

## NEDTL AGM January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010.

### Change to Constitution.

**1. In line with the Directors proposal to alter the minimum age for a driver from 14 to 12 you are asked to approve the amendments indicated in bold in the paragraphs below.**

- 5.7 Family membership shall be available to any group of related persons who operate together from the same address. Limitations of the number of persons who operate together eligible to comprise a family membership group shall be determined by the Committee at its absolute discretion but will, in principle, be limited to a reasonable size family group. Any member of a family membership group over **12** is entitled to participate in Company events as a competitor but not more than two persons representing any family membership group may be eligible to drive and only two have the right to vote at any General Meeting.
- 5.10 Only members over **12** are entitled to participate in Company events as a competitor. Only members over 18 are entitled to vote, be elected as a Committee Member or hold office.

### Rule Changes for 2010.

**Subject to the approval of the amendment to the Constitution please note the following changes to the Rules together with changes for H & S & small ponies.**

**Note The Rules of the Club are different from the Constitution and they are determined by the Committee. The following proposed Rule Changes will be discussed during the Open Forum and the Committee will then amend the rules as appropriate**

**3.3 Air ambulance arrangements.**

**4.5 No tethering or loose-hobbling. See H & S Notes with reference to horses tied to lorry/trailer with halter ropes.**

**5.4 For small ponies 11.2 and under the walk speed will be 5 kmph.**

### **6) DRIVERS/GROOMS.**

6.1 All drivers and grooms are required to wear BHS approved headgear during the marathon. Clean and tidy safety hats may be worn for Dressage/Cones without penalty in presentation **Young drivers and young grooms must wear a body protector when participating in the marathon or indoor competitions.**

6.2 All grooms must wear approved tabard number bibs for the marathon. Numbers may be attached to the carriage for dressage/cones provided that they are clearly visible.

6.3 **New drivers, including Young Drivers, must be assessed in accordance with BHTDA Affiliated Club Pack Section 10. Young drivers between the ages of 12 and 18 will be assessed by NEDTL in accordance with Affiliated Club Paperwork Pack Section 10.**

**6.4 Young drivers who have attained the age of 12 must be accompanied by a competent adult aged 18 or over.**

**6.5 Young drivers aged 12, by the date of the event, may compete in all phases of NEDTL events. They must drive at least 2 events with the pony/horse with which they were assessed without elimination. Any change of animal must be notified to the Assessment Officer.**

6.6 GROOMS. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that their groom or grooms shall be fit and capable of rendering quick and efficacious assistance at any time. Any official may at any time stop any competitor whose groom in their opinion appears unfit or incapable and ask him to demonstrate that they can carry out his duties as described above. **Grooms of Young Drivers must have participated at Club or National events as a driver or groom, evidence of which will be required.**

6.7 Grooms who have attained the age of 14 may compete on vehicles driven by adults subject to compliance with 6.1 and 6.6 above.

**6.8 Junior grooms aged 12 & 13 may assist as dressage and /or cones grooms in a singles class in vehicles driven by an adult 18 years or over. It is strongly recommended that they wear approved Body Protectors**

**6.9 Competitors are reminded that helpers appreciate your thanks and courteous attitude.**