



Aiken Carriage Classic
&
Combined Test

April 13-14, 2024

Highfields Event Center

198 Gaston Road

Aiken, SC 29801

Sponsored by the
Aiken Driving Club

Recognized by the
American Driving Society

2024 Aiken Carriage Classic Schedule

Tentative schedule, please check official board for updates

Friday, April 12, Stabling Opens-Noon

Friday, April 12

Silent Auction Begins

Friday, April 12, Secretary's Office Opens-12 p.m.

Friday, April 12, Competitor's Briefing-6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 12, Volunteer Briefing-6:00 p.m.

Welcoming party following briefing. Fault Obstacles open for walking at 4 p. m.

Saturday-all times approx.

Saturday, April 13 Pleasure Show Combined Test-8:00 a.m.

Test times will be posted and e-mailed to competitors.

Centennial Drives will be last on the schedule.

Tests listed in Omnibus followed by Fault Obstacles

Awards for Dressage CT and Fault Obstacles may be picked up in office

See official board or program for order of classes

Saturday, April 13

Turnout-all classes-Following CT

Go to Fault Obstacles after your Turnout Class

Break

1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13

Ride and Drive-Drive portion

Carriage Dog

Drive portion of Ride and Drive

Working all classes

*Picnic Class-Non-ADS-Horseless or Antique Car

Saturday April 13, Pizza Party Aiken Driving Club Social in the Tent

Tickets required 6:00 p.m. Under the tent

7:15 p.m. *Twilight Drive- Traditional Lighting and Non-Traditional
Lighting – Non-ADS

Sunday, April 14

Cowboy Church-Under the tent 8:00 a.m.

Class orders posted on official board

9:00 a.m. Town and Country Obstacles

See official board for order of divisions

Reverse Psychology immediately following Town and Country

Reinsmanship all classes

Ladies to drive

Gentlemen to drive

Silent Auction Ends

Awards 30 minutes after last class

No ribbons or awards will be mailed.

Special Awards:

Gaston Stable Award for Sportsmanship

Sandra Nicolaisen Award for Elegance, making a contribution to driving

Sponsorships

The Aiken Carriage Classic relies heavily on friends of driving to keep costs down for the running of the show. Please consider a donation. Contact Peggy Dils for ways you can contribute to our show.

Coaching: \$250-\$500 (includes 2 Pizza Tickets & Full page ad in program)

Phaeton: \$100-\$250 (includes 2 Pizza Tickets & ½ page ad in program)

Easy Entry Cart: up to \$100 (listed in program)

Sponsor a Volunteer: \$25

Thank you in advance! Please send your sponsorships to Peggy Dils 189 Dogwood Road, Aiken, SC 29803

OFFICIALS

Pleasure Show Judge

Ruth Graves

Technical Delegate

Jim Thomas

Photographer

Mark Jump Photography

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Farrier

Aaron Rhoad

Veterinarian

Performance Equine

ADMINISTRATIVE

Show Grounds Manager

Peggy Dils

Organizer

Katy Rhinehart 641-485-7821

Show Secretaries/Scorers

Diane Mansur & Patti Lange

Silent Auction

Kim Allen

Announcer

Anne Dearborn

Volunteers

Ray Mansur

Show address: 198 Gaston Rd., Aiken, SC

Contact Katy Rhinehart: 641-485-7821

Gkm104@heartofiowa.net

Send entries to Patti Lange, 411 Cedar Rd, Windsor, SC 29856

Information / Rules and Regulations

The Aiken 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 herewith. We recommend that all competitors familiarize themselves with the 2024 Prize list as well as the current ADS Rule Book.

Competitors and Public

Liability

The American Driving Society, Aiken Driving Club & Highfields Equestrian Center, officials, and staff will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or injuries to any person, equine, or loss/damage to property incurred on the show grounds. All people riding or driving on any vehicle MUST sign both an ADS waiver as well as a Highfields waiver and be on file with the show secretary. Competitors in violation are subject to disqualification from the show.

