

Equestrians Institute Driving Trial and Combined Test

Sunny Meadow Farm

4711 176th Ave SW

Rochester, WA 98579

September 19-20, 2026

Rating: ADS

Event description:

Driving Trial: Takes place over two days, with Dressage and Cones on Saturday and Marathon on Sunday.

Combined Test: Dressage and Cones, takes place Saturday only.

Cross entries are allowed.

Entries Open: August 3rd

Entries Close: September 2nd – earlier if full. Check website for status.

Method of Accepting Entries: By postmark, or if emailed, when payment is received. Please be sure to include all required disclaimers (Equestrians Institute, ADS, and Sunny Meadow Farm). All persons who handle horses or are on a carriage are required to sign disclaimers.

Entry Form: Use Equestrians Institute entry form available on website: <https://www.einw.org/driving-trial--ct.html>

Waiting List: Yes, maximum 25 DT entries (maximum 5 intermediate) and 10 CT entries

DT Divisions: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate

DT Classes: VSE, Small Pony, Pony, Horse

DT Turnouts: Singles, pairs, and multiples (multiples include tandems, unicorns, and four-in-hands)

CT: Divided by divisions only

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Mail or Email Entries to: Registration Secretary

Officials

President of the Jury: Jane Anne Merritt, ADS "R" Combined Driving judge from California

President of Appeals: N/A

Technical Delegate: Keith Yutzy, ADS "R" Combined Driving Technical Delegate from Texas

Course Designer: Marc Johnson, USEF "R" and FEI Level 3 Course Designer from Florida

Scorers: Peter Hance and Trish Camozzi-Ekberg

Veterinarian: Dr. Lori Heirman, Rolling Hills Veterinary Service 360-785-4596

EMT Service: South Thurston EMS

Farrier: On call

Entry Fees: All fees in US dollars. Make checks payable to “Equestrians Institute.” Or, if you wish to pay by credit card, pay via PayPal at [Paypal.me/eidriving](https://www.paypal.me/eidriving) and add \$12 service fee to total. If you need assistance paying by credit card, contact the organizer. Your entry is not accepted until fees are paid. EI members receive a discount.

- **Driving Trial:** \$240 entry fee (\$220 for EI members)
- **Combined Test:** \$145 entry fee (\$135 for EI members)

Refund Policy: \$50 office fee will be deducted from all refunds. Before closing date, full refund minus office fee. After closing date up until 72 hours before event starts, full refund minus office fee only if can backfill from waiting list. No refunds after 72 hours prior to event start.

Stall Fees and Arrangements:

- Stalls available Friday 1pm through Sunday 6pm. Prices include one bag of shavings and cleaning of stall after the event:
 - \$110 stall fee for portable stalls in camping area. Additional nights \$45 per stall.
 - \$130 stall fee for stalls in permanent barn (1st come, 1st served). Additional nights \$55 per stall.
- One bag of shavings will be provided per stall for the event. If you need more, either order more in advance on your entry form or bring your own.
- Self-stalling or daily haul-in (no stall provided) allowed – \$25 fee per day. No bedding provided. Please clean up after your horse before departing the event or pay \$10 cleaning fee. Secure panels must be used for self-stalling. No attaching to facility fencing or buildings. Horses cannot be left tied to the trailer unattended.
 - Note: The daily fee is per entry for those hauling in, but it’s per horse for those self-stalling.
- No stall deposit required.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Saturday

Dressage: 8 am – 3 pm

All tests to be driven in 40x80 or 30x60 arenas.

Dressage Tests:

- Training Level B for all turnouts
- Preliminary Level B for all turnouts
- Intermediate Level B for singles and pairs; Level A for multiples

Cones:

- Immediately following Dressage. Minimum clearances and speeds per ADS rules for Training, Prelim, and Intermediate.
- Wheel track measurements taken on Friday. Please contact the event office to get your vehicle measured for Cones.

Sunday

Marathon: 9 am – 3 pm

- All DT participants will follow the same course. Maximum of 7 km. 5 to 6 obstacles depending on weather conditions and footing.
- Terrain: Pasture, forest trails, dirt and gravel roads. Likely to be bumpy in places. Not many hills. Water obstacle for all divisions. Wildlife may be encountered.

