



The American Driving Society, Inc.

ADS North American Championship Criteria

Purpose:

The American Driving Society, Inc. (ADS) North American Championships are part of the Awards Programs promoting Drivers/Athletes in the Preliminary and Intermediate Divisions.

Timeline for 2024 Championships:

March 15, 2024 - Bid Documents due at ADS office from Host Organizer

March 15-March 31, 2024 - Combined Driving and Event Standards Committees recommend hosts to Executive Committee for review and approval of 2023 Championship venues

April 5, 2024 – Announce successfully chosen 2023 Championship venues

June 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024- Competition dates (season) for ADS NA Championships

2024 Preliminary Championship Competitor Criteria:

1. Championship Athletes must be ADS members in good standing.
2. Preliminary Championships are open to any Athlete who has not completed more than one CDE above Preliminary Division (Driving Trials, Arena Trials and CAI 1* exempted) in the 24 months prior to the scheduled Championship. No athlete shall have competed at a World Championship in the last five years.
3. Athletes must have successfully completed* a minimum of three ADS-Recognized CDEs or DTs in the Preliminary division in their lifetime. Completions at DTs above Preliminary will also be recognized for qualification. **In lieu of the minimum ADS-Recognized Events outlined above, two of the three qualifying events may be Equestrian Canada or Canadian Provincial Federation-Sanctioned, or one of the three qualifying events may be USEF-**



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Sanctioned. At least one of the three qualifying events must be ADS Recognized.

4. Preliminary Championship Athletes are not eligible to enter the ADS North American Intermediate Championship in the same calendar year.
5. An Athlete may enter only one turnout in the competition hosting an ADS North American Championship. The North American Championship entry, which includes the Athlete and groom(s) for Marathon and Cones, must compete before participating in the non-championship entry in Marathon and Cones.
6. Athletes will agree to a photo/video release.

*"Successfully completed" does not include events in which the athlete is eliminated or participated HC.

2024 Intermediate Championship Competitor Criteria:

1. Championship Athletes must be ADS members in good standing.
2. Intermediate Championships are open to any Athlete who has not completed more than one CDE above the Intermediate division (Driving Trials, Arena Trials and CAI 1* exempted) in the 24 months prior to the scheduled Championship. No athlete shall have competed at a World Championship in the last five years.
3. Athletes must have successfully completed* a minimum of three ADS-Recognized CDEs or DTs in the Intermediate division in their lifetime. Completions at DTs above Intermediate will also be recognized for qualification.

In lieu of the minimum ADS-Recognized Events outlined above, two of the three qualifying events may be Equestrian Canada or Canadian Provincial Federation-Sanctioned, or one of the three qualifying events may be USEF-Sanctioned. At least one of the three qualifying events must be ADS Recognized.



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4. An Athlete may enter only one turnout in the competition hosting an ADS North American Championship. The North American Championship entry includes the Athlete and groom(s) for Marathon and Cones. The Championship entry must compete before participating with a non-championship entry in Marathon and Cones.
5. Athletes will agree to a photo/video release.

*"Successfully completed" does not include events in which the athlete is eliminated or participated HC.

2024 Preliminary Championship Host Requirements:

1. Omnibus entry bid documents are due no later than March 15, 2024. The 2024 bids will be reviewed by the Event Standards and Combined Driving Committee for recommendation to the Executive Committee.
2. Organizing Committee must offer an ADS-recognized event and have offered an ADS- recognized CDE for at least two years prior to the Championship date. The Organizer must have recent experience running an ADS-recognized CDE at least to the Preliminary level for two years prior to the Championship bid.
3. Preference will be given to CDEs with dates later in the Championship Season.
4. It is mandatory to prominently display an ADS banner during the duration of the Championship event.
5. Preliminary Championship jury president must be at least ADS Registered (R) CDJ.
6. Preliminary Championship jury must have a minimum of three CD judges as defined in Article 987.1.6. At least two must be ADS officials.
7. Preliminary Championship technical delegate must be an ADS Registered (R) or (S) CDTD.



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8. Preliminary Championship course designer must hold, at least, a Combined Driving Course Designer License or have designed a minimum of six courses (Marathon and Cones) at ADS-recognized CDEs, at least to the Preliminary level.
9. Preliminary Championship entries will have a required First Inspection prior to Dressage under Article 935.2.
10. Preliminary Championships shall take place over three or four days.
11. VSE Preliminary Championship Dressage arenas will be properly size adjusted per Appendix F.
12. Preliminary Championship Marathon shall have 6 Obstacles in Section B.
13. Electronic timing is recommended for Cones.
14. No eligible entry may be refused. Individual or lone entries in any class offered must be accepted. There is no minimum number of entries required.

2024 Intermediate Championship Host Requirements:

1. Omnibus entry bid documents are due no later than March 15, 2024. The 2024 bids will be reviewed by the Event Standards and Combined Driving Committee for recommendation to the Executive Committee.
2. Host venue must be an ADS-recognized event and have successfully offered an ADS- recognized CDE for at least two years prior to the Championship date. The Organizer must have recent experience running an ADS-recognized CDE, at least to the Intermediate level for two years prior to the Championship bid.
3. Preference will be given to CDEs with dates later in the Championship Season.
4. It is mandatory to prominently display an ADS banner during the duration of the Championship event.



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5. Intermediate Championship jury president must be, at least, ADS Registered (R) CDJ.
6. Intermediate Championship jury must have a minimum of three CD judges as defined in Article 987.1.6. At least two must be ADS officials.
7. Intermediate Championship technical delegate must be an ADS Registered (R) or (S) CDTD.
8. Intermediate Championship course designer must hold a Combined Driving Course Designer License or have designed six Intermediate courses (Marathon and Cones) at ADS-recognized CDEs.
9. Intermediate Championship entries will have a required First Inspection prior to Dressage under Article 935.2.
10. Intermediate Championships shall take place over three or four days.
11. VSE Intermediate Championship Dressage arenas will be properly size adjusted per Appendix F.
12. Intermediate Championship Marathon shall have 7 Obstacles in Section B.
13. Electronic timing is required for Cones.
14. No eligible entry may be refused. Individual or lone entries in any class offered must be accepted. There is no minimum number of entries required.