Dogs on leash

Any dog that is not restrained by a leash will be confined by the show officials and a \$100.00 retrieval fee will be assessed. A stoop and scoop policy for dogs is in effect on the grounds.

Entry Procedures

Entry Fees: \$25 per class and Juniors \$0 per class. \$65 for Combined Test on Saturday morning. Tests Saturday morning are Training test C, Preliminary test C, Intermediate test of choice-send in what test being done, Advanced on request. \$50 for Centennial Dressage Test-cones optional. **Pre entries close March 31, 2024.** There is a \$5.00 ADS fee. ALL COMPETITORS MUST COMPETE IN ALL CLASSES FOR A DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. All checks payable to Aiken Driving Club.

ADS Membership

Every driver must be a member in good standing of the American Driving Society. Membership proof must accompany each entry before a competitor number will be issued. Non-member ADS fee of \$30.00 will be charged to all competitors who are not members of the ADS. A \$5.00 ADS competition fee is also charged for each individual driver.

Post Entries

Post entries will be accepted up to the day of any class, provided the class has not been closed by the committee. The post Entry Fee is \$35.00 per class.

Entry Declined

The committee reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fee before or during the competition, without being liable for compensation.

Forfeit of fees

In case of animals being entered and not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited. Refunds on entries* will be made only on receipt of a Vet or Medical Certificate attesting to the inability to participate due to illness or injury. The certificate must be received before the start of the show.

***Stall fees are not refundable.**

Competitor numbers

An entry (turnout) is defined as a combination of animal, vehicle and driver and must be assigned a specific entry number. All entries must have an entry number before entering any class. Competitor numbers may be obtained at the Secretary's Office after all fees have been paid. It is the driver's responsibility to display the proper number for the turnout entering the ring or obstacle course. An award may be withheld from any competitor participating in any class displaying the incorrect number for that turnout.

Combined or splitting classes

The judge and or committee reserve the right to combine or split any class in the interest of safety. The committee reserves the right to cancel any classes for safety or low participation.

Width of cones

The cones will be set at 200 cm for all cones classes and for the cones in all combined tests.

ADS Rulebook

The 2024 ADS Rulebook with the Approved Rule Changes for 2024 will be used for the Aiken Carriage Classic.

Awards

Ribbons will be awarded to fifth place and will be awarded in each ring class during the Aiken Carriage Classic. The Pleasure show will give ribbons to the top 5 scores combined for all classes in the Pleasure show combined test on Saturday morning. There will be the Sandra Nicolaisen Memorial Award for elegance and the Gaston Stable Award for sportsmanship.

Championship points

Championships are based on the total number of points accumulated in each division. Points will be awarded from first to fifth. 5 points for first, 4 points for second, 3 points for third, 2 points for 4th and 1 point for fifth. Ties for the championship will be decided by the higher place in Reinsmanship. No ribbons or awards will be mailed.

Health Requirements

A copy of a Negative Coggins Certificate must accompany each entry stating that each animal was submitted to a test for equine infectious anemia during the last year. The EHV-1 form provided by your vet or information stating that the animal has been given the vaccine within the last 6 months.

Judge's decision

A judge's decision representing their individual preference is not protectable. Objections must be made to the Technical Delegate no later than ½ hour after posting of score. Any questions or disputes should be directed to the Technical Delegate.

Stabling

The stabling on the grounds may be in temporary stalls or permanent stalls. The stabling fee is \$45.00 per day. Stabling opens Thursday, April 13 at noon. Tack stalls are \$45 per day as available. Must bring own shavings. Must clean own stalls. \$100.00 stall deposit per stall required including tack stalls. Carriage storage may be available, but not guaranteed.

Day Entries

Participants not needing stalls and trailering in daily will be charged \$10 per trailer per day or \$15 per trailer for the weekend. There will be a designated day parking area. Water will be available nearby.

