

Carolina Cup Horse Race – Help Reference

Inquiries for lost items:

Carolina Cup Racing Association: 803-432-6513 200 Knights Hill Rd., Camden, SC 29020
Camden Police Department: 803-425-6025 816 West Dekalb St., Camden, SC 29020

Municipal Court is located at 1000 Lyttleton St., Camden, SC – (803-432-2421 ext. 120) and the trial date set for ALL charges made at the Carolina Cup Horse Race is:

Wednesday, July 24th, 2019 at 8:45 am

What to do if you receive a Criminal Charge: Please be aware that if you do **absolutely nothing** it will result in you being tried in your absence, you will risk being found guilty (*which creates a permanent criminal record*), and a Bench Warrant being issued for your arrest. Once you are picked up on the warrant you will have to remain in jail until someone pays your fine in full – and “Yes” we will have your hometown or college law enforcement agency arrest you.

1. **PAY THE FINE NOTED ON YOUR TICKET** (which creates a permanent criminal record). You can pay your fine:
 - a. over the phone with a debit/credit card (Visa or MasterCard only), *a 6% processing fee will be assessed*, or
 - b. via certified check or money order through the mail (payable to the City of Camden), or
 - c. In-person at the Clerk of Court office with cash or debit/credit card (Visa or MasterCard only), *a 3% processing fee will be assessed, do not mail cash*.

2. **UTILIZE A DIVERSION PROGRAM** Once you have completed a Diversion Program the arrest and all associated data will be expunged from your record. To apply for one of these programs you must contact the local Solicitor’s office. There are two types of diversion programs: **Note: *Not everyone is qualified to participate in a diversion program***
 - a. **Alcohol Education Program (AEP)** for defendants 17-20 years old at the time of arrest. (DUI is not allowed)
 - <http://www.scsolicitor5.org/DiversionPrograms.aspx>
 - Call: 803.425-7240 Fax: 425-7184
 - b. **Pretrial Intervention Program (PTI)** – for defendants 17 +
 - Call: 803.425.7240 Fax: 425-7184

3. **REQUEST A TRIAL**, trials come in two varieties:
 - a. **Bench Trial** - this involves appearing before the Court and either representing yourself, or using an attorney (*that you have hired on your own*) to state your case for you. The Judge will then determine your guilt or innocence and pass judgment, if applicable, or
 - b. **Jury Trial** - this involves presenting your case before a jury, made up of citizens of the Camden community, who will determine your innocence or guilt, after which time the judge will either release you (if innocent) or pass sentence on you (if guilty). It is recommended that you utilize an attorney in a jury trial, but you may also represent yourself.

Something to consider:

- Alcohol violation convictions for persons under 21 may result in the suspension of your driver’s license, even though you are convicted in South Carolina and your license is from another state.
- If you are currently enrolled in college (or plan to be in the future), a criminal charge on your record may result in the loss of various types of financial aid or scholarships.
- You will have a permanent criminal record until, or unless, you file to have the record expunged, but this can occur only after three years have passed. A permanent criminal record may deter prospective employers from hiring you and, in some cases, may result in the loss of a currently held job.

Important information and contact numbers:

Camden Municipal Court:

Belinda Davis, *Clerk of Court*
1000 Lyttleton Street - Camden, SC 29020
Ph: 803-432-2421 ext. 120
Fx: 803-425-6049
E-mail: beldavis@camdensc.org

Solicitor’s Office, 5th Judicial Circuit:

Jennifer Blair, *Kershaw County Diversion Programs*
1121 Broad St., Room 311 - Camden, SC 29020
Ph: AEP/PTI - (803) 425-7240
Fx: PTI: (803) 425-7184
E-mail: blairj@rcgov.us

You must contact the Solicitor’s office before May 7, 2019, if you wish to apply for one of the Diversion Programs.