Appendix B

BDS DRIVING CLASSES

Whilst not a definitive list below are the majority of classes which you can expect to find at a BDS Area show. Not all shows will have all of these classes nor are you expected to include all of them. Choose perhaps eight classes that will meet the needs of the members in your area (perhaps ask before planning classes) as well as attract others from outside and increase your attendances and numbers in each class. Some will obviously prove more popular that others and this may well change with time as members move from one level to another or need to bring a horse or pony for experience. The wording offered with each class has been proved to be acceptable and without any loopholes for some to try and exploit. The wording and descriptions can of course be changed to suit your local conditions or specific requirements.

When arranging your class order it is worth considering your potential entrants needs as they may find it easier to do two or three consecutive classes rather than having a class early in the list, one at lunchtime and another at the close of the day. Some of course will find your order to their liking and the lesson here is that you will not please everyone all the time. Once published it is not advisable to change the class running order, unless you have no entrants in certain classes, and always make times approximate

These are NOT in any order of importance or priority. The class order is entirely up to you and your committee to arrange. However, it is best to finish with the Championships.

PLEASURE DRIVING

Pleasure driving classes are for newcomers to showing and not intended for those who show in private driving classes. Regular showing competitors are asked to respect this. To be judged on general cleanliness, safety of turnout, correct fitting of harness and vehicle suitability. To be judged 15% vehicle suitability, fit and cleanliness, 15% harness suitability, fit and cleanliness, 70% driver

& groom, horse/pony, way of going and suitability as a family pleasure animal. Competitor's may, for example be required to drive a halt between two pairs of cones and or given other specific movements to execute in their show. Open to horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules. A single or pair driven to a vehicle capable of seating 2 or more persons. Open to traditional/traditional-type vehicles or an exercise vehicle and for the purposes of this class they will be judged on equal merits. Pneumatic tyres specifically designed for carriages (i.e., not car tyres) are allowed. Lamps need not be carried.

NOVICE WHIP

Whip not to have won a first prize in a driving class at any BDS affiliated show before the 1st Jan in the year of the show. Any vehicle permitted, should a novice whip also be a junior they must be accompanied in the vehicle by a competent adult whip.

NOVICE HORSE / PONY

A novice Horse/Pony is an animal that has not won a first prize in harness prior to the 1st Jan of the year of the show. Open to any suitable vehicle.

NOVICE NOVICE

Both Whip and Horse/Pony to be a novice, neither to have won a first prize in any BDS affiliated show before 1st Jan of the year of the show. Open to any suitable vehicle.

YOUNG DRIVER

For Young Drivers (aged between 8 years and 17 years as at the day of the show) All young drivers, must be accompanied in the vehicle at all times by a competent adult whip. Whips will be judged on their ability to handle the reins, and to safely drive their turnout. Vehicles may be traditional or non-traditional type, but the turnout should be clean and tidy, and whips correctly dressed.

MINIATURE CLASS
Open to ponies 42" and under in either an exercise or traditional carriage.

WHIP CLASS (Lady or Gentleman Whip)

This class is judged to determine the capabilities of the driver and particular attention will be paid to dress, turnout and driving procedure. Open to traditional/traditional type vehicles or an exercise vehicle.

EXERCISE VEHICLE – TWO WHEEL

Exercise vehicle turnout for two wheeled vehicles put to either a single or a pair/tandem. Please note this is a show class and the standards of BDS Show classes are to be respected (clean, tidy and safe animals, harness, vehicle, whip and groom) Lamps need not be carried, a suitable spares kit should be with the vehicle.

EXERCISE VEHICLE – FOUR WHEEL

Exercise vehicle turnout for four wheeled vehicles put to either a single or pair/tandem. Please note this is a show class and the standards of BDS Show classes are to be respected (clean, tidy, and safe animals, harness, vehicle whip and groom). Lamps need not be carried, a suitable spares kit should be with the vehicle.

NON TRADITIONAL TURNOUT

Open to any Non Traditional turnout, this class designed for those with modern vehicles, non-leather harness or combinations of modern carriage driving equipment, single, or Multiple. To be judged on suitability to drive out, correct fitting harness and vehicle, spares, and ability of the whip.

MULTIPLES

Any height, Open to turnouts consisting of pair, tandem or team of horse/pony in any combination, driven to traditional or non-traditional vehicles.

MOUTAIN AND MOORLAND

Registered Native Breeds to any suitable vehicle. Excludes Registered Welsh Breeds. To be judged as breed class.

COUNTRY TURNOUT

A traditional Country turnout (Ralli Car, Norfolk, Dog Carts etc). Single, Pair or Tandem correctly harnessed and turnout out as used in the country. Both Patent, plain black or brown harness is acceptable.

TRADE TURNOUT

Traditional Trade Driving Vehicles Single, Pair or Tandem, no goods to be carried although a sample load may be displayed. Excessive speed is not permitted.

PRIVATE DRIVING – UNDER 13.2hh

Private Driving, Traditional Private Driving Vehicles Single, Pair or Tandem Under 13.2hh, No Hackney wagons or trade vehicles permitted.

PRIVATE DRIVING – OVER 13.2hh

Private Driving, Traditional Private Driving Vehicles, Single, Pair or Tandem Over 13.2hh, no hackney wagons or trade vehicles permitted.

HACKNEY TYPE PRIVATE DRIVING

Hackney Type Private Driving, Traditional Private Driving Vehicles, Single, Pair or Tandem, Hackney or Hackney Type Horse or Pony. No hackney wagons or trade vehicles permitted.

CONCOURS d 'ELEGANCE

Single, Pair or Tandem to a Traditional or non-Traditional Vehicle (you can make this either at event organisers choice). The judge to decide in his/her opinion the turnout that would be the best subject

for either a painting or statue etc. NOTE: Not usually judged by your BDS Panel Judge, select a local VIP, landowner, sponsors wife etc.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner and second from classes x to y are invited to come forward to the Championship.

A couple of the above class description may not be familiar, and these may be classes that we have developed over the years, usually to try to give your newcomers a class (avoiding your local professionals) such as the Novice, and to maybe get an exercise vehicle turnout to enter another class (Non Traditional) as well increasing class numbers it is adding to your revenue.

NOTES:

You may amalgamate classes if you have sufficient entries forward, but this must be added to your schedule.

Exercise and Private Classes can be combined under and overs, with the wording "class will be split if sufficient entries forward on the day", or they can both enter the ring together and be judged separately.

Please refer to your Show Affiliation Additional Information Sheet for Class wordings or contact the BDS Office if more guidance is required.