Security

Please provide information on your stall cards. Lost and found items will be held in the secretary's office. No responsibility or liability will be accepted by the Aiken Driving Club or Highfields Equestrian Center. All stalls must be vacated on Sunday, April 16 unless otherwise arranged. All stalls must be stripped.

Campsites

There are limited numbers of campsites on the grounds. These must be reserved with entry and will be on a first come first served basis. These are not guaranteed to be close to stabling. There will be a charge of \$30.00 per night.

Classes for Championship

Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship, Town and Country Obstacles, Fault Obstacles, Reverse Psychology

Additional Classes

Carriage Dog, Gentleman to Drive, Ladies to Drive.

Use ADS pleasure show entry form found on the ADS website.

Non-ADS

Horseless Picnic Class. No horses. May use a carriage or an antique car to set up your picnic class. The public will place a vote for their favorite. One vote per person. The judge will make the final decision if tied.

Twilight Drive Class

Traditional Class will be carriages with traditional lighting lit and performance in the ring in a walk and trot class. No strong trot allowed.

Non-Traditional Class will be carriages with lighting of choice with performance in the ring in a walk and trot class. No strong trot allowed.

Divisions

Single horse, Single pony, VSE, Multiples, Nontraditional (Utility/Marathon type), Novice horse, pony, driver

Saturday social pizza party

The committee invites all drivers, club members and community members to attend this special evening and social time. The cost is \$10 per person and sodas and water are included with the meal. Drawings for door prizes. Tickets are available through the show secretary. Must be purchased before April 10.

Carolina Challenge

The Carriage Classic in the Pines and the Aiken Carriage Classic will award high point combined show totals for each class. The Aiken Carriage Classic will provide the point totals for their 5 highest point classes (low score of the 6 classes will be dropped) and the awards will be given at the Carriage Classic in the Pines in May.

Please refer all questions to the omnibus listing on the ADS website or to the organizer.

Class Listings

Extra Classes:

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| # 1 | Carriage Dog | # 6 | Horseless Picnic Class-Non ADS |
| # 2 | Ladies to Drive | # 7 | Traditional Twilight Drive-Non ADS |
| # 3 | Gentlemen to Drive | # 8 | Non-Traditional Twilight Drive-Non ADS |
| \$4 | Ride and Drive | # 9 | Centennial Drive-indicate test |
| #5 | Combined Test on Saturday morning—indicate on application what division | | |

Open Horse (OH)

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| #10 | Turn Out | #11 | Working | #12 | Reinsmanship |
| #13 | Reverse Psychology | #14 | Fault Obstacles | #15 | Town & Country Obstacles |

Open Pony (OP)

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| #20 | Turn Out | #21 | Working | #22 | Reinsmanship |
| #23 | Reverse Psychology | #24 | Fault Obstacles | #25 | Town & Country Obstacles |

Utility (Non traditional carriage) (U)

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| #30 | Turn Out | #31 | Working | #32 | Reinsmanship |
| #33 | Reverse Psychology | #34 | Fault Obstacles | #35 | Town & Country Obstacles |

VSE (VSE)

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| #40 | Turn Out | #41 | Working | #42 | Reinsmanship |
| #43 | Reverse Psychology | #44 | Fault Obstacles | #45 | Town & Country Obstacles |

Junior (JR)

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| #50 | Turn Out | #51 | Working | #52 | Reinsmanship |
| #53 | Reverse Psychology | #54 | Fault Obstacles | #55 | Town & Country Obstacles |

Multiples (More than 1 horse) (M)

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| #60 | Turn Out | #61 | Working | #62 | Reinsmanship |
| #63 | Reverse Psychology | #64 | Fault Obstacles | #65 | Town & Country Obstacles |

Novice Horse/Pony/Driver (N)

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| #70 | Turn Out | #71 | Working | #72 | Reinsmanship |
| #73 | Reverse Psychology | #74 | Fault Obstacles | #75 | Town & Country Obstacles |