

Prize List



Equinox Equestrian Center Short Format and Combined Test

Competition No. 345750
February 28 – March 1,
2026

Equinox Equestrian
Center
22507 NW County Road
1493

Alachua, FL 32615

GR 902.1 Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current federation rule book will be conducted in accordance therewith.

Important information regarding Short Format Events

Please Read

- Marathon attire (no shorts) is acceptable in both dressage and cones.
- Helmets must be worn during marathon and cones, and it is strongly suggested to wear helmets in the warm up arenas.
- Back Protectors must be worn on marathon.
- Veterinarians and Farrier are on call, not on site.
- Pneumatic Tires are permitted in ALL DIVISIONS.
- In the Beginner and Training divisions at Short Format Driving Events, verbal outside assistance is allowed in any competition phase, including Dressage. The groom or an outside assistant standing by the arena may call out the dressage test for Beginner and Training level classes without any penalty. Electronic communication equipment may also be used as long as only one earphone is used at a time while on the carriage.
- At Short Format Driving Events with a Modified Marathon, the whole course must be open for inspection by athletes at 12:00 pm (noon) the day before the scheduled start.
- At Short Format Driving Events, in the Modified Marathon, an athlete who fails to pass through a CTF in the published sequence and direction will incur 5 penalties per error (no elimination).

Event Start Date: February 28, 2026	End Date: March 1, 2026
Location of Event: Equinox Equestrian Center, 22507 NW County Road 1493 Alachua, FL 32615	
Website: www.wearecombineddriving.com	
Entries Open: February 1, 2026	Entries Close: February 22, 2026

This Competition is recognized by the ☐ USEF ☐ FEI and shall be conducted under the appropriate rules.

LEVELS/DIVISIONS:

☐ BEGINNER ☐ TRAINING ☐ PRELIMINARY ☐ INTERMEDIATE ☐ ADVANCED

TRAINING or BEGINNER	PRELIMINARY	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED/ NOVICE ADVANCED
<input type="checkbox"/> VSE	<input type="checkbox"/> VSE	<input type="checkbox"/> VSE	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE PONY
<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL SINGLE PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL SINGLE PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL SINGLE PONY	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR PONY
<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL PAIR PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL PAIR PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL PAIR PONY	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE HORSE	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE HORSE	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE HORSE	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE HORSE
<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR HORSE	<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR HORSE	<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR HORSE	<input type="checkbox"/> PAIR HORSE
			<input type="checkbox"/> TEAM HORSE

SHORT FORMAT DRIVING EVENTS WILL USE THE FOLLOWING COMPETITION FORMATS:

<input type="checkbox"/> FORMAT 1 – 1 DAY	<input type="checkbox"/> FORMAT 2 – 2 DAY	
<input type="checkbox"/> DRESSAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> MODIFIED MARATHON	
<input type="checkbox"/> CONES		

COMBINED TEST WILL US THE FOLLOWING COMPETITION FORMAT:

<u>X</u> FORMAT 1 – 1 DAY	<u>__</u> FORMAT 2 – 2 DAY	
<u>_X_</u> DRESSAGE	<u>_</u> MODIFIED MARATHON	
<u>_X_</u> CONES		

X Entries will be accepted by mail to Ellen Ettenger, 13704 Old Creek Court, Parrish, FL 34219. Email shorty1956@gmail.com.

X Wearecombineddriving.com

Complete entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Organizing Committee (OC) reserves the right to refuse any entry, cancel, add or split classes/categories or change the time schedule, as required by the number of entries or weather event.

