



# Saratoga Driving Association

Super Days of Driving,

Driving Trial and Clinic

October 6 , 7, and 8, 2018

## The Saratoga Driving Association - A New and Innovative Schedule for a Perennial Favorite

On October 6, 7, and 8, 2018, the Saratoga Driving Association will hold the SDA Super Days of Driving and Driving Trial. Our goal is to keep the level of participation strong and bring new drivers into the driving sports.

Here's What's New:

1. **THE CONFIDENCE DRIVER** - A new driver designation is being added that we believe is the 1st of its kind in the US for a carriage driving competition. It's called The Confidence Driver. Drivers who elect this option will be free of any penalties for outside assistance, except for someone other than the driver handling the whip, reins, or brake.

This means these drivers may have dressage tests read to them while they drive them, have their groom or passenger tell them where to go in cones classes, even elect to use electronic communication from a coach or a friend while competing. It's perfect for those who would like to try competing but would like a 'shoulder to lean on' at first, or for young drivers who might want or need some assistance as they learn the sport.

Or even for some of us old folks who find their memory becoming unreliable! The Confidence designation can be utilized at any level, any division and will be scored separately from those not selecting that designation. So, if you always wanted to give it try but felt you could not do it alone, here you go! Give it a try.

2. **THE PACE** - We are adding a Pleasure Drive Pace on Saturday.

The Pace will utilize all or most of the Marathon Course but without the Obstacles. They will not be driven on the Pace. The course should be at least 5 or 6 KM. It will be run under ADS Rules for a Pleasure Drive Pace and can be driven as a stand-alone class or as a component of a Continuous Drive. A Continuous Drive is the combination of the scores for the Dressage Test, Cones Course and the Pace.

3. **THE CONTINUOUS DRIVES** - There will be a two types of Continuous Drives offered.

One will be a **Combined Driving Continuous Drive**. This will be the combination of scores for Dressage, Cones and the Pace.

The other offering will be a **Pleasure Continuous Drive**. This will be scores for Dressage, a Fault and Out Cones course and the Pace.

The components of a Continuous Drive are driven back to back, so drive your chosen dressage test at your assigned time, next drive the cone course either as a Combined Driving Cones Course or as Pleasure Driving Fault and Out course, your choice. Then continue over to the start of the Pace to drive it.

4. PLEASURE DRIVERS - We are adding a few pleasure driving options on Saturday. You can drive the Pleasure Continuous Drive option as described above or you can skip the dressage test and just drive the Fault and Out and the Pace as 2 Phase PLeasure competition. Totally up to you! The point is, if you only have a pleasure driving vehicle or if you are not familiar with Combined Driving rules or competitions, you have a chance to come play! Perfect for a day of pleasure driving competition.
5. COMBINED TESTS - If you want to skip the Pace altogether, you can combine your Dressage Test with either the Combined Driving Cones or the Fault and Out to create a traditional Combined Test or Pleasure 2 Phase Competition. Again, it's up to you.
6. FINALLY, A DRIVING CLINIC - Our judge, Dana Bright, who is one of the most highly experienced carriage driving officials in the country for both Pleasure Driving and Combined Driving, both as a judge and Technical delegate,...and as a competitor... is staying one more day to conduct a driving Clinic on Monday.

Here's what's not changing:

7. MARATHON - It will be the same, high quality Marathon course you have come to expect at the Saratoga event. Once again, it will be designed and marked by the exceptional, truly experienced, highly sought after course designer, Marc Johnson, through the fields and woods of Akers Acres Farm on State Farm Road, Valatie, NY.
8. EXHIBITOR'S PARTY - Free..... Under the Big Top, an excellent catered dinner with entertainment Saturday night.

More details and entry information can be found at [www.saratogadriving.com](http://www.saratogadriving.com)

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