

2025 MDS Driving Derby Rules

Entries are due prior to the event via etransfer, \$25/event, late entries (after closing date) subject to a late fee of \$10. A minimum of 5 entries is required to run the event.

- The competition course will include as many challenging elements as possible using safe obstacles and a variety of cone patterns.
 - Course design will include flat low bridges the MDS bridge at BHP, water obstacles, small hill inclines and declines, tree obstacles with cones or gates, obstacles made using posts, fences or barrels and several types of patterns/arrangement/placement of cones each providing a different challenge.
 - A Course can be designed so that an obstacle can be driven twice.
 - The course can include one handed driving.
 - The course will be approximately one to two kms.
 - Competitors will drive one at a time. Four minutes after one Competitor finishes the next will start.
 - An attempt will be made to announce scores immediately after each competitor has finished.
 - There are no eliminations in this Event. Drivers accumulate time and time faults (refer below to Scoring) for a total time score. The Competitor with the best total time including time faults wins that competition.
 - Junior and Senior Drivers can choose to enter one of the following divisions: Training - 25 sets of cones, or Training - 40 sets of cones, Preliminary and Intermediate with VSE, Pony or Horse in single or multiple horse categories. VSE drivers will choose between either 25 or 40 sets of cones in any division.
 - The competition course will be designed for an 8 to 20 minute drive with most cones set at 40 cms for Training Division, 35 cms for the Prelim Division, 25 cms for the Intermediate division and 20 for the advanced division.
 - Some cones in each division may be set at a narrower measurement to provide a greater challenge.
 - Entries can choose to drive as "Recreational" in the Training division and they will not be scored but their time on course will be recorded for their interest.
 - The driving route in the course will be designed so that driving skill and horse training will be the two most important elements of the competition not driving speed.
 - Safety will be of utmost importance in all aspects of the Course Design.
 - There will be a maximum of 40 cones gates.
 - No individual elements will be altered for the VSE drivers.
 - Every entry will be required to complete a safety check before being allowed to start.
 - The safety check form must be completed and handed in to the Official at the Start.
- The course will be set up and available for "course walk" before each competition starts. The course can be altered for the second or third drive to provide variety and another means to alter the challenge.
- The Junior B drivers (11-13years) must be accompanied.
 - The Junior C Drivers (14-18 years) do not need to be accompanied if driving a single horse/pony/VSE. Please note that "accompanied" means that there must be on board a knowledgeable adult horseperson capable of rendering assistance in an emergency situation.