

VICTORIA FOOD COMPANY

PRIVATE DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES 2011

1. The qualifying period is September 5th in any one year to September 4th in the following year. Qualification in this period will make you eligible to appear in the Championship at the Victoria Foods Carriage Driving Extravaganza Show immediately following the close of the qualifying period.
2. This competition is **only open to traditional type private drive turnouts**, drawn by any horse or pony, harnessed as a single, pair or tandem of any height or breed to a two or four wheeled vehicle capable of carrying no more than three people including the groom. Show wagons, trade turnouts, exercise vehicles, modern pleasure driving vehicles or any other type of turnout not fitting the above category are not eligible.
3. Once qualified, the carriage, horse or horses and whip must be presented in the championship as it was when qualified, the turnout cannot be changed in any way. In the event that the same turnout is qualified twice or more in the same year driven by different whips only the first qualified will be eligible.
4. The qualifying rosette will be presented at a show which has affiliated to Victoria Food Limited.
5. The qualifying rosette will be presented to the private drive champion, or the winner of the private drive class at shows without a championship, should the champion or class winner have previously qualified, the reserve champion or second in the class will become eligible to qualify, in the event that both champion and reserve or first and second in a class have previously qualified the rosette will be presented to the champion or class winner, however this will not constitute a requalification.
6. A whip hired or otherwise who drives and qualifies different turnouts for more than one owner or owners can only enter the championship with one of the turnouts that comply with rules 2 and 3 above, and that where qualified in the period described in rule 1 above.
7. Where an owner or conjoined owners qualify more than two different turnouts that comply with all the above rules, they will only be permitted to enter the two first qualified in the championship.
8. The organizers of the national competition reserve the right to scrutinize all qualifying entries, and may reject any found to have contravened or misinterpreted these rules