

GRADE 4 CARRIAGE DRIVING & HORSE CARE

SYLLABUS CARD



CARRIAGE DRIVING PRACTICAL

- Hold the reins with the correct hand position (adapted as required) in walk and trot whilst carrying the whip, if possible.
- Demonstrate or explain Coachman style rein handing.
- Execute accurate transitions from working trot to walk and halt, and vice versa, at markers in the arena.
- Drive through a simple dressage test and cones course of a minimum of 10 pairs cones. Drive a simple obstacle.
- Where venue allows, drive along tracks showing awareness of safety measures and support team roles.

CARRIAGE DRIVING THEORY AND PRACTICE

- Demonstrate or explain how to take care of a harness.
- Demonstrate or explain the procedure for harnessing up, unharnessing, putting to and taking out.
- Discuss the correct fit of a harness.
- Explain the care of a horse/pony after a drive, with special reference to potential pressure points.
- Explain the balance of the vehicle, the horse/pony's pulling power, and how differing surfaces affect this.

HORSE CARE

- Demonstrate an understanding of a horse/pony's behaviour and show this on approaching and handling a horse/ pony.
- Identify the basic food for a stable-kept horse/pony: HAY, NUTS, MIX, and CHAFF. ●
- Demonstrate or explain how to groom a stable-kept horse/ pony, and can identify additional grooming kit items needed: WATER BRUSH, STABLE RUBBER, and TAIL BANDAGE. ●
- Recognise the different types of bedding and the reasons for using it: STRAW, SHAVINGS, WOOD PELLETS and PAPER. ●
- Recognise mucking-out equipment and how to use it: WHEELBARROW, FORK, SHAVINGS FORK, BROOM, and SHOVEL. ●
- Explain the reasons why a horse/pony may need a farrier. ●
- Demonstrate or explain how to catch a horse/pony, lead in hand and know how to tie up correctly. ●
- Identify the following parts of a horse/pony: Those in Grades 1-3, plus STIFLE, CHESTNUT, ERGOT, CHIN GROOVE and POINT OF THE HIP.