

2008- 2009

# Winter Sleigh Driving Series

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## *Sleigh Rallies*

**December 14:** Judge- TBA  
**January 17:** Judge- Susan Koso  
**February 7:** Judge- Jeff Morse

## *Sleighting Combined Tests*

**January 3:** Judge- Mark Johnson  
**January 31:** Judge- Dottie Billington  
**February 21:** Judge- TBA

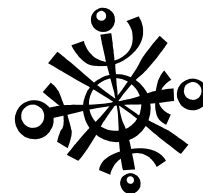
**If weather does not permit the above rallies to be held, sleigh rallies will be rescheduled. Please check the GMHA website ([www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org)) or call (802) 457-1509 for status updates.**

## GENERAL RULES

1. All classes will be conducted and judged using the rules of the American Driving Society.
2. **Removing the bridle while the horse is still hitched to the sleigh = elimination from the competition.**
3. Junior drivers under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult & must wear helmets.
4. Management has the right to combine, cancel, or add classes as entries warrant the day of the show. Any class with fewer than 3 entries will be combined or cancelled.
5. Points are accumulated on the horse or pony. Horse or pony will be assigned one number for the entire sleighing series- UNLESS horse or pony is competing in both Open and Novice divisions with different drivers, in which case separate numbers will be assigned. If a horse or pony is driven more than once in a class, points will only count on the first go.
6. Year end Championships will be computed by using the best 4 scores (of 6 possible). If there are fewer than 3 entries with 4 scores in a division, scores will be combined with Single Horse or Pony.
7. Rules are subject to change by management due to footing/ weather conditions.
8. Coggins certificates must be presented prior to unloading and must be less than one year old.
9. **Novice Horse, Pony, or Driver** has not won three first place ribbons in an ADS and/ or USEF sanctioned driving competition. NOTE: Winter Sleigh Driving Series is not ADS or USEF sanctioned, but does follow ADS rules.
10. Non-competing horses of GMHA MEMBERS ONLY are allowed on-grounds during all Sleighting Events. As conditions allow, sleighting trails and field will be open for schooling.
11. Stabling is available during all Sleighting Events. Stabling is \$22/ GMHA Members, \$35/ Non-members per night. **You MUST pre-register if you plan to stable on-grounds.** Please contact the office for details.
12. Sleigh storage may be available at your own risk between competitions- contact the office for details.
13. Sleighting events may be held with wheels if conditions do not allow for sleighing, and if footing is deemed appropriate. See website ([www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org)) or call the office for details.



# 2008-2009 Sleigh Rally Class List



## Fees:

\$50/division GMHA Member

\$60/division Non-Member

\$10/individual class GMHA Member

\$20/individual class Non-Member

**Entry includes an afternoon snack during the awards ceremony for all competitors-  
pot luck contributions are encouraged from all!**

## Classes to start at 11am SHARP!

1. OPEN SINGLE HORSE
2. OPEN SINGLE PONY
3. OPEN MULTIPLES HORSES/PONIES
4. WORKING NOVICE HORSE/PONY

The above classes to be shown at the walk, collected trot, working trot, trot on (footing permitting). To be judged on way of going, apparent ability to give a pleasure drive, and manners. Sleigh and harness to be safe and well fitted.

5. LADIES TO DRIVE
6. GENTLEMEN TO DRIVE
7. NOVICE/ JUNIORS TO DRIVE
8. SENIORS TO DRIVE (*age 50 & above*)

The above classes to be shown at the walk, collected trot, working trot and trot on (footing permitting). To be judged on the drivers ability to gain the best possible performance from the horse. Clear changes of gait, manners, and general impression to count.

9. CURRIER AND IVES

To be shown at the walk and trot, to be judged on costumes and general impression. Appointments to count.

10. SLEIGH DOG

To be shown at the walk and trot; judged on the dog's suitability to serve as a companion (max 1 dog per sleigh).