A complete entry includes the following:

Entry Form, completely filled out including USEF number(s) for all participants, and all horses

Signatures for Driver, Navigator and/or Groom, Coach, Horse Owners

Copies of Coggins Test and Vaccinations

Check or CC payment of all fees due

GENERAL INFORMATION

ORGANIZER	EVENT MANAGER	SECRETARY
Equinox Equestrian Ctr	Tiffany "Tuxie" Brannen	Ellen Ettenger
352-286-5365	386-361-1986	352-615-6460
equinoxequestriancenter@gmail.com	tuxiebrannen@gmail.com	shorty1956@gmail.com

EXHIBITION FOR JUNIOR DRIVERS SOUTHERN SWING YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southern States Youth Championship will be open to drivers whose competition age for 2026 is between 10 and 18 for pony drivers or 12 and 18 for horse drivers. The championship will be held at the preliminary level, and competitors must have completed at least 1 competition or exhibition at the preliminary level or above within three years preceding the championship. These classes will follow all USEF rules for the preliminary level, and drive the USEF Preliminary 1 Dressage Test. All rules for marathon and cones shall apply, EXCEPT sharing of navigators, carriages, or harness is not permitted. There will be one class for pony drivers and one class for horse drivers. Awards will be presented at each event, with a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion which will be presented at the Grand Oaks Winter Season Finale, March 26 – 29, 2026. In order to determine the Grand Champion and Reserve, points will be awarded for each event as follows: 6 points for 1st place, 5 for 2nd place, 4 for 3rd place, 3 for 4th place, 2 for 5th place and 1 for 6th place. Participating events are Grand Oaks Short Format, Florida Horse Park CDE, Spring Fling at the Grand Oaks CDE, Live Oak International and Grand Oaks Winter Season Finale.

OFFICIALS

Role	Name	State/Country	License
President of Jury	Hardy Zantke	CA	USEF R
Cones Judge	Paula Bliss		
Ground Jury		VA	
Ground Jury			
Announcer	Deb McCarthy		
Technical Delegate	TBA		
Course Designer	Bruce Ettenger	FL	USEF R
Scorer	April Hardeman	FL	
FEI Vet			
Show Vet	Springhill Equine Clinic		
Treating Vet			
Chief Steward			
Safety Coordinator	Ellen Ettenger	FL	
EMT	Lacrosse Volunteer Fire Department		
Farrier (on call)	Erik Fox Farrier Services		

FEES

Entry Fee: \$250 for Short Format, \$150 Combined Test

Entry Fee Refund Policy: Full Refund prior to closing date. No refunds will be given after closing date.

Stall Fee: \$200 per stall, Friday - Sunday

Fee for additional days before or after stabling closes: \$25/day. All early arrivals or late departures must be approved by OC and are not guaranteed.

Type of Stalls: Permanent with doors or temporary with doors. There will be no stable security provided.

Shavings: \$8.00 per bag. First bag is provided. Please order shavings with your entry.

Grounds/Ship In Fee: \$75 per horse for the entire event.

Office Fee: \$75

Drug Fee: USEF \$25/horse

Camping: Camping is available. \$25/day. Water is provided, no electric or sewer. Quiet generators permitted.

Golf Carts: Tanya Curryl, Administrative Assistant, 352-371-9349

Competitor Party: Friday, Time TBA. No Charge.

Post Entry/Late Fee/Change of Division or Class: Any entry received after the closing date will be considered a Post Entry, and is subject to the Post Entry Fee of an Additional \$50.00. This also applies to change of Division or Class after closing date.

Make Checks Payable to: Equinox Equestrian Center

DRIVEN DRESSAGE COMPETITION

Footing: Grass

Warm Up Area: Grass

Beginner Singles and Pairs	USEF Beginner Test	40 X 80 M
Training Singles and Pairs	USEF Training Test 1	40 X 80 M
Preliminary Singes and Pairs	USEF Preliminary Test 1	40 X 80 M
Intermediate Singles and Pairs	CPEA/1*	40 X 80 M
Novice Advanced Singles	2* HP1	40 X 80 M
Novice Advanced Pairs	2* HP2-HP4	40 X 80 M
Open Advanced Single	3* HP1	40 X 80 M
Open Advanced Pairs	3* HP2-HP4	40 X 80 M
Open Advanced Horse Teams	3*B H4	40 X 100 M

