

**SECTION XI**  
**DRIVING PERFORMANCE RULES**

**2019 RULEBOOK**

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#### 1.1 General Rules

The Following General Rules apply to ALL Breed Division driving classes for the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR.

- A. **Headers Required:** All Youth exhibitors in any driving class must have a header 16 years or older. Headers are to enter the ring when the line-up is called, may assist in setting up the animal and then step back two paces where they are to remain, except in an emergency, until the judge's card is turned in.

Note: Judges are cautioned that this rule in no way negates the requirement in youth classes that animals must display good manners, stand quietly in the line-up and back readily.

- B. In Youth Driving, an **attendant** is allowed in the vehicle with the youth, age 17 and younger, but not required. The youth shall be in full control of the horse without assistance.
- C. To qualify for a **Driving Championship/Stake class**, a pony/horse must have been shown in at least one other class of the same specific division of the show in progress.
- D. **Timeout:** The breakage of equipment or casting of a shoe shall be handled in accordance with Current USEF Rule Book, General Rule (GR)833, which is in part as follows: "An exhibitor is entitled to request suspensions of judging for a period not to exceed five minutes in aggregate (but no more than one time in a class) in order to repair broken equipment, replace a shoe or rectify a similar accident. The exhibitor must go to the center of the ring for any such emergency which will constitute a request for time out. Time shall be taken from the moment the exhibitor goes to the center of the ring except in the event of a pony casting a shoe. Time shall not start until the farrier or his assistant touches the shoe or the pony. No more than 3 minutes will be allotted to find a shoe. If at the expiration of five

minutes the repair has not been made, the contestant may proceed as is or be eliminated. The Steward or Ringmaster shall be held responsible for timing unless an official timer is present. If a pony is removed from the ring during a class for the purpose of re-shoeing, the Steward or Ringmaster shall accompany, and remain with the pony until he is returned to the ring, or excused from the class. Any exhibitor not involved in a “timeout” may make minor adjustments that can be performed with the assistance of one attendant and not be charged with a “timeout”.

- E. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (Certified ASTM/SEI Equine Helmet) in any division or class without penalty from the judge(s). **All youth MUST wear protective headgear** (Certified ASTM/SEI Equine Helmet) **in Roadster**. Headgear harness must be secured and properly fitted.
- F **Roadster Classes:** “Colors-Up” or “With Colors” – Drivers must wear colors (cap and jacket) – stable colors preferred. Entry number is to be worn on the driver’s back and not attached to the vehicle.