



Cooley Farm Horse Driving Trials

By kind permission of Richard Sheane & Georgina Phillips

1st & 2nd August 2026

Class	Horse	Pony
Team	Test 2*HP2 - HP4	Test 3*HP2 - HP4
FEI Pair	Test 3*HP2 - HP4	Test 3*HP2 - HP4
Open Single	BC Open Singles A (2025) or FEI Test 2*HP1	BC Open Singles A (2025) or FEI Test 2*HP1
Open Pairs	BC Open Pairs A (2025) or FEI Test 2*HP2	BC Open Pairs A (2025) or FEI Test 2*HP2
Novice Single, Novice Pairs	BC Novice Test A /B (2025)	BC Novice Test A/B (2025)
Pre-Novice	BC Pre-Novice Test (2025)	
VSE	BC Pre-Novice Test (2025)	

NOTES:

- The organiser reserves the right to combine or split any class
- Only horses/ponies entered for the event will be permitted on the showground.

Organisers: Cooley Farm HDT Committee

Event contact: Emma Golding (0860282826) for entry, groom/carriage sharing requests etc;
Georgina Philips (0872314127) or Arthur Sheane (0894383817) for other queries.

President of the Jury: Minta Winn

Technical Delegate: Terry Logan

Course designers: Janos & Aniko Foldszin

Course builders: Arthur Sheane & Neil Bleakley

Dressage Judges: Minta Winn & Sarah Mullins

Event secretary: Emma Golding

Scorer: Emma Golding

Entries via entry portal only. Please note carriage/groom sharing requests, paddock requests, motorised obstacle walking requests and Saturday evening ticket numbers in comment box.

Driven Dressage: Dressage tests for 2026 apply. See BC website:
<https://www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk/dressage/index.htm>.

Arena : 80m x 40m Grass

Marathon: Controlled warmup and Section B with up to 7 obstacles with possibility of water splash (6 for novice, 5 for pre-novice, 4 for VSE). Section B approximately 8km on relatively flat tracks and grass land.

Obstacle Cone Driving: Obstacle Fault Competition. Axles to be extended to appropriate width.

Entries: Please enter using link to carriage driving events payments page on Horse Sport Ireland website. The link is available on the carriage driving landing page and will be available in advance of the event: <https://www.horsesportireland.ie/disciplines/carriage-driving/>



All competitors must be members of HSI/CDI or NICDA. All competitors must have their own personal insurance that covers competitive driving trials events and includes third party cover.

Close of entries: Monday 27th July at midnight.

Entry fee: €90 all classes.

Stabling: Horses can be corralled with electric tape or side stabled on site. There are limited paddocks available – please contact organisers.

Parking: Parking available on grass (please follow signs)

Site opening: Site opens Friday July 31st at 3pm.

Catering:

- Saturday night: Catered meal. €15 per head, children €10, BYOB welcome. Payable on the evening, cash only but please indicate numbers on entry form.

Prizes:

- Rosettes for 1st-3rd in each class.
- Various special prizes.

Health and safety: Health and Safety standards will be enforced always. All persons on the showground or course will be held responsible for complying with these standards at all times and will not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever. Any accidents shall be reported to the TD and the Event Office at the time of the occurrence.

Quads/scooters: May be used to access the obstacles at competitors' risk. Suitable and properly secured hard hats should be worn by anyone on a motorised bike or quad.

Request to drive obstacles with a motorised vehicle must be submitted with your entry, an event approval pass will be issued on your arrival and must be visible on motorised vehicle

Vet/Farrier: Please contact Emma Golding (0860282826), Georgina Phillips (0872314127) or Arthur Sheane (0894383817) for phone numbers and referral.

Directions:

If using Google Maps, please enter Cooley Farm as the destination which will take you directly to the entrance gates of the event. Do not use an Eircode as this will bring you to the wrong location.

From Dublin / Belfast: Take Exit 16 off the N11. Take the first exit off the roundabout. Enter Rathnew. Take the 2nd exit at the mini roundabout in the town and continue on that road to Glenealy. The Cooley Farm entrance is on your right just after Glenealy village.

From South: Take Exit 16 off the N11. Take the 3rd exit off the first roundabout and the Rathnew exit at the second. Enter Rathnew. Take the 2nd exit at the mini roundabout in the town and continue on that road to Glenealy. The Cooley Farm entrance is on your right just after Glenealy village.



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