CONES COMPETITION

Footing: Grass

Warm Up Area: Grass

DIVISION	CONES SETTING	SPEED
Beginner	Standard Setting	Per USEF Rulebook
Training	Standard Setting	Per USEF Rulebook
Preliminary	Standard Setting	Per USEF Rulebook
Intermediate	Standard Setting	Per USEF Rulebook
Novice/Open Advanced SP	160 cm	260 mpm
Novice/OpenAdvanced SH	160 cm	250 mpm
Novice/OpenAdvanced PP	160 cm	250 mpm
Novice/OpenAdvanced PH	170 cm	250 mpm
Open Advanced Team Horse	185 cm	240 mpm

Modified Marathon Competition
Footings/Terrain: Sandy and grassy tracks

Division	Total Distance	Number of Obstacles	Sections
Beginner	4 k	3 (no water)	1
Training	4 k	3	1
Preliminary	4.5 k	4	1
Intermediate	4.5 k	4	1
Advanced	4.5 k	4	1

The pace in Section B is free, except for Beginner and Training who may only WALK OR TROT in Section B, including the obstacles.

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ Drivers and/or navigators may go round the marathon course a maximum of 2 times, if schedule allows. This also applies to sharing of carriage or harness. (DC 928.2.2) Competitors wishing to share navigators, drivers acting as navigators, carriages or harness must complete the Special Request for Sharing Form. Failure to complete the form will result in the request not being honored. This form must be turned in to the Scorer when competitor numbers are picked up at the show office.

Additional Information

Veterinary and Health Requirements: Flu and Rhino within 6 months of show date and Coggins within 1 year of show date.

Awards, Championships and Prize Money (if applicable): Six Ribbons for each class.

Food available on grounds: YES

Dog Policy: Pursuant to GR 1301. 6 Dogs are not allowed to be loose on the competition grounds and must be held on a leash or otherwise restrained. be on a leash and under control at all times. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule will be issued a Yellow Warning Card and may be subject to penalty under Chapter 7.

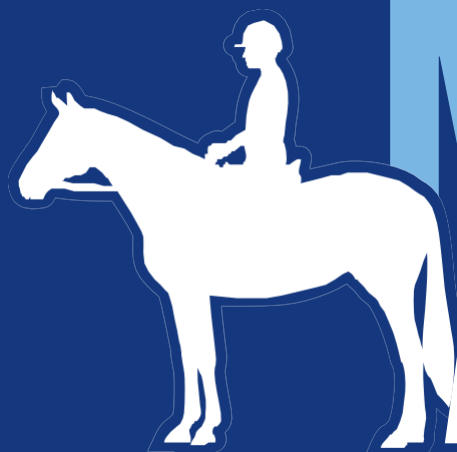
Sharps Container: Competition Management may fine any individuals, including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

Motorized Vehicle Statement: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



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859-225-6915 or Text Anonymously 855-682-8733



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A white silhouette of a person wearing a riding helmet and sitting on a horse, positioned in front of the large text 'YOU ARE NOT ALONE'.

US Equestrian wants you to know: if you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse or suspect abuse of any kind, there are resources and people to help.

REPORT

833-5US-SAFE or uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern

24/7 HELPLINE

866-200-0796 or visit safesporthelpline.org

TRAINING & RESOURCES

Free to US Equestrian members at usef.org/safesport.

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Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 27, 2026

9 AM

Show Office Open

9 AM

Stabling Open

2 PM

**Cones Course Open for
Walking**

3 PM

**Marathon Course Open
For Walking**

Saturday, February 28, 2026

9 AM

CT Dressage

9:15 AM

CT Cones

TBA

SF Dressage

SF Cones

TBA

CT Awards

Sunday, March 1, 2026

10 AM

Marathon

**Awards will be presented, unhorsed, at the Show Office approximately 1 Hour
after the finish of the Marathon for the Short Format.**

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