ADS Rulebook Glossary

Criteria for inclusion in the Rulebook Glossary

1. The word or terms must be or have been published in the ADS Rulebook
2. Definitions to be approved by the ADS Technical Committees for inclusion of the Official Glossary

**Article 2 Definitions of Terms**

For the purposes of ADS Driving competitions, events and clinics and the rules thereof, the following definitions are commonly understood to mean as follows:

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| **ADS** | refers to and denotes only The American Driving Society, Inc. | |
| **Attendant** |  | |
| **Carriage Dog** | A dog, riding on the vehicle, serving as a companion | |
| **Class** | An activity by Entries, judged according to criteria specified in the ADS Omnibus or Rulebook. | |
| **Coach Dog** | A working dog accompanying a coach | |
| **Combination class**– | A class in which a horse is driven for a portion of the class and ridden for a portion of the class. | |
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| **Competition** | The competitive activities of Divisions/Classes or combinations thereof within the Event/Show. | |
| **Competition age** | Human - the age of an individual reached during the current calendar year. (See: Horse Age )  Junior – Unless otherwise defined: Competition age under 19.  Adult – Competition age 19 and over.  Junior A – competition age: 10 and below. Junior A drivers must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseman at all times.  Junior B – competition age 11, 12, 13. Junior B drivers must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseman at all times.  EXCEPTION: Junior B drivers competing with a single Very Small Equine (VSE)  turnout in a securely enclosed arena need not be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult horseman unless required by the organizer.  Junior C – competition age 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Junior C drivers competing with a single horse/pony turnout at their discretion need not carry a groom/passenger unless required by the competition. | |
| **Competition Age, Horse** | minimum competition age, Multiples - restrictions are applied considering the age of the youngest horse.  Combined Driving - four years  Dressage - three years  Pleasure Driving - three years  Recreational Driving – three years | |
| **Competition knowledgeable person** | A person generally accepted as having experience in competition rules and procedures. Not necessarily licensed by any association. | |
| **Competition participant** | Anyone who rides on a vehicle or assists an entry at any time during a competition | |
| **Competitor / Athlete** | The person identified as the Driver on an Entry Form | |
| **Concours d’Elegance** | An award or class in which a turnout representing the most elegant effect, to include vehicle, harness, appointments, horse(s), driver, passengers, grooms, etc., but above all, general impression is most important. | |
| **Course** | A series of obstacles or gates that a Turnout must navigate, usually companied by a published navigational map. Dressage Tests, Reinsmanship Tests are not considered Courses. | |
| **Disability** | Physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which may hinder [a person's] full and effective participation as a participant on an equal basis with others | |
| **Dismounting** | | The deliberate or accidental departure of an Athlete or Groom from a vehicle |
| **Dispensation** | The suspension or modification, issued by the ADS, of certain rules or requirements of competition | |
| **Disqualified** | Prohibited from taking any further part in the Event or winning any prize; may be required to forfeit all prizes won at the event | |
| **Division** | a group of Entries, combined according to various criteria, including but not limited to driver and/or horse, experience, configuration, turnout, animal size, animal or driver  gender, vehicle style, breed, etc. | |
| **Draft** | a. Draft Pony – Under 14.2 hands, approximate weight less than 1200 pounds  b. Draft Small – 14.2-16.2 hands, approximate weight 1200-1600 pounds  c. Draft – over 16.2 hands, approximate weight greater than 1600 pounds | |
| **Driver** | The Competitor or Athlete controlling the reins and whip and brake | |
| **Eliminate(d)** | Prohibited from taking any further part in a class or competition for contravening the rules; not eligible for an award in that class or competition See: Art 208; the entry remains eligible to compete in the remaining competitions of the show. May be applied where no other specific penalty is prescribed. | |
| **Entry** | A turnout participating in an event or show, usually defined by the Organizer as the combination of the horse, vehicle and driver   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | |
| **Event/Show** | the entirety of activities, classes, competitions or combinations thereof, commencing and concluding as defined by the Organizer in the ADS Omnibus | |
