

Dear ADS Officials –

USEF is excited to make you aware of the current process which is in place which allows for a smooth application process to be licensed by USEF, including 'Grandfathering' for ADS Carriage Pleasure Driving and Combined Driving Judges and Technical Delegates already holding ADS 'Registered' status. In the coming years, we hope to increase the number of USEF/ADS joint licensed competitions so we are interested in more officials licensed by both organizations. Below are the details.

Registered 'R Status for Carriage Pleasure Driving and Combined Driving Judges and Technical Delegate Applicants – In both Carriage Pleasure and Combined Driving, Federation Registered status may be granted to ADS Judges or Technical Delegates officials who already hold ADS Registered status (see GR1047.3, GR1048.4, GR1050.3, and GR1051.3).

Applicants only have to submit their application (<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/licensed-officials/become-licensed>) to USEF to be considered.

Recorded 'r' Status for Carriage Pleasure Driving and Combined Driving Judges and Technical Delegate Applicants - Outlined below is a summary of the USEF Rules for recorded 'r' status:

Carriage Pleasure Driving – USEF offers licenses for Judges and Technical Delegates in Carriage Pleasure Driving (GR1048 – Judges, GR1051 – Technical Delegates). The process is similar in each case, i.e.

The first requirement is to be an ADS official.

Judge and Technical Delegate applicants must complete the apprenticing requirements respective for the license and receive positive evaluations.

In addition, applicants for the judge's license must also

Attend a Federation approved ADS Pleasure Driving officials' clinic; and

Pass a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving judge's written exam with a score of 85% or better.

Combined Driving – USEF offers Combined Driving licenses for Judges (GR1048), Technical Delegates (GR1050), and Course Designers (GR1049). The differences between these licenses and those for Carriage Pleasure Driving is that requirement options are given, i.e. Combined Driving Judge or Technical Delegate applicants must either

Be licensed by either the FEI or ADS,

or

Have successfully completed a training program planned by the Federation and/or ADS,

or

Have competed internationally as a driver for at least five (5) years, completed at least five (5) International Competitions, apprentice judged (or TD'd, depending on the license) at least three (3) times and received positive evaluations at least three (3) times at three (3) Advanced Level competitions under three (3) different judges (or TD's, depending on the license).

NOTE: ADS does not license Combined Driving Course Designers.

As mentioned above, we look to increasing our competition base and with that, we will need more officials. We hope you will take this opportunity to obtain a USEF license.

To get started, please contact us either by phone to Anne Robinson (859.225.6967) or email arobinson@usef.org.