

NEDTL ASSESSMENT POLICY 2020:

Purpose of assessment:

The objective of this assessment process is to ascertain whether a driver and his turnout are sufficiently competent and safe to take part in any Public Outing organised by the Club.

Assessment Procedure:

Candidate is asked to produce his horse, harness and vehicle for inspection, harness up and to carry out a simple driving test. He can be questioned to get an insight into his basic knowledge but unlike a test, is not required to talk himself through all his procedures. *The Assessor should feel free to give helpful advice where necessary.*

All new driving members must either provide evidence of previous experience or be assessed if new to horse driving trials.

Procedure:

1. New members are identified by the Membership Secretary who informs the Assessment Co-ordinator (AC).
2. The AC will arrange for drivers without experience to be assessed under the procedures outlined above.
3. For drivers with previous experience the AC will verify their experience with the appropriate club if not already known.

Assessment Procedure:

This should meet the following criteria:

- The Assessor must be an appropriate person as listed **and not involved in training or assisting the person to be assessed.**
- The assessment should be at a suitable outdoor venue, **not** an indoor or outdoor competition venue.
- The BC guidance notes must be followed and a form completed and signed.
- The following may carry out assessment: A National Driven Dressage Judge, a National Open Class competitor with at least three years' experience, a Level 2 or 3 UKcc approved coach and the President of the Jury.
- When the assessment is completed, the Membership Secretary should be informed so that the database can be up-dated.
- The AC should then retain one copy of the completed form and the original be sent to the Secretary for filing.
- **New Junior drivers must complete a minimum of two events with the horse/pony they were assessed with.**

Drivers wishing to progress from single to pair:

- Must inform the AC who will arrange for a verification check to be made by an experienced multiple driver prior to their first competition.

Drivers wishing to progress to tandem or team:

- Must contact the AC.