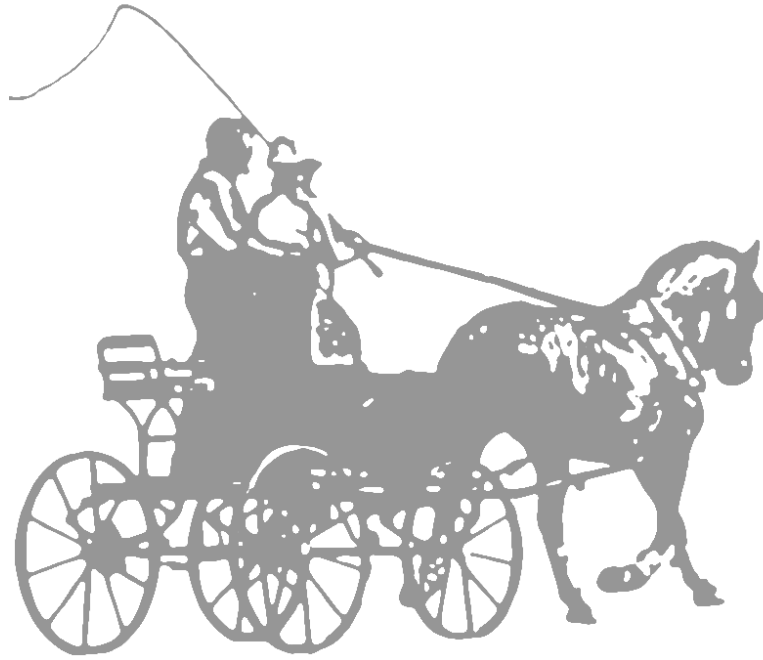


LEVEL ONE CARRIAGE DRIVING PERSONAL SKILLS



COURSE OVERVIEW

UNIT 1 GENERAL HORSEMANSHIP AND SAFETY

- 1.1 Describe or demonstrate measuring a horse
- 1.2 Estimate a horse's age of by its teeth
- 1.3 Identify good and bad points of conformation and action and their effects

UNIT 2 HARNESS AND EQUIPMENT

- 2.1 Identify and understand the action of common driving bits
- 2.2 Name and identify the parts of a Collar Harness for pairs
- 2.3 Name and identify the parts of a Breastcollar Harness for pairs
- 2.4 Fit a breast-collar harness and a collar harness for pairs
- 2.5 Demonstrate and discuss the care and cleaning requirements of harness & driving equipment
- 2.6 Identify and explain the use of all parts of a standard set of harness for single horses
- 2.7 Demonstrate awareness of safety issues with regard to all harness and equipment with special emphasis on wear and stress points.
- 2.8 Discuss the suitability of the horse for a range of vehicles
- 2.9 Discuss the ratio of horse power to load

UNIT 3 HORSE CARE

UNIT 3 - PART A: Health

- 3a.1 Demonstrate how to apply exercise and stable bandages
- 3a.2 Explain how to administer first aid treatment to the horse for minor injuries
- 3a.3 Describe how to apply humane and appropriate methods of restraint
- 3a.4 Identify the essential points for the care of the teeth
- 3a.5 List the basic essential items for a veterinary first aid cupboard
- 3a.6 Understand the causes of, and implement preventative measures for colic
- 3a.7 Understand the causes of, and implement preventative measures for common skin problems: cracked heels, greasy heel/mud fever, Queensland itch/sweet itch, ringworm, lice, rain scald
- 3a.8 Understand the most common causes of basic leg problems: bony enlargements, sore shins, curbs, bowed or damaged tendons and bursal enlargements
- 3a.9 Understand the causes of, and implement preventative measures for common foot problems: laminitis/founder, abscesses, stone bruises and corns

- 3a.10 Understand the causes of, and implement preventative measures for: respiratory infections/problems, strangles and tetanus
- 3a.11 Understand the causes of, and implement preventative measures for: girth galls, saddle sores, sore mouth, Azoturia/tying up and regional complaints such as ticks and anhidrosis

UNIT 3 - PART B: Feeding

- 3b.1 Understand the concepts of how horses digest their food
- 3b.2 Identify major nutrients and their characteristics and functions in the diet
- 3b.3 Identify and evaluate different types of feed and their effect upon the horse's performance
- 3b.4 Identify factors that may affect dietary requirements
- 3b.5 Discuss the nutritional requirements and formulate a feeding program for, i) spelling/resting horses, ii) working horses
- 3b.6 Discuss common supplements and understand when they may be required
- 3b.7 Discuss plant poisoning, various symptoms and the plants that can cause them

UNIT 3 - PART C: Hoof Care

- 3c.1 Identify farrier tools and their uses in the process of shoeing
- 3c.2 Be capable of removing a loose shoe

UNIT 3 - PART D: Grooming

- 3d.1 Pull and plait a mane suitable to competition standards
- 3d.2 Trim lower legs, jaw, bridle path and withers, bang a tail and hog a mane
- 3d.3 Demonstrate an understanding of clipping a horse

UNIT 3 - PART E: Fitness and Conditioning

- 3e.1 Understand the principles of fitness and conditioning
- 3e.2 Design a fitness program for an entry-level competition horse in combined driving

UNIT 3 - PART F: Travelling

- 3f.1 Explain the preparation requirements and considerations for transporting a horse over long distances
- 3f.2 Demonstrate safe loading and unloading procedures
- 3f.3 Outline safety measures for the float and towing vehicle
- 3f.4 Summarise the general principles of driving when towing a float

UNIT 4 PERSONAL DRIVING SKILLS

UNIT 4 – PART A: Preparation for Driving a Single and a Pair

- 4a.1 Harnessing up, putting to, and taking out, unharnessing

UNIT 4 – PART B: Safety

- 4b.1 Identify appropriate and demonstrate comprehensive gear check for both Single & Pair Turnouts

UNIT 4 – PART C: Basic Driving Skills

- 4c.1 Mounting and dismounting safely
- 4c.2 Driving Skills and Movements for a single horse

UNIT 4 – PART D: Long Reining

- 4d.1 Explain the principles of long reining
- 4d.2 Describe, identify and fit the equipment and attire used in long reining
- 4d.3 Identify and demonstrate the various positions used in long reining describe and identify suitable long reining areas