11. OBSTACLES SINGLE HORSE
12. OBSTACLES SINGLE PONY
13. OBSTACLES MULTIPLES HORSES/PONIES
14. OBSTACLES NOVICE HORSE/PONY

To be judged as a timed obstacle class, time faults to be given for knockdowns.

15. CROSS COUNTRY PACE

Conditions Permitting. To be judged based on optimum time set by non-participant. There will be hazards due to natural terrain and man-made turns. THIS IS NOT A RACE.

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## Sleigh Rally Rules

1. Indicate the division you are entering. **One entry form per horse, pony, or multiple.**
2. **Divisions:**
  - Single Horse-** Points from class 1- (5, 6, or 7)- 9- 11- 15
  - Single Pony-** Points from class 2- (5, 6, or 7)- 9- 12- 15
  - Multiple Horses/Ponies-** Points from class 3- (5, 6, or 7)- 9- 13- 15
  - Novice Horse/Pony-** Points from class 4- (5, 6, or 7)- 9- 14- 15
3. If an entry is driven in 5, 6, and 7, the **driver must declare before the start of class 5 which class to count for points.**
4. **Entries are accepted on the morning of the event- no need to pre-register unless you need stabling.**

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# GMHA SLEIGH DRIVING SERIES

Entry #
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## Sleigh Rallies

- December 14
- January 17
- February 7

## Sleighting Combined Tests

- January 3
- January 31
- February 21

DRIVER'S NAME	PHONE
ADDRESS	DIVISION <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE HORSE <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE PONY  <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLES <input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE
CITY	
STATE                      ZIP	EMAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR (50 yrs. +) <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR (under age 18)    DATE OF BIRTH:	<input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> LADY <input type="checkbox"/> GENTLEMAN

HORSE INFORMATION			
NAME	COLOR	BREED	
<input type="checkbox"/> MARE <input type="checkbox"/> GELDING <input type="checkbox"/> STALLION	AGE	<input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE HORSE/PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN
CERTIFICATION OF NEGATIVE COGGINS : <input type="checkbox"/> ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> ON FILE <i>(HORSE TWO - DRIVING PAIR)</i>			
NAME	COLOR	BREED	
<input type="checkbox"/> MARE <input type="checkbox"/> GELDING <input type="checkbox"/> STALLION	AGE	<input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE HORSE/PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN
CERTIFICATION OF NEGATIVE COGGINS: <input type="checkbox"/> ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> ON FILE			

HORSE OWNER INFORMATION			
NAME	PHONE		
ADDRESS	CITY                      STATE                      ZIP		

ALTERNATE DRIVER INFORMATION (for Ladies or Gents to Drive ONLY)	
NAME	PHONE
ADDRESS	CITY                      STATE                      ZIP

SLEIGH RALLY CLASSES			COMBINED TEST CLASSES		
<u>Sleigh Rally Fees</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Combined Test Fees</u>		<u>Total</u>
GMHA Member Division \$50		_____	GMHA Member Combined Test \$30		_____
Non-Member Division \$60		_____	Non-Member Combined Test \$45		_____
GMHA Member Ind. Class \$10		_____	GMHA Member Cones Only \$10		_____
Non-Member Ind Class \$20		_____	Non-Member Cones Only \$20		_____
TOTAL		_____	TOTAL		_____

<u>PAYMENT INFORMATION</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Please bill my credit card (MC or Visa only)		
Credit card #:	Expiration:	Signature:

Please contact Karey Manner with any questions: [kmanner@gmhainc.org](mailto:kmanner@gmhainc.org), (802) 457-1509, ext. 203.

**INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

**WARNING**

**Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A. section 1039.**

I understand that the sport of horseback riding and driving is inherently dangerous and that serious injury and death can occur. I understand that participation in equine activities involves necessary risks. I agree that if any injury occurs to me or my horse or to any equipment that I may use or send to use, I will make no claim against the Green Mountain Horse Association, Inc. or any of the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees and Volunteers. I further agree to hold the Green Mountain Horse Association, Inc., the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Volunteers and Landowners free and harmless from any liability, claims, suits or damages of whatsoever kind or nature that may be occasioned by the horses used by me or the negligence of the persons in charge of such horses and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless this organization and individuals against all liability claims, suits, and expenses including attorney fees incurred arising out of any injury to any person or damage to any property caused by me, my horses or attendants.

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*SIGNATURE OF COMPETITOR – must sign both lines, even if competitor/owner is the same person*

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*SIGNATURE OF HORSE OWNER – must sign both lines, even if competitor/owner is the same person*

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*SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (REQUIRED FOR JUNIOR RIDERS UNDER 18)*

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**ELIGIBILITY:** Entries are open to stallions (senior drivers only), mares and geldings of all breeds with the following exceptions: horses under age four, nursing mares, horses that are blind in both eyes, and (due to driving conditions) animals less than 40" high at the withers.

**Please mail entries to:**

GMHA Winter Sleigh Driving Series  
PO Box 8  
South Woodstock, VT 05071



# 2008-2009 *Sleighting Combined Test*

\$30/Combined Test GMHA Member  
\$10/Cones Only GMHA Member

\$45/Combined Test Non-Member  
\$20/Cones Only Non-Member

## *Class List*

1. Novice Training Single Horse
2. Novice Training Single Pony
3. Novice Training Multiples
4. Novice Training Cones Only
5. Training Single Horse
6. Training Single Pony
7. Training Multiples
8. Training Cones Only
9. Preliminary Single Horse
10. Preliminary Single Pony
11. Preliminary Multiples
12. Preliminary Cones Only
13. Intermediate Test of Choice \*If entries warrant, Intermediate division will be split.

<b>Novice Training Level</b> Dressage: Training Level Test 1 Cones: 40 cm
<b>Training Level</b> Dressage: Training Level Test 2 Cones: 35 cm
<b>Preliminary Level</b> Dressage: Preliminary Test 2 Cones: 30cm
<b>Intermediate Level</b> Dressage: TOC (3, 4, or 5 only) Cones: 25 cm

## Rules:

1. All classes will be conducted under the rules of the American Driving Society and the General Rules of the GMHA Winter Sleigh Driving Series (see attached).
2. Novice divisions are open to Novice horses/ponies OR drivers (not to have won three blue ribbons at an ADS or USEF driving competition.) If there are fewer than 3 entries in a class, classes within the division will be combined. Note: Novice will not be combined with Open Training.
3. Dressage, cones, and overall placings will be pointed as classes for year end awards, with overall placings receiving double points. Extra cones rounds will not be pointed.
4. **Multiple entries are allowed- the twice around rule will apply for all Combined Tests.** Please note: scheduling will be tight! We will do our best to accommodate multiple entries, but please bring enough helpers for quick horse/sleigh changes.
5. **Combined Test entries close at 4pm on the Friday before the event.** Phone and email entries are accepted, but entry form **MUST** be signed prior to competing. Payments may be made the morning of the event. Post entries for combined tests may be accepted if time allows. **Post entries are accepted for cones only rounds.**
6. Tentative dressage times will be assigned and posted the evening before the event. Please double check your times when you arrive! Extra cones rounds should be entered no later than the lunch break, but adds will be permitted at the gate if time allows.
7. Scratches will be charged a \$15 processing fee **ONLY IF** the driver fails to cancel a Combined Test before dressage times are assigned. No charge to scratch before 4pm on Friday prior to the event, or to scratch extra cones rounds before the event starts.
8. Warm-up space may be limited. Ring will be open for schooling prior to the competition if conditions allow.

## Schedule:

**Dressage Tests will begin at 10am sharp!** There will be a lunch break following dressage competition. Soup and light refreshments will be served- **pot luck contributions are encouraged!** Cones competition will begin following the lunch break- an order of go will be posted during lunch. Awards ceremony to follow cones competition.

## Awards:

6 ribbons will be awarded in each class. Best score and reserve will be awarded at each level if there are more than 3 entries. Ribbons will not be awarded for extra cones rounds- only the **first go** at each level will count.

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