

# Twin Brooks Horse Show Association

## Class Descriptions & General Notes

### **HALTER**

Judged on the overall conformation and movement of the horse. Horses are shown in-hand and may be shown in either a Halter or English bridle depending on the intended discipline of the horse.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

Judged on the ability of the handler to control and present the horse to the judge. Handlers may be asked to complete a pattern in-hand consisting of walk/trot, stop, turn, and set-up the horse correctly. Horse may be shown in either a Halter with Lead or English bridle depending on the intended discipline of the horse.

### **LEADLINE**

Open to riders seven (7) years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. To be judged 50% on manners and suitability of pony to rider and 50% on horsemanship of rider. Handlers must lead horse and riders may use either Western or English tack. Riders may not cross enter into any other division.

### **SMALL FRY**

Open to riders twelve (12) years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. SF Pleasure classes are judged on manners, performance and ability of horse to give a pleasurable ride and suitability of horse to rider. SF Equitation classes are judged on equitation/horsemanship of rider, suitability of horse to rider and overall effectiveness while riding. Horses may be shown in English or Western tack. Riders may not cross enter into Youth or Junior classes.

### **WESTERN**

**Youth:** Open to riders seventeen (17) years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Adult:** Open to riders eighteen (18) years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Open:** Open to riders of all ages.

**Western Pleasure:** Horse will be judged on free-flowing balanced stride while exhibiting correct gaits of proper cadence. Should carry head in relaxed, natural position, level with nose slightly in front of vertical on reasonably loose rein.

**Western Horsemanship/Equitation:** The rider will be judged on ability to execute a set of maneuvers at judge's discretion with precision and smoothness, exhibiting poise and confidence.

### **TRAIL**

Judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles. Emphasis on manners, response and quality of movement. Horse may be shown in English or Western tack.

## **DRIVING**

**Pleasure Driving:** Horses will be driven in both directions of the ring. They may be asked to halt, back, walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot (more ground covering trot which should show a lengthening of stride) Horses may be asked to reverse through the center of the ring. All driving equipment must be in secure repair and hitched properly. Apparel should be appropriate to a pleasure drive and may include a driving apron and appropriate hat and gloves. Hard hats will not be penalized, and are recommended.

**Driving Reinsmanship:** Drivers may be judged at the halt, back, walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot (more ground covering trot which should show a lengthening of stride.). Drivers may be asked to reverse through the center of the ring. Correct driving techniques such as correct hand and body position and correct rein and whip handling will be judged. The judge may ask drivers to complete an individual test such as driving a figure 8.

**Timed Cones:** Drivers will be asked to negotiate a pre-determined course in a given amount of time. Placing will be determined by the fastest time. Obstacles must remain intact. Dislodging an obstacle will result in a three (3) second time penalty be too added to the overall time. Only one (1) penalty can be incurred at each obstacle. The course should be memorized before being driven as there should be no conversation between drivers and their grooms/passengers. Classes may be split into horse, pony or mini-horse at the judge's discretion

## **GAITED**

**Open Gaited All Day Pleasure** –To be shown at a walk and a slow gate, may be asked to back and/or stand quietly. Tack and dress to be suitable to the breed.

**Open Gaited Trail Pleasure** – To be shown at a walk, slow gait and pleasure gate, may be asked to back and/or stand quietly. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability to discipline, quality and conformation. Tack and dress to be suitable to the breed

## **ENGLISH PLEASURE**

To be shown both ways of the ring. Judged on manners, performance, and ability of horse to give a pleasurable ride. May be asked to walk, trot, extend trot, canter, hand gallop, halt or back accordingly with individual class specification. Adults may ride ponies. No martingales allowed.

**Junior:** Open to riders seventeen (17) years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Adult:** Open to riders eighteen (18) years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Open:** Open to riders of all ages.

## **ENGLISH EQUITATION**

To be shown both ways of the ring. Judged on the rider's hands, seat, leg, and control of horse. May be asked to halt, back, or extend trot or hand gallop accordingly with individual class specification. Adults may ride ponies. No martingales allowed.

**Junior:** Open to riders seventeen (17) years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Adult:** Open to riders eighteen (18) years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Open:** Open to riders of all ages.

## **HUNTER**

**Hunter over Fences:** To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Fence height in accordance with division specifications. Adults may show ponies.

**Hunter under Saddle:** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter accordingly with individual class specification. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. May be asked to hand gallop if class specifications include canter. No martingales allowed. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going. Adults may show ponies.

**Equitation over Fences:** To be judged on rider's legs seat, hands and control of horse. Fence height in accordance with division specifications. No Martingales in Equitation on the flat classes. Adults may show ponies.

**Equitation on the Flat:** To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter accordingly with individual class specification. Adults may ride ponies. Judged on rider's hands, seat, leg, and control of horse. May be asked to halt, back, extend trot, hand gallop and/or sitting trot accordingly with individual class specification. Adults may show ponies.

**Restricted Cross Rails:** Restricted to riders not competing in any other over fences classes. Fence Height Cross Rails. Trotting permitted.

**Open Cross Rails:** Fence Height Cross rails. Trotting permitted.

**Pleasure Hunter:** Fence Height: 18". No martingales allowed.

**Schooling Hunter:** Fence Height 2'-3". Trotting corners will be allowed

**Mini Medal:** Equitation over Fences, course may include rollbacks, trotting a fence, USEF Tests 1-8. Judge has option to call back top 3-4 horses for further testing either on the flat or over fences. Fence Height 2'3" – 2'6" Protective boots on horses allowed.

**Low Hunter:** Fence Height: 2'3" – 2'6"

**Open Hunter:** Fence Height 2'6" – 2'9"

## **DRESSAGE SHOW**

**Suitability Class:** Under saddle class where the horses potential as dressage mount to be considered. To be judged 70% on performance of gaits and transitions, with attention to impulsion and submission and 30% on the rider's position, seat and effective use of aids. Resistance and tension of the horse to be penalized. Gaits can be as follows, but not limited to: medium walk, working trot, extended trot, working canter or free walk on long rein. Trot work to be ridden rising.

## **APPROPRIATE SCHOOLING SHOW ATTIRE**

**ENGLISH** –Appropriate attire consists of, at a minimum,; collared shirt, ASTM approved helmet required for over fences classes, otherwise strongly encouraged in other classes, boots with heel, half chaps are acceptable. Horse should wear fitted white pad.

**WESTERN** – Appropriate attire consists of, at a minimum, collared shirt, boots with heel, ASTM Helmet/Hat strongly encouraged, chaps optional

**TACK** Acceptable tack is tack considered to be equipment approved for showing at a rated show of the class style. IE: Hackamores are not acceptable in over fences classes. Non Traditional tack maybe penalized at the discretion of the judge. Horses should not wear protective boots or bell boots to show. If conditions warrant Judge may announce that bell boots are allowed.