

# Driving and In Hand Safety Check Sheet

## **Attire**

- Neat, clean and well fitted
- Riding boots or sturdy leather shoes
- Gloves (may be black or brown, but brown is traditional)
- Driving whip
- ASTM/SEI helmet

## **Optional**

- English or western attire
- *Gentlemen:* Sport coat and slacks or suit (western cut acceptable). A driving apron is optional.
- *Lady:* A long sleeved shirt or blouse with jeans, slacks or an ankle length skirt; or a conservative dress with long sleeves. A vest or jacket may also be worn. A driving apron is optional. Eventing wear is not acceptable.
- *Header:* Hard soled shoes or boots, a long sleeved shirt, and jeans or slacks. If the header is a 4-H member, an ASTM/SEI helmet is required.

## **Vehicle**

### *Required*

- An appropriate two or four wheeled vehicle
- A footrest or basket (a minimum of 10 inches front to back) securely fastened to the vehicle. The basket must be constructed so the driver's feet cannot get stuck.
- Shafts should be equipped with a single tree or trace hooks.
- The vehicle should be in safe, usable condition and should fit the animal to which it is attached.

### *Not allowed:*

- Racing sulkies or roadster bikes

## **Harness**

- A leather or synthetic, pleasure type harness is acceptable. For safety reasons, a nylon harness is not recommended. The harness must be in safe, useable condition and must fit the animal wearing it. The reins must be either buckled or stitched together.

### *Required:*

- Crupper
- Thimbles or breeching (unless the vehicle is equipped with a braking system)
- Wrap straps or overgirth
- Blinkers (or blinders)
- Cavesson noseband
- Snaffle or driving curb bit

### *Not allowed*

- Twisted wire or gag bits
- Optional equipment
- Overcheck or side check
- Running martingale
- Kicking strap
- Support boots

## **Whip**

### *Required*

- Driving or buggy whip, carried in the right hand

### *Not allowed*

- Longeing type whip