



The American Driving Society, Inc.

The Value of ADS Event Recognition

The American Driving Society, Inc. (ADS) recognizes Pleasure Driving Shows, multiple types of Combined Driving Events, Driven Dressage Shows, and Recreational Drives across North America. When your show, event or drive receives **ADS RECOGNIZED** status, you receive the support of an organization that has educated, administrated, publicized, and supported carriage driving for 45 years.

ADS Recognized Event Benefits:

- The ADS Rulebook which is reviewed and updated annually.
- ADS Officials who have been trained and licensed by ADS to stringent competition standards.
- ADS competition policies and procedures that include Para-Driver Dispensations.
- ADS liability insurance that covers all ADS members at your event.
- Listing in the Omnibus, a print and online publication that carries the most up-to-date listings and changes for carriage driving competition.
- The ADS Organizer's Handbook for Pleasure Driving Shows, the ADS Combined Driving Organizer's Guide, and the Organizer's Guide for planning an ADS Recreational Drive.
- Use of ADS Driven Dressage and Reinsmanship tests.
- Training modules for event volunteers.
- Access to our library of forms for conducting ADS events.
- The ADS Organizer's Newsletter.
- Organizers can upload their results directly to the ADS website.
- 10% off all advertising in *The Whip*, the ADS' glossy quarterly magazine.
- A free eblast about your event to all ADS members, 10% discount on future eblasts.
- Coverage of your event, submitted by a member of your team, will be publicized nationally.
- Your event included in ADS' online calendar and *The Whip* Event Calendar.
- Your competitors will be eligible to use the results of your event toward our award and recognition programs: ADS Driven Dressage Awards, ADS Preliminary & Intermediate Calculated Championships, and ADS Youth Championships.
- Your competitors can be confident the event will be run by ADS rules and standards.
- ADS-recognized shows are eligible to apply for the ADS North American Championships (see application criteria).
- Membership and event recognition helps ensure that the ADS will be around to support carriage driving for years to come.



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What does it cost?

ADS Competition Fees are based on the number of days of actual competition.

1 day: \$100

2 day: \$150

3 day: \$200

4 day or more: \$250

For non-recognized events, Omnibus listing ONLY: \$100

How to get started:

The first step for an organizer is to complete the date application online at: [The Organizer's Omnibus Portal](#). The process starts with the competition name and date section, followed by different options for competition fee payment. Once payment has been verified, the rest of the online form can be filled out and saved. The ADS office will then post the event to our online calendar.

Complete instructions for completing a date application/ Omnibus form:

1. <https://americandrivingsociety.org/Events-Resources/Organizers/Organizer-Omnibus> - click on the date application link.
2. You will then need to log in or register, depending on whether you have ever used the online Omnibus system before.
3. On the next page, click the blue bar that says: "Start a Date Application".

Note: Is your show dual-recognized by ADS and USEF? Email us at info@americandrivingsociety.org well in advance of your event so we can help address our mutual insurance needs.

4. Fill out all the information on that page and click next. This will take you to a payment page where you pay for the Date Application.
5. The ADS office will receive notification of payment, will mark the Date Application approved electronically, and place the event on the ADS Calendar.

Your next step is to start the Omnibus submission. It is wise to have chosen your officials before



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you start this process. Your Technical Delegate can be an important and useful asset during this process and is required to review and approve your submission before it goes live.

Keep in mind that January to June shows are included in the November *Whip* and the July to December shows are included in the May *Whip*. Deadlines are as follows:

Printed Omnibus Submission Deadlines:

Events held July to December 2019, applications and Omnibus submissions: ADS-recognized competitions **due March 15**, USEF-licensed events or ADS/USEF dual recognition/licensing **due February 15**.

Events held January to June 2019, Applications and Omnibus submissions: ADS-recognized competitions **due September 15**, USEF-licensed events or ADS/USEF dual recognition/licensing **due August 15**.

***If an Omnibus entry is not submitted by the organizer and approved by the TD, it will NOT be printed.**

Non-Member Fees, Explained

All drivers at ADS-recognized events must be current ADS members or pay the required non-member fee.

Non-member fees are as follows:

- \$30 for all Combined Driving Events, Driving Trials, Pleasure Driving Shows, and Combined Tests offered at those events.
- \$15 for Arena Trials, Driving Derbies, Recreational Drives and Combined Tests offered at those events.

An ADS Non-Member Credit Voucher is used as a receipt to acknowledge that the money received from a non-member fee may offset the cost of a current year ADS membership.

The ADS is a 501c3 dedicated to the future of carriage driving and carriage driving competition. Since 1974 the ADS has operated primarily through its member volunteers—members helping members. Come drive with us and have FUN driving your equines!