

Range Carriage Club Rules

1. The horse must always be tied up securely before harnessing or unharnessing.
2. When harnessing up, the bridle and blinkers must be on before the carriage.
3. When unharnessing, the reins and then the bridle, should be taken off after the vehicle is removed.
4. The reins must be fastened to the bit before putting the horse in the vehicle.
5. Do not try to back a horse between shafts that are lying on the ground.
6. The ends of the reins should be buckled or tied in case one should be dropped.
7. The traces, breeching then belly band should be fastened in that order when harnessing to the carriage.
8. When unharnessing, the belly band, breeching, then traces should be undone before removing the carriage.
9. **A horse must not be left unattended whilst attached to a horse drawn vehicle.**
10. A whip must be carried at all times in the vehicle. Excessive use of the whip is unacceptable.
11. Never allow anyone to sit in the carriage before the driver has taken their place in the vehicle.
12. If a groom is designated, they should alight from the vehicle and go to the horse's head before other passengers or the driver leaves the vehicle. The driver must be the last person to leave the vehicle.
13. There will be NO RACING of horses or wild driving at club days.
14. Horses not harnessed to a vehicle are to be tied up short enough so they cannot get their legs over the rope. Blinkers should not be left on.
15. Junior Drivers. A person must be over 6 years of age to drive in our club and must be accompanied by a competent groom over the age of 18 years.
 - ***Junior drivers must wear approved helmets when driving or grooming.***
16. No standing in a vehicle unless it is fitted with a back step for the groom.
17. Never drive too close to the carriage in front or beside you or pass without warning the driver in front – especially with green horses.
18. Always remember to signal to road traffic before stopping or turning.
19. Always carry a halter and lead-rope in the vehicle when driving your horse out from the club grounds.
20. It is recommended that all drivers and grooms wear approved helmets.
21. Represent your club proudly. No abusive language to either horses or other people. Respect for all should be shown.
22. Drivers should undertake a final safety gear check before starting out.