction. If a competitor drives a gate out of sequence or in the wrong direction they incur 20 points for an Error of Course. No gates then count until they drive the correct next gate. If the error is not corrected, the competitor is eliminated.

39 A gate is driven when the entire rear axle crosses the line of the gate.

40 One penalty point will be awarded for each commenced second spent in each obstacle (this may be to 1/100th of a second at the discretion of Event Manager if suitable timing gear is used). Each obstacle is timed individually.

41 This timing is made from the when the nose of the first horse crosses the start line until the nose of the first horse crosses the finish line.

42 Each knockdown incurs 5 penalty points.

43 Other penalties in Obstacles phase

Entering the arena without a whip or losing or putting down a whip	5 penalties
Vehicle overturning	60 penalties
Groom (s) dismounting (one or both) per incident	10 penalties
Competitor dismounting	20 penalties
Lame horse	Disqualification
Outside assistance	Elimination

Notes to the Rules

All competitors must belong to the CHDTL. This gives third party insurance for the driver at the event. It does not give personal insurance – take this out separately if required.

Grooms do not need to join CHDTL, though they are welcome to.

There is no dress code – drivers and grooms normally wear ‘marathon’ gear, i.e. warm weatherproof clothing. Shorts are not allowed.

Lungeing or Long-reining of horses or ponies in the wagon park or warm-up arena is not permitted.

Animals may only be “acclimatised” in the arena when the arena is clear of people and with the express permission of the Organiser.

Certain Indoor Venues have their own Rules also. At Reaseheath, Hard hats must be worn by anyone in the Arena whilst there is a horse in the arena.

Hay nets must not be tied up outside horseboxes or trailers

All dogs must be on leads at all times

Young children must be kept under supervision

It is expected of all Entrants that they will assist with the running of the Event as per any Duty Rota published for the Event.

Conflict of interest

It is not practical to rule out trainers, family or even competitors from helping out and acting as officials at indoor events, owing the relatively small pool of interested, willing and competent people available. Nonetheless, as Organisers, CHDTL strive to ensure that events are run scrupulously fairly and clearly seen to be fair. It is important to adhere exactly to clear rules, the same for all. If potentially controversial decisions arise,

CHDTL will try to ensure a person unconnected with any affected party is consulted.

Health & Safety

Health and Safety standards will be in force always. All persons on any show ground or course, etc will be held responsible to complying with these standards at all times and will not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever. Any accident shall be reported to the Health and Safety Office or Event Manager at the time of the occurrence. A report shall be entered into the Accident Report Book and the relevant forms completed.

Disclaimer

Neither the organisers ,nor the Club, nor the landowner ,nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any loss, damage, injury, illness to horses, owners, drivers, grooms, spectators nor any person whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract, or in any other way whatsoever, save for the death or personal injury caused by the Club's negligence.

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