Awards: Ribbons 1st through 5th place – each class of DT. CT is scored separately, ribbons 1st through 5th place in each division only, classes and turnouts not scored separately. Special awards may also be offered. Ribbons and awards will be presented after scores are posted on Sunday.

Safety:

- Medical armbands, or their equivalent such as Road ID, are strongly encouraged, but not required, for all persons riding on a cart or carriage. Medical armbands will be available for purchase.
- Per ADS rules, protective vests are required while on the marathon course.
- **Helmets are required at all times while on the carriage (even during dressage) per facility rules.**
- Helmets and protective vests are always required for juniors (under 18).

Veterinary / Health Requirements: To promote health and welfare of all horses, Equestrians Institute complies with ADS and State rules regarding horse welfare, including but not limited to:

- Proof of vaccination or veterinary exemption for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus current within six months prior to the opening of the event. See ADS Art. 6.3.
- All out-of-state equines require negative Coggins current within six months prior to the opening of the event. Vet health certificate required for horses coming into Washington State. Please check with your vet for particulars, as state requirements have changed.
- Biosecurity measures are followed at all EI events. For more info:
<https://www.usef.org/search?q=biosecurity>

Driver/Groom allowed twice around on marathon? Competitors and navigators may compete twice **ONLY IF schedule permits**. Sharing of carriages, navigators, twice around – subject to advance scheduling only if listed on driver's entry. Request must be included with driver's entry to be considered.

VSE/Pony Measurement: All ponies and VSEs must be officially measured per ADS rules and must compete in their designated divisions. Please submit a file copy of your official ADS measurement card with your entry. See ADS webpage for more details.

https://americandrivingsociety.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=548049&module_id=407754

If you have already provided a pony card for an EI event, and it is still valid, it's on file and no need to resubmit. If you do not have an official measurement card, please notify the registration secretary.

Para Drivers and drivers needing dispensation for disabilities, please contact the ADS to secure your certificate. This certificate must be included with your entry.

Misc. Show info:

- Limited number of golf carts available for rental, first come, first served. Enter and reserve early for best chance at getting one. \$265 for a cart that seats two; \$350 for a cart that seats four. Separate check not required.
- Food Available on Grounds: TBD
- Camping/parking spots to be assigned. Please list overall rig length on entry form (and any parking preferences) and we will do our best to accommodate.
- No human shower facilities on site. Horse and carriage washing by bucket only to conserve water.
- Dogs are allowed. Dogs must always be on leash and under control.
- Camping on Grounds: Dry camping only – no utility hook-ups. If you have special medical needs such as electricity for medical equipment, please notify the organizer in advance.
- No lunging in camping/parking area.

Show Attire: Per ADS guidelines, except helmets are required in dressage per facility rules.

ENTRY CHECKLIST -- Please be very sure your entry is complete.

1. Writing legible and all blanks on entry form filled out?
2. Disclaimers (EI, ADS, and Sunny Meadow Farm) signed by driver, navigator, and any other person who will be on the carriage or handling the horse(s)?
3. All fees paid by check made payable to "Equestrians Institute" or via PayPal?
4. All necessary vet papers (proof of vaccine and, if out of state, negative coggins/health cert) included (or on file with EI Driving from a previous 2026 event and still current)?
5. Pony card included, if applicable?
6. Dispensation certificate from ADS if you are a Para Driver?

Directions:

Sunny Meadow Farm is located at 4711 176th Ave SW, Rochester, WA. Use this address if you are assigned parking by the permanent barns. If you are assigned to park and stable in the portable stalls stabling area (called show stabling below), use 17743 Leitner Rd SW, Rochester, WA in your GPS to get to the correct facility entrance. Here are directions in case you need them:

- If you are coming from I-5 take exit 88. Turn east onto Old Highway 99 SE – which is a right turn if you exit from northbound I5 and a left turn if you exit from southbound I5.
- In 2.5 miles, turn left onto 183rd Ave SW
- In .1 mile turn right onto Danby Rd SW
- In .9 miles Danby Rd turns 90 degrees and becomes Leitner Rd SW.
- If you are assigned parking in the **show stabling area**, the entrance is 300 feet and on the left - just before the start of the white fence.
- If you are assigned **parking by the permanent barns** (daily haul-ins and medical needs) in .3 miles Leitner Rd SW turns into 176th Ave SE. Follow the white fence around the corner and turn left at the yellow barn with the big rainbow.