Indoor Carriage Driving UK - East Anglia Region Championship Qualifier

Competitor's letter

Sunday, 25th October 2026 – Beechwood EC, CM3 8DY

Thank you to everyone for your support for our first Championship qualifier, 2026-27.

Our team of volunteers - including judges Mike Daniell and Amanda Gillett, Richard and Lyn Spurgeon, and many others are keeping things running smoothly throughout the day.

We are planning to run three separate phases, all indoors – the Precision & Paces test first, then we'll clear the arena and build the cones course, drive the cones in your number order, then clear the cones and build the obstacles. Yes, everyone can help to build and clear the cones course and the obstacles.

You can help to keep things running smoothly by being ready in the warm-up arena at least ten minutes before your start time for every phase and be alert!

Cones – are driven in number order: please allow about two minutes for each driver before you to make sure you are on time. You will be asked to go in if someone before you is late.

Obstacles – are driven in groups, each driver in a group goes into the arena in turn, drives obstacles 1 and 2, returns to the warmup arena, and the next driver goes in… the second time through, the obstacles are timed as 3 and 4. Listen for the announcement of the start time and allow about 4 minutes per driver ahead of you in earlier groups – please be ready when your group starts.

When you arrive

Go to the foyer and sign in – just tick your name so we know who's arrived.
Check your start time – which may have changed – and read the notices on the noticeboard for any changes on the day, collect an obstacles diagram, check your obstacle group – and collect your number bib.

During the day

You can help to keep thing running smoothly by being ready in the warm-up arena, driving straight to the start for each phase and then leaving the arena safely at walk as soon as you've finished.

The café will be open as normal. Please support it and enjoy their healthy tasty meals, drinks, cake and refreshments!

Invite your friends to come and support you, watch, cheer! Ask them to park at the far end of the warm-up arena or beyond, on the 'runway', because we want cars and horses kept apart.

Rosettes to sixth place and Donna and Samii Moncur's lovely backstepper ribbons will be presented in the arena at the end of the event – so please stay!

Parking

Please park trailers, towing vehicles and horseboxes neatly and safely in the front car park, a safe distance apart.

When your carriage is not in use, please park it alongside your trailer/horsebox.

Cars must be parked either at the far end of the warm-up arena or on the 'runway', which is hardstanding reached by going past the arena to the big field at the back.

Tidy!

Everyone - kindly clear up all evidence of horses throughout the day, in and out of the arenas, tidy away hay and droppings (your horse's and others') and use the bins provided. We'll be welcomed back if we leave the parking area sparkling clean when we go – thank you.

Safety!

Stay aware of other turnouts in the warm-up arena and please be considerate of other users at all times.
Walk or trot only!
When walking, please keep off the outside track.
If you need to adjust your harness, please don't do it in the warm-up arena.
Pass either side.

Any queries or issues, please contact Danni as soon as possible, especially on the day.

Thank you!

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