

Baltic League DRIVING General Rules

1. GOAL OF THE SERIES:

- Promote the sport of carriage driving in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Belarus and Poland
- Find out our best athletes of our region, competing at our national levels
- Promote the co-operation between the NFs and friendship of athletes from participating countries
- Prepare our drivers international competition
- Give our national judges the valuable experience of judging in other countries

2. GENERAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (GOC):

The Baltic League Series is set forth by the Baltic League General Organizing Committee, consisting of one person appointed by each NF. The General Organizing Committee will co-ordinate the arrangements for competitions in all disciplines and all competition venues and work with the local Organizing Committees (OC).

3. DATES OF COMPETITIONS:

During the 2014 season each participating NF will organize one competition in their country.

LITHUANIA: 13-15.06. 2014 Vilniaus Žirgynas <http://www.vilniauszirgynas.lt>

ESTONIA: 04-06.07. 2014 Saksa Hobused <http://www.saksahobused.ee>

LATVIA: 22-24.08.2014 Zirgaudzetava Koceni <http://www.zirgaudzetavakoceni.lv>

The Schedules of each competition have to be published in the respective NFs calendars and on the Baltic Driving League web site at least 8 weeks before the date of the competition.

4. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

Participation is open for all athletes of EST, LAT, LTU and FIN nationality.

All athletes and horses have to be registered by their respective NF and their competitive licences have to be valid and up to date. Horses have to be vaccinated according to the respective NF's regulations.

Participants registered with other NFs are accepted, but they won't be able to collect points towards the final Baltic League ranking, except foreign nationals who are residents of EST, LAT and LTU.

Athletes from another Baltic country can collect points, if said country will organize a Baltic Driving League Series competition in their country during 2014 season.

The competition will be generally following FEI Driving rules edition 11th, effective January 1st, 2014. Exceptions and issues that are not covered by FEI rules, will be outlined in this document or solved case by case, by the Baltic League GOC.

5. COMPETITION CLASSES AND LEVELS:

There are four (4) classes – single horse, pair horse, single pony, pair pony.

Dressage arena 100m X 40m

The total distance of Competition B 10 km – 12 km

In competition C there must be 20 obstacles, with not more than two (2) multiple obstacles.

In events it is possible to participate to a driver as a groom, and a groom as a driver.

It is allowed to participate with any kind of vehicle in Competition A and C.

In BC events Single horse and Pony age must be at least 5 years. Pair Horse and Pony age must be at least 4 years, if the other horse or pony is older.

Each OC will have the option to add classes to their competition. All additional classes have to be listed in the Schedule of the competition.

6. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITIONS:

Each competitions take place not less than three (3) days

Horse Inspection: Will be mandatory for each competition, time of which will be left up to the OC. For practical reasons, most horses can be inspected in the evening of the arrival day and some local horses who arrive on the first day of competition, can be inspected that morning.

Educational Seminar: Organizing an educational seminar with the officiating FEI judge is highly recommended, the seminar can take place either before or after the competition.

7. OFFICIALS:

For each competition, the following officials will be appointed and listed in the Schedule.

Judges: National judges (or FEI) will be appointed by each NF.

Stewards: At least one steward (national or FEI) and one assistant steward.

Veterinarian: To be present during the horse inspection and the competition

Farrier: To be available on call

8. ENTRIES

Entries are due through each National Federation 14 days before the start of the each competition.

It is up to the OC to accept late entries, for a double entry fee.

Entry- and starting fees will be determined by each OC and have to be outlined separately in each competition's Schedule.

9. ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES AND RIDERS

Accommodation for horses, athletes and grooms is at the athletes' expense.

Accommodation for the horses will be arranged by the OC, the cost, the terms and the procedure for booking the stalls has to be outlined in the competition Schedule.

The OC can either offer accommodation for athletes/grooms or publish a list of nearby hotels/motels or camping facilities in the Schedule.

10. PRIZES

The winners of each competition will receive prizes or prize money, as outlined in the Schedule of the competition.

9. BALTIC DRIVING LEAGUE RANKINGS AND OVERALL WINNERS

Athletes will collect points for the Baltic Driving League overall ranking

Ranking Point table:

	Number of participants																
Place	>16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Elim.
1	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	7	5	2	1
2	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	4	2		
3	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	2			
4	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2				
5	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2					
6	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2						
7	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2							
8	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2								
9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2									
10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2										
11	7	6	5	4	3	2											
12	6	5	4	3	2												
13	5	4	3	2													
14	4	3	2														
15	4	2															
16	2																

The final results for each athletes from each competition will go towards the overall BDL ranking. The Baltic Driving League overall winners will be determined by adding up the best results.

If a athlete participates on two horses in one clase of a BDL competition, the best result will count for the Baltic Driving League ranking from said competition.

Baltic Driving League ranking winners of each clas will be awarded with a horse cooler blanket and 3 best athletes from each clas will receive Baltic Driving League trophies.

If there are sponsors, prize money or prizes in kind are also possible for all or certain divisions.

9. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOC AND OC

The GOC and OC will not be responsible for any material or physical loss or damage (accident, injury, theft, illness, etc.) that can happen either as a direct or indirect result of actions of horses, athletes and/or their representatives, horse owners, grooms, parents, spectators or third parties or due to other unforeseen circumstances at the competition grounds, before, during or after the competitions.

The GOC and OC strongly recommend having health and property insurance coverage for everyone involved in the competitions.