

# **2022**

# **Johnston County**

# **Horse Show Series**

  

## **Rules & Regulations**

## **Booklet**

**The Place to GO!**  
**The Place to SHOW!**

- Class lists and entry forms for the shows will be available online at [www.freedomreinsec.com](http://www.freedomreinsec.com)
- Copies of all show programs, entry forms and rule book will be available at each show.
- Please call (910) 489-8848 or email [johnstoncountyhss@gmail.com](mailto:johnstoncountyhss@gmail.com) – if you have questions or need forms.
- Check out our Facebook pages Johnston County Horse Show Series and Freedom Reins Equestrian Center, LLC. for more information

### **Location**

**All shows are located at the Johnston County Livestock Arena in Smithfield, NC. The physical address of the arena is 520 County Home Road, Smithfield, NC 27577**

### **Show Intention**

1. All exhibitors, trainers and parents are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner.
2. The decision of the judge is accepted with a good attitude. The judge gives an honest and professional opinion to the best of their abilities for which they were hired.
3. All inappropriate conduct is reported, as soon as possible to the JCHSS staff.
4. JCHSS supports a family like atmosphere that encourages participation and learning.
5. There will be no drugs, profanity, alcohol or abuse permitted or tolerated.
6. Violators of any of the above intentions are subject to immediate expulsion for the show day or show season.

### **Judges**

1. Judge's are selected from the N. C. Open Show Judge's List and other lists and are in the top of their class.
2. The judge is expected to become familiar with rules and regulations concerning JCHSS.
3. The judge shall not discriminate as to breed, type, class, color, age or sex. The judge shall have the authority to place an exhibitor or equine in whatever position in a class he/she thinks merit of the exhibitor or equine justifies. The judge's decision is final.
4. The judge shall conduct their business with show officials only and be in their company while on the show grounds. Competitors will not approach the judge without prior authorization from the show manager.
5. Neither the judge nor members of their family or clients shall exhibit or handle a equine in any class at a show where they are judging

### **Diversity of Riders, Disciplines and Equine/Mule Breeds**

We believe in the policy and philosophy that ALL equines can do ALL things within the diversity and distinction of their breed and thus should be presented with all opportunities to do so. JCHSS has attempted to "open" its show program to as many breeds as possible with the least restrictive environment in which all breeds can showcase their talents. Riders of all ages and skill levels have divisions that are suitable to promote their talents and disciplines to allow them to expand and enrich their experience. We hope that you enjoy this expanded show schedule and look forward to this year.

### **General and Misc. Rules Show Series**

***JCHSS offers a multitude of classes / divisions for the benefit of their competitors. However, competitors must understand that they must make a decision which classes / divisions they wish to participate in. We cannot and will not hold rings due to class conflicts. This will result in ring delays and a longer show day for everyone. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.***

- A negative Coggins test within one year is required to be admitted to the show grounds.
- All decisions made by the Judge are final.
- Payment for entry fees are expected at time of signup. Cash, Paypal, check, or card (subject to fees) is acceptable and a blank check may be left with the signup secretary if desired.
- All participants are required to sign a NEW Release of Liability on a per show basis. If it is a minor, a parent or trainer must sign the form.
- All dogs must be on a leash and under the control of the owner without causing any distractions.
- All returned checks will be assessed a \$25.00 processing fee AND a \$25.00 insufficient funds fee from the bank.
- Judge's are selected from the N. C. Open Show Judge's List and other lists and are in the top of their class.
- We support and follow all rules required under the N. C. Equine Liability Law.
- Equines are not to be schooled in any area other than the riding arena or designated schooling areas. Please check with show management as to where the schooling areas are located.
- Equines are not to be ridden in the vicinity of the arena while classes are being conducted.
- Trainers /parents are not permitted in the arena while classes are being held except in those classes where it is specified.
- Any equine and/or rider exhibiting unsafe or unpredictable behavior during a class will be immediately excused from the arena for the safety of themselves and other riders and/or equines without refund of show fees. Show management reserves the right to ascertain what qualifies as "unsafe and unpredictable behavior".
- Any equine that is deemed lame or unsound by show management will be excused from the ring.

- Show management reserves the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class when unsafe behavior is exhibited.
- The show management, ring steward, or judge may disqualify anyone mistreating an animal or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct.
- No drugs, alcohol, profanity or unruly behavior will be tolerated. This is a family event. Violators will be asked to leave.
- All persons are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner towards one another and show staff. If a violation of this rule is reported and / or witnessed by anyone the offending parties will be dealt with by the show management.
- Show management reserves the right to change, add or delete any classes from any show.
- Failure to enter the show ring within 2 minutes after class call will result in rider elimination from that class and a non-refund of monies. A tack change may be requested to avoid this issue.
- Scratching from a class must be made to the entry secretary at least **THREE** classes in advance or the entry fee will be charged for the class. A class may only be scratched one time for a refund. It may be added back, but if the rider chooses to scratch again, the class will be charged.
- Sign up for a class must be made to the entry secretary at least two classes in advance.
- The raindate for each show is the following day (Sunday).
- We support all Breed Competition Programs that recognize open shows as alternative shows and will assist with any necessary paperwork for riders / equine to earn points through their registered equine.
- Point earnings for each show will be based on one rider / one equine combination unless otherwise noted. If the rider/equine pair changes a new number will be assigned.
- Future Entry & Mini Maiden riders may only compete in their respective classes one time during the show day.
- The exhibitor is responsible for errors on the entry blank.
- Exhibitors may enter or leave the ring only at the direction of the judge or ringmaster.
- Hoof band are not permitted on the show grounds. Action devices such as chains, rollers, etc and those similar are not permitted.. Such equines/owners found violating these rules will immediately be excused from the show grounds. Built up/stacked up equines are not permitted.
- If an equine is deemed not capable to complete the show season due to an injury or other health related complication and has official notification from a licensed veterinarian, a rider may switch their points to another mount. This may only be done with notification from a veterinarian. Also, if an equine is sold during the show season, points can be transferred if the bill of sale and date is recorded with the JCHSS Points Secretary in writing (only once per year). If a problem occurs with a leased equine, special considerations may also be given depending on the circumstances. Show management must be notified of these changes prior to showing. Points are based on a one rider / one equine system.
- Trainers and / or parents are expected to be with their students under age 18 years at all times while the students are schooling their equines in the riding arena.

**Statement of Responsibility:** The JCHSS or Show Management will in no way be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it will be a condition of the entry that each exhibitor shall hold the equine show and the Johnston County Livestock Arena blameless for any loss or accident to his or her equine, equines, or equipment that may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise. Nor shall they be held responsible for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed, or stolen and will not be responsible for or liable for injury sustained in any way to exhibitors, spectators, employees or any other interested parties or third parties. All owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damages, incurred by them or their agents to any properties on the show grounds and will be billed accordingly.

## **Definitions:**

### **Action Devices**

Hoof bands are not permitted on the show grounds. Action devices such as chains, rollers, and those similar to this are not permitted. Equines with platforms or stack shoes are NOT permitted on the show grounds.

### **Non-Trotting Equine Policy**

Non-