

Scottish Carriage Driving Association

Preparing for a Competition

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Agenda

1. **Pre Season/Competition Admin**
2. **Before the Competition**
3. **Packing the Lorry/Trailer**
 - Horse
 - Stabling
 - Driver/Groom
4. **Phase outfits**
5. **Questions**



Pre Season/Competition Admin



Pre Season/Competition Admin

- Have you entered? (SCDA no late entry policy)
- Have you had your competency card signed?
- Have you joined as a member?
- Are the vaccinations up to date?
- Lorry servicing and MOT
- Fire extinguisher – 3kg
- Have you read the Rule Book
- Does your harness fit?



Before the Competition



Before the Competition

Horse/Pony

- Equine fitness - Is your animal fit enough to enter the competition you have entered?
- Shoes - Plan in your competitions with your farrier, do you need to add in stud holes?
- Horse feed, hay and supplements – Be prepared and order what you will need in advance.
- Clipping - Do you need to plan in clipping?
- Setting to - Have you set to in different locations?
- Does your harness fit?



Before the Competition



Driver/Equipment

- Directions – Do you know where are you going?
- Do you know your dressage test?
- Have you checked your dressage test against the schedule/timetable?
- Have you planned what you will wear for each phase?
- Have you driven in what you will wear for each phase?
 - Body protectors? Dressage outfits? Apron? Different harness?
- Print your number in advance.
- Have you serviced your carriage?
 - Greased the relevant parts
 - Brake pads
 - Extending axle

Packing the Lorry/Trailer



Packing the Lorry/Trailer

Horse

- Passport
- Feed/Water
- Grooming
- Stabling
- Horse Care
- Competition Equipment

Driver & Support Team

- Food/Drink
- Phase outfits
- Clothes
- Camp equipment
- Carriage



Very handy blog on Riding & Harness Stuff all about packing



Packing the Lorry/Trailer - Horse

Feed/Water

- Feed Bucket
- Water Bucket
- Collapsible/Spare Bucket for halt
- Feed & supplements
- Hay/Haylage
- Hay nets
- Bin for soaking hay, if needed
- Bin/Jerry cans for storing water by lorry/stable
- Hose and a selection of connections

Grooming

- Grooming kit
- Fly Spray
- Wash bucket
- Sponge
- Scraper
- Plaiting equipment
- Shampoo

Stabling Equipment

Stabling

- Bedding if used
- Mats for coral/side stabling – Check each event schedule to see what is permitted.
- Mucking out tools - fork, brush, shovel, wheelbarrow/skip – Make sure it's the right one!!!!
- Small electric fence/pens/gazebos – Try before your first event.



Stabling/Corals



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Packing the Lorry/Trailer - Horse