| **Excuse(d)** | Must leave the competition as instructed by the ringmaster or judge. | |
| **Groom** | A member of a turnout capable of rendering assistance | |
| **Headgear** | protective headgear that meets the recommendations of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF); helmet | |
| **Horse** | In a general sense, any equine | |
| **Judged** | Participating in a class at least to the point when results have been officially determined by a judge | |
| **Knowledgeable adult horseman/competition knowledgeable/technically qualified** | for Junior A and B Drivers, may be the groom, when one is required, or may be an additional person – in which case that person is subject to the same requirements and penalties as a groom | |
| **Livery** | Stable Livery consists of one of the following:  (1) A conservative suit, white shirt, dark tie, derby, dark shoes and leather gloves.  (2) A conservative jacket, jodhpurs or drill trousers, jodhpur or paddock boots, white  shirt, stock or four-in-hand tie, leather gloves, derby or conservative cap.  (3) Hunting attire with a hunting derby or bowler.  Full Livery consists of:  a close-fitting body coat with buttons of yellow or white metal to match the furnishings of the harness used (if possible), white breeches, black boots with tan tops, white stock, black top hat and brown leather gloves. The color of the coat remains the owner’s preference, but preferred colors are conservative in nature and, where possible, complementary to the color of the vehicle. | |
| **Maiden, Novice, Limit, Open** | Pleasure Driving: see Article 214 ; Combined Driving: see Art 913.3 | |
| **Management** | The person(s) responsible for organizing and running the competition. | |
| **Measurement Card** | An ADS Form recording the official height on an equine | |
| **Must, Shall** | When the terms “must” or “shall” are used in these rules, and no penalty is prescribed, any competitor who fails to comply MUST BE SEVERELY PENALIZED by the judge. | |
| **Official** | Judge or Technical Delegate who is eligible to officiate at ADS Recognized Events | |
| **Omnibus** | list of the details of a competition or event; prize list if one is published. | |
| **Pony** | Combined  Pleasure | |
| **Prohibited**, **not permitted**, **mandatory**, **obligatory**, **required** | When the terms “prohibited,” “not permitted,” “mandatory,” “obligatory” or “required” are used in these rules, any competitor who fails to comply MUST BE ELIMINATED or DISQUALIFIED by the judge, unless another penalty is stipulated | |
| **Retire** | An entry not wishing to continue in any competition for any reason may leave the competition; although not eligible for an award in the competition from which it has retired, the entry remains eligible to compete in the remaining competitions of the show. | |
| **Salute** | | The acknowledgment by an athlete of the presence of a judge or other persons performed as described in the rules. |
| **Should** | When the term “should” is used in these rules, any competitor who fails to comply SHALL BE PENALIZED AT THE JUDGE’S DISCRETION. | |
| **Showgrounds** | | All land used for the Competitions comprising the Event, and areas for exercising and warm-up, stabling and the parking of trailer, Carriages. A showground is a place where driving-related events occur. |
| **Sporting tandem** | See Art 229 | |
| **Test** |  | |
| **Turnout** | The combination of driver, horse(s), groom(s) and vehicle entered in a competition. | |
| **Warning Card** | A notification issued by a competition official to any competitor, participant or official for improper conduct or for non-compliance with the rules of the ADS. See ADS Policies and Procedures – Warning Cards | |
| **Withdraw** | An entry not wishing to continue competing for any reason may withdraw from the show. | |
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The following are definitions currently in the 2022 rulebook and probably can be scrapped.

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**Children** – See [FEI] General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions

**Entry** – In Driving, the unit composed by the Athletes (Drivers), horse(s), Groom(s), harness and

Carriage appropriate to the turnout as defined in these Rules.

**Event Official** – See [FEI] General Regulations and Annex 3.

**Horse** – Refers to a Horse or Pony authorized to compete under [FEI] Chapter 6.

**Junior** – See [FEI] General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions

**Organizing Committee “OC”** – See [FEI] General Regulations.

**Period of an Event** – See [FEI] General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions

**Schedule -** the list of times and dates at which actions of an event are intended to take place

**Turnout** – A Carriage with the Horses, harness, Athlete and Grooms.

**Young Drivers** – See [FEI] General Regulations Appendix A – Definition