

Kingdom of Trimaris Driving Regulations

For the purpose of brevity within this document, “vehicle” will be the universal description of any wheeled vehicle one can hitch to any equid (referred to as horse(s) in the remainder of this document), including carriage, wagon, cart, rig, and so forth, unless specifically stated otherwise.

General Regulations

- 1) This activity must be supervised by a warranted Driving Marshal.
- 2) In situations not covered specifically in the Kingdom of Trimaris driving regulations, or by direct interpretation of the Kingdom of Trimaris driving regulations, the spirit and intent of the rules must be upheld.
- 3) A bridle with reins attached and passed through the turrets must be in place whenever a horse is put to a vehicle. Violation of this rule is grounds for removal from site.
- 4) Hitched horses shall not be left unattended. Violation of this rule is grounds for removal from site.
 - a) Horse(s) will not be tied to anything when hitched to a vehicle. Violation of this rule is grounds for removal from site.
- 5) The driver shall be the first person on the vehicle and the last person off.
- 6) All drivers shall have reins and whip in hand whenever on/inside the vehicle.
 - a) Only drivers authorized for a specific turnout may handle the reins at events.
 - b) Unauthorized drivers may handle the reins at practices only.
 - c) Unauthorized drivers are required to have an authorized driver seated next to them.
 - d) Unauthorized drivers will not be allowed to drive in processions. An authorized driver will do the driving with the appropriate number of driving-assist groundcrew for the turnout in attendance.

7) Drivers shall not handle weapons on turnouts competing in games requiring weapons such as Driven Archery, Hastiludes, etc. All weapons will be handled by passengers only.

8) There shall be no standing in a vehicle unless said vehicle is specifically designed for standing. (Examples, are period type Chariots and/or modern marathon carriages with period style trappings, etc.)

9) Vehicles shall not be hand led with passengers in the vehicle. Hand led vehicles without passengers for period Art/Sci displays may be approved at the discretion of the EqMIC.

a) Participants desiring to display hand led vehicles shall be trained in the hazards of hand led vehicles and shall make advance arrangements with the EqMIC prior to the event at which they desire to have a hand led vehicle.

b) Approved hand led vehicles will be led by the authorized driver of the turnout.

c) Approved hand led vehicles will comply with the minimum required driving assist groundcrew.

10) Horse drawn vehicles shall remain at a walk outside of the designated competition or demo area unless conditions exist which make a slow trot desirable for the safety of the horse(s). Such conditions include deep footing, steep inclines/declines, or heavy loads.

Driver Responsibilities

- 1) Drivers are responsible for having the appropriate numbers of driving-assist ground crew in attendance.
 - a) Singles and pairs require 1 driving-assist groundcrew member.
 - b) For other hitches, there shall be one driving-assist groundcrew member per every two horses or fraction there of.
- 2) No cantering in two wheeled vehicles.
 - a) Exceptions may be period style chariots; etc which are designed for such activities.
 - b) Cantering of two wheeled vehicles, which are of appropriate design, may be done at the discretion of the KEO and the EqMIC.
 - c) Cantering of four wheeled and approved two wheeled vehicles require a special authorization.
- 3) All drivers, prior to every event or practice, shall ensure their equipment is safe and in good working order.
 - a) Drivers must use correct style of harness for the type of vehicle. The vehicle and harness must fit the horse.
 - b) Equestrian Marshals in Charge may refuse or restrict the participation of any horse/driver/vehicle/harness combination.
- 4) Decorations and trappings shall be in keeping with period style accoutrements to the extent that they do not create a safety hazard such as entanglement of grounds persons, horses, driver, passengers and moving parts of the vehicle.

Driving Authorizations

- 1) There shall be a driving authorization process in Trimaris.
 - a) Drivers shall be required to demonstrate knowledge of basic vehicle driving safety through examination. The exam may be written or oral.
 - b) Driver's authorizations are limited to the turnouts with which they intend to authorize.
 - c) Drivers shall demonstrate the knowledge and ability to harness and hitch.
 - d) Drivers shall demonstrate the ability to drive forward, turn, and change directions at the walk and through three trots, the slow trot/jog, working trot and the trot-on/extended trot.
 - e) Drivers shall demonstrate the ability to halt and back.
 - f) All Drivers of four-wheeled vehicles and of cantering-approved two-wheeled vehicles shall also demonstrate the ability to canter on a straightaway or large circle and the ability to halt from the canter.
 - g) Drivers shall have special authorization to drive vehicles designed to be driven while standing such as period style chariots.
- 2) Driving EqMiT's shall be authorized drivers.
 - a) Driving EqMiT's shall assist a warranted Sr. Driving Marshal at a minimum of 2 SCA events and/or 2 SCA practices.
 - b) Driving EqMiT's shall have their EqMiT comment sheets filled out by the warranted Sr. Driving Marshal they assisted.
 - c) Driving EqMiT's shall pass a written exam to demonstrate their knowledge of vehicle driving and the special safety hazards inherent in driving activities.
 - d) At discretion of the KEO an EqMiT may need to obtain additional training before being authorized as a Driving Marshal.

3) All Driving Marshals shall be warranted by the KEO and shall enforce safety regulations pertaining to equestrian and driving activities.

a) A Jr. Driving Marshal is warranted after completing all driving EqMiT requirements and may marshal driving events and practices.

b) A Sr. Driving Marshal is warranted after demonstrating sufficient experience with driven vehicles to allow them to assess the ability and knowledge of an authorizing driver. The safety, handling of a turnout and the understanding of the rules as they pertain to driving activities in the SCA are important factors.

Minors Regulations.

1) Minors may participate in SCA driving under the supervision of their parents/guardians who have signed the SCA Equestrian Wavier/Roster in their behalf.

2) Minors under the age of 16 cannot be authorized drivers. Minors between 16 and 18 can be authorized drivers, but must have an authorized driver over 21 on board in their authorized turnout with quick access to the reins.

a) Minors must wear helmets.

b) Minors cannot drive in procession.

c) Minors shall not be driving assist groundcrew.

Driving Assist Groundcrew

1) Driving assist groundcrew shall be authorized

2) Driving assist groundcrew shall be able to assist with “putting to the vehicle”.

3) Driving assist groundcrew shall demonstrate knowledge of how to react in an emergency by passing an oral exam given by Sr. Driving Marshal.

Postillion Turnouts

- 1) Postillion-ridden turnouts require individual authorization.
- 2) On postillion-ridden vehicles the rider will be mounted prior to anyone entering the vehicle and shall remain mounted as long as passengers are on the vehicle.
- 3) Postillion riders will previously be authorized riders and secondarily authorized for Postillion vehicles.
- 4) There will be no postillion riders on turnouts being driven from inside the vehicle.
- 5) Minors shall not participate in postillion-ridden turnouts.

Definitions

Equid- *n.* any of a family (Equidae) of perissidactyl mammals consisting of the horses (including minatures), asses, mules, zebras, and extinct related animals.

Harness- *v.* The act of putting a harness on an equid.

Hitch- *v.* to attach an equid and/or harness to the vehicle.

Postillion- *n.* one who rides as a guide on the near horse of one of the pairs attached to coach or post chaise especially without a coachmen.

“Putting to the vehicle”-*v.* the entire process of joining equid and carriage from leading the equid to the carriage to buckling the harness to the carriage to gathering the reins and taking the box seat.

Turnout- *n.* a coach or carriage together with the horses, harness, and attendants.