



Nova Scotia
Driving Society

Athletes/Participants must complete this checklist and submit to a safety inspection before starting a NSDS Driving Event. Failure to comply may disqualify the entry.

Name of Event		Yes	No	N/A
Safety Checklist & Inspection				
Equine	Has your equine received regular training and driving?			
	Does your equine stand quietly until directed off?			
	Have the teeth been checked for acceptance of the bit?			
	Are horseshoes secure and suitable to maintain footing?			
	Can your equine remain at a safe distance from others?			
	Is your equine controllable in traffic and around other equine?			
Vehicle (Cart & Carriage)	Wheels checked to be in good condition			
	Axles and 5th wheel inspected and lubricated			
	Bolts, singletrees, shafts and poles checked for condition			
	Shaft couples and pole housing secure			
	Size, weight, and load appropriate for conditions			
Harness	Checked for excessive wear and proper fit			
	Bit fitted correctly and not of prohibited style			
	Breeching is correctly fitted			
	Bridle complete with throat latch, brow band, noseband & no overcheck			
	Reins connected to the bit – no snaps			
Driver	Can you manage your equine around unfamiliar equine?			
	Are you aware the equine must never be left unattended while put to a vehicle?			
	Are you confident in your driving to participate in this event?			
	Are you aware reins must be in driver's control at all times?			
	Are you aware the driver is first on cart, last off cart at all times?			
	Protective headgear (ASTM or SEI) required?			
Hitching & Unhitching	Are you aware, when unhitching, reins & bridle WILL NOT be removed before unhooking the vehicle?			
	When hitching/unhitching a header will be available OR the equine will be securely tied.			
	Are you aware, reins are to be in hand while mounting the vehicle?			
	Are you aware never to back an equine between shafts that are lying on the ground?			
Spares, Safety Kit:	Contains spare rein or rein splice, spare trace or trace splice & leather punch			
	Contains halter and lead shank for each equine			
	Contains spare hame strap if using full collars			
	Contains knife suitable to cut harness			
	Contains length of rawhide lacing, string, wire or duct tape			
Date				
I understand it is my responsibility to continually evaluate and be responsible for the safety of my turnout.				
Driver Name (please print)				
Driver Signature				
<i>Rules/Guidelines are based on NSEF, EC, ADS, ACDA</i>				