Horse Care

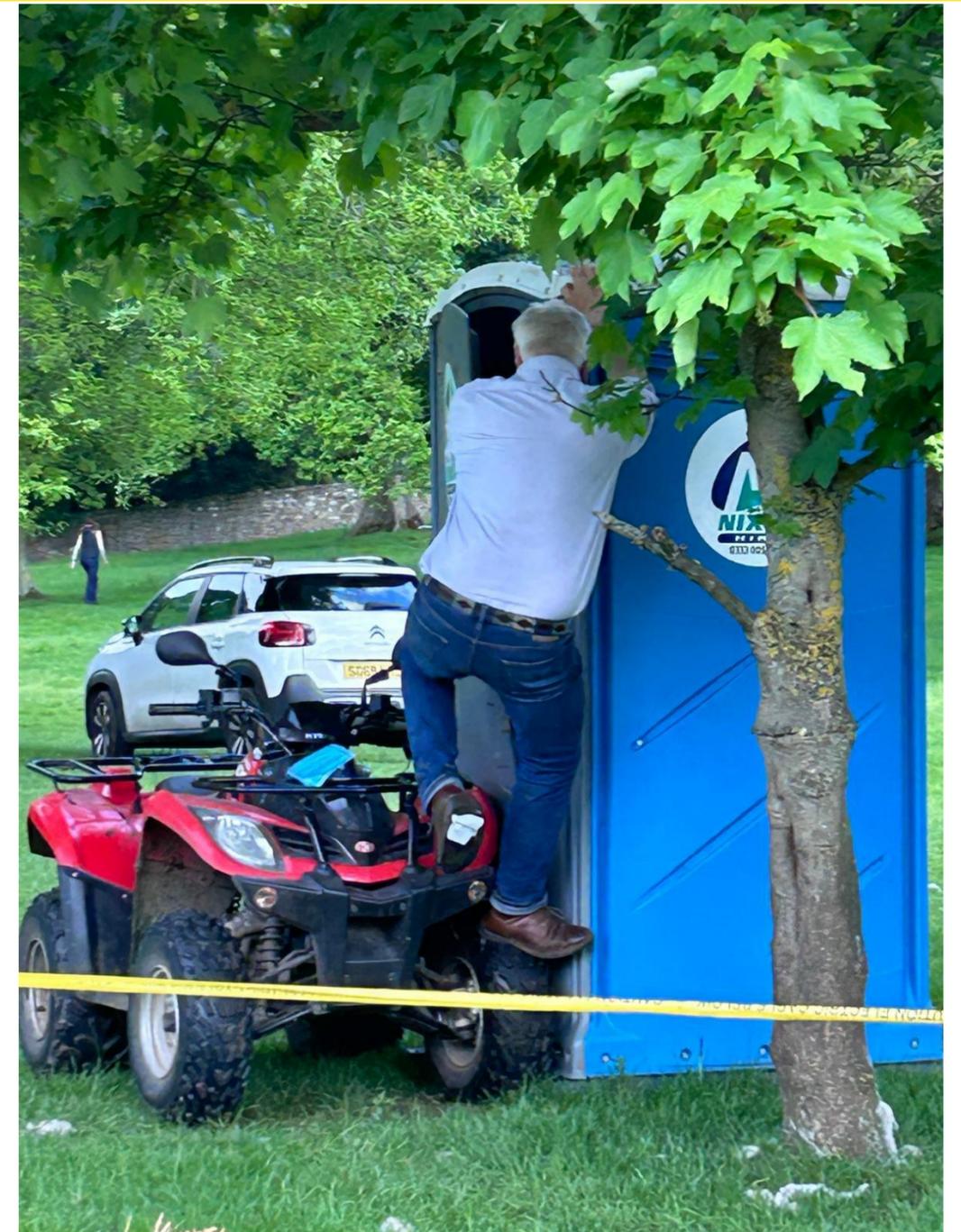
- First Aid Kit
- Stable rug, outdoor rug, cooler, lightweight waterproof rug.
- Passport – Essential
- Tail guard/bandage for travelling
- Travel boots/bandages if used
- Spare headcollar and lead rope

Competition Equipment

- Carriage
 - Cover
 - Cleaning equipment, scrubbing brush/sponge/wash n wax/polish
 - Lamps and brackets
 - Tool kit
 - Number holder and numbers
- Harness for each phase, different bits if required.
- Boots, studs , harness rack – If required
- How do you get between obstacles? Bikes, scooters.

Packing the Lorry/Trailer – Driver

- Food/Drink – Arguably the most important and because we like to have a good time.



Packing the Lorry/Trailer – Driver

- Phase outfits for driver and groom:
 - Dressage
 - Marathon
 - Cones
- Event specific evening items
 - Sometimes fundraising events, ceilidh, disco, egg catching, nations nights or anything else.



Packing the Lorry/Trailer – Driver

- Warm/wet weather clothes.
- Waterproof trousers
- First aid kit
- Personal medicine
- Camp equipment
 - Tent/Caravan/Hammock for trailer/Airbeds
 - Gazebo, table chairs, ground sheets
 - Torches/Lamps
 - Spare batteries
- Cool boxes/fridge

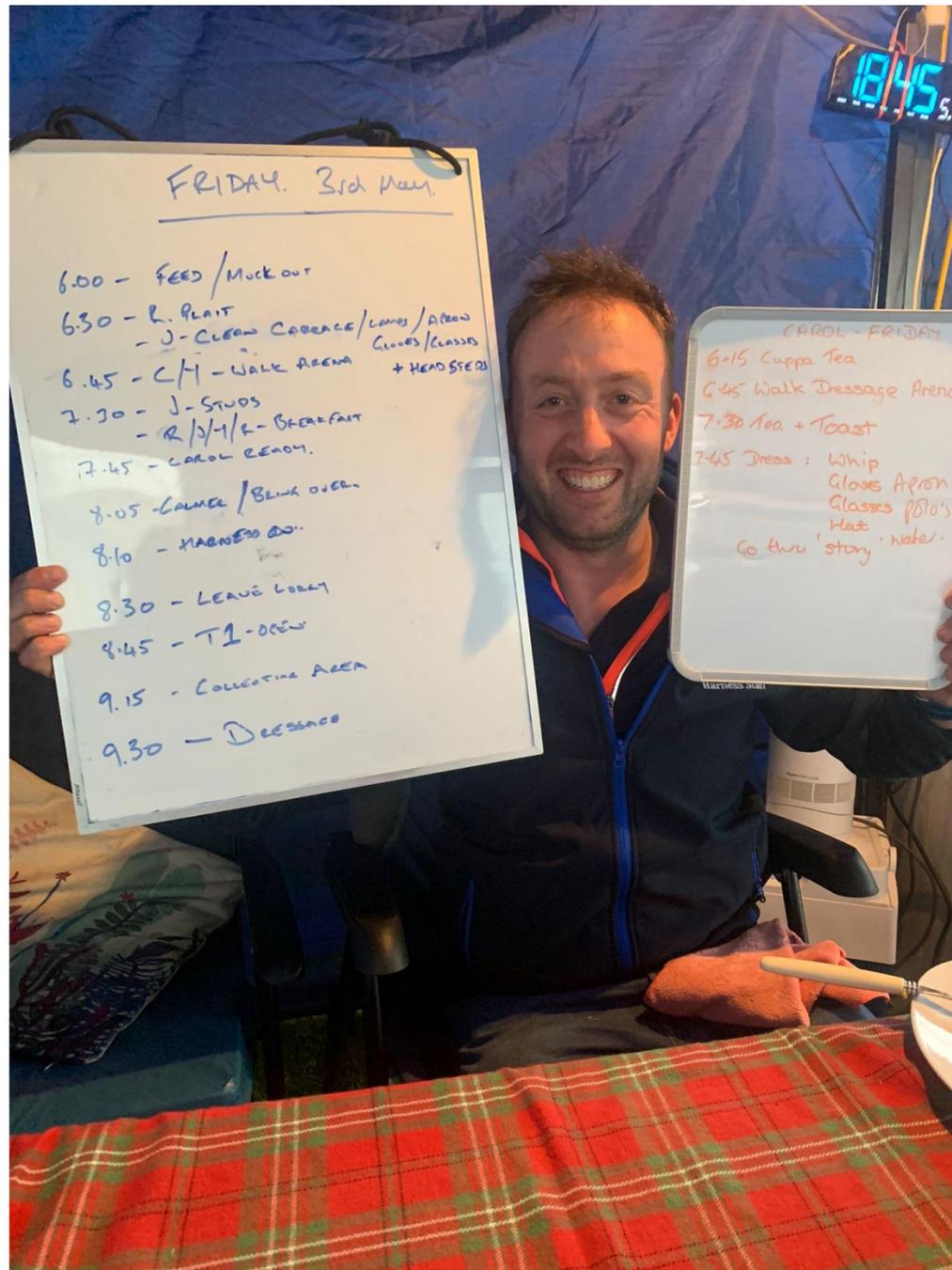


Packing the Lorry/Trailer – Humans

- Selection of cable ties
- PVC tape
- Head torch
- Generator and fuel
- Solar panel
- Spare leisure battery
- Table and chairs
- An awning ground cover or some astro turf can be handy
- Gazebo
- Step ladder
- Knife
- Baby wipes
- Fire extinguisher – 3kg
- Bin and bin bags
- Towel/shower kit.....some events have showers.....sometimes you have to bring your own bucket.



Packing the Lorry/Trailer – Humans



- Spare clothes, many spare clothes including spare footwear
- Chargers for phones/ipads/watches etc
- Go pro, if used – Remember to ask permission before using.
- Rule book
- Printed copy of your dressage test
- Pens and paper
- Event paperwork
- Numbers
- Whiteboard
- Toilet roll
- Bedding
- Hot water bottle
- Gas
- Clock



Phase Outfits



Dressage/Cones



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Marathon



What else do you pack?



Questions

