



## **Class Descriptions & General Notes**

Unless otherwise stated, classes will follow the following rule books:

Hunter/Jumper – USEF  
Western – AQHA  
Ranch Horse - ECRRA  
Gaming – 4-H & KFRA

Age guidelines are determined by TBHSA. Consult the show prize list for guidelines.

### **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.

### **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.

### **JUNIOR HORSE**

Open to horses 5 years of age and younger. Offered in Western pleasure and English pleasure. To be shown both ways of the ring at walk and trot/jog. Western horses may be shown two handed with a snaffle bit.

### **WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP**

Rider will be judged on body position, seat in the saddle and ability to control the horse. May be asked perform a pattern. The pattern is decided on by the judge & posted at the show at least one hour before the class competes.

## **RANCH HORSE**

**Equipment and Apparel:** Horses shall be shown in a western stock saddle. Silver equipment will not count over good clean, working equipment. Horses of all ages may be shown in a snaffle, bosal, or curb bit. Split reins or romal reins shall be used with all curb bits. Split reins may be used with snaffle bits. When a bit is used, the mouth piece must be at least 5/16" and not more than 3/4" in diameter measured one inch from the cheek and must be smooth; no twisted wire mouth-pieces. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece such as prongs. Curb straps are required for curb bits and the curb chains or straps must be at least 1/2 inch in width and must lie flat against the horse's chin. No wire curbs are permitted, regardless of the amount of padding or tape. Protective leg gear is acceptable in all performance classes.

**Prohibited Equipment:** Tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, twisted-wire mouth pieces, mechanical hackamores and running martingales are prohibited. A judge may prohibit the use of any equipment deemed to be inhumane. Judges may inspect bits and equipment at anytime. Trimming horses is optional

**Attire:** Riders shall wear protective headgear or western hats, long-sleeved shirts and western boots. Western boots shall include typical cowboy boots or lace-up ropers. All other footwear is prohibited. The use of spurs and chaps shall be optional. Clothing should be neat and clean. This rule applies to all ECRRA approved classes.

**Class Rules can be found at [www.ecrassociation.com](http://www.ecrassociation.com)**

## **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.

## **ENGLISH PLEASURE**

To be shown both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, soundness, and ability of the 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.

## **ENGLISH EQUITATION**

To be shown both ways of the ring. Judged on the rider's hands, seat, leg, and control of mount. May be asked to perform a pattern. Adults may ride ponies. No martingales allowed.

## **LEADLINE**

Open to riders seven (7) years of age and under. 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.

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## **SMALL FRY**

Open to riders eleven (11) years of age and under. To be shown both ways of the ring. Equitation will be judged on rider's hands, seat and control of mount. May be asked to perform a pattern. Pleasure will be judged on manners, soundness and ability of the horse to give a pleasurable ride. Riders may use either Western or English tack.

## **NOVICE**

Open to riders of any age that have not won 3 blue ribbons in a canter/lope class previous to 2019 season. To be shown both ways of the ring. Equitation will be judged on rider's hands, seat and control of mount. May be asked to perform a pattern. Pleasure will be judged on manners, soundness and ability of the horse to give a pleasurable ride. Riders may use either Western or English tack.

## **WALK TROT**

Open to riders eight (8) years of age and under. To be shown both ways of the ring. Equitation will be judged on rider's hands, seat and control of mount. Pleasure will be judged on manners, soundness and ability of the horse to give a pleasurable ride. Riders may use either Western or English tack.

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## **PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION**

Open to riders eight (8) years of age and under. To be judged on rider's hands, seat and control of mount. English attire required.

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## **CROSSRAIL HUNTER**

Open to riders of any age on horses or ponies. To be judged on manners, style of jumping, flow of strides and balance. Trotting will not be penalized. **Cross rails not to exceed 18"**

## **SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION**

Open to riders ten (10) years of age and under. To be judged on rider's hands, seat and control of mount. **Cross rails not to exceed 18"**

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## **PLEASURE HORSE & PONY**

Open to riders of any age. To be judged on manners, performance and suitability. Light contact with the horse/pony's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. No Martingales. **Fence height 2'**

**Hunter Hack** class requires horses/ponies to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses/ponies are required to jump two fences, usually in a line of a set distance.

**Fence height 2'**

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## **MODIFIED HUNTER**

Open to riders of any age. Horses/ponies should have an even hunting pace, good manners, and a correct sound way of moving with a safe style of jumping. **Fence height 2'**

In the under saddle class, horses/ponies are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse/pony's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

### **LOW CHILDREN'S PONY**

Open to riders 17 and under riding ponies, 14.2 hands and under. Ponies should have an even hunting pace, good manners, and a correct sound way of moving with a safe style of jumping.

#### **Fence height 2'**

In the under saddle class, ponies are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. Ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

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### **BABY GREEN**

Open to riders of any age. Horse/pony of any age in their first or second year of showing. Horses/ponies should have an even hunting pace, good manners, and a correct sound way of moving with a safe style of jumping. **Fence height 2'**

In the under saddle class, horses/ponies are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse/pony's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

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### **THOROUGHBRED HUNTER Sponsored by New Start**

Open to riders of any age. Horse must be a Thoroughbred and present Jockey Club registration papers or an upper lip Tattoo or written notice from the Jockey Club. TIP approved classes. Horses should have an even hunting pace, good manners, and a correct sound way of moving with a safe style of jumping. **Fence height 2'3"**

In the under saddle class, horses are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horse's should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

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### **OPEN EQUITATION**

Open to riders of any age. To be judged on the ability and the style of the rider. The rider's position will be judged both during the flat classes and over fences classes. In over fences classes the riders are judged not only on their ability to negotiate a course of jumps, but also on their style and position. **Fence Height Ponies 2'3", Horses 2'6"**

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### **LOW HUNTER**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age. Horses/ponies should have an even hunting pace, good manners, and a correct sound way of moving with a safe style of jumping. **Fence height 2'6"**

In the under saddle class, horses/ponies are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse/pony's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

### **OPEN HUNTER**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age. Horses/ponies should have an even hunting pace, good manners, and a correct sound way of moving with a safe style of jumping. **Fence height 2'9"-3'**

In the under saddle class, horses/ponies are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse/pony's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely.

*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

### **HUNTER DERBY Sponsored by Hanoverdale Farm**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age. To consist of ten jumps- may jump some fences out of the ring. Horses/ponies should have an even hunting pace, good manners, and a correct sound way of moving with a safe style of jumping. Rider must show in at least one other division. Must have four entries to run the Derby. **Fence height 2', 2'6" or 2'9" rider's choice.** Prize money: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$120, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$80, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$60, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$40

### **EQUITATION CHALLENGE Sponsored by Kuntz & Son Inc.**

Open to rider's of any age on horses or ponies. To be judged on the rider's position, overall ability and turnout. Rider must show in at least one other division. Must have four entries to run the Challenge. **Fence height 2' or 2'6" rider's choice.**

Prize money: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$120, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$80, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$60, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$40

### **BLUE/RED WARM UP JUMPER**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age showing during the Jumper show series. Open all day. Can be done at any height. It is run as an open card. No points given, no awards given. Does not count towards year end awards. This is a practice class only!

### **ITTY BITTY JUMPER - .70M**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age.  
Fence height up to 2'3" with spreads no more than .70m  
*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

### **PRELIM JUMPER - .80M**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age.  
Fence height up to 2'7" with spreads no more than .80m  
*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

### **LOW HOPEFUL JUMPER - .90M**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age.  
Fence height up to 2'11" with spreads no more than .90m  
*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

### **HIGH HOPEFUL JUMPER – 1.0M**

Open to horses and ponies, riders of any age.  
Fence height up to 3'3" with spreads no more than 1.0 m  
*Points qualify for Colonial Classic up to July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## **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 a heel, half chaps are acceptable. Horse should wear fitted white pad.

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

TACK – Acceptable tack is 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.