



January 20, 2017

Re: The American Driving Society Recognized Affiliate Agreement

Dear USEF Carriage Pleasure/Combined Driving Official:

As you may know, the USEF and the ADS have spent the past year working on finalizing an Affiliate Agreement. This Agreement was intended to identify the roles and responsibilities of each organization with regards to successfully governing and growing the discipline of Driving.

Regretfully, the two organizations have not been able to reach an agreement and are at an impasse. After much consideration, the USEF Board of Directors has determined that the ADS will no longer be recognized by USEF as the Affiliate for the Driving discipline. This change in recognition is effective immediately.

As a USEF Carriage Pleasure and/or Combined Driving official, we wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how this decision will affect you.

- Officials needing to participate in a Clinic or take an Exam to maintain their license(s) will be given an extension until December 1, 2018.
- Only participation in USEF Licensed Officials Clinics will satisfy USEF clinic maintenance requirements.
- Officiating maintenance requirements must be met at USEF competitions, i.e. officiating at ADS competitions will no longer count.
- The liability insurance policy that USEF officials have that covers their participation in USEF competitions will continue to protect USEF Driving officials when they are officiating at USEF competitions.
  - No protection is provided by USEF, however, while officiating at an ADS competition.
- References to ADS in USEF rules and Licensed Officials documents will be deleted as they are no longer relevant.

We had hoped that the discussions between USEF and ADS over the course of the past year about the relationship would have been successful. However, we feel confident that going forward, both Carriage Pleasure and Combined Driving will flourish and grow. Please contact Samantha Kline with any questions at 859.225.6969 or [skline@usef.org](mailto:skline@usef.org).

Best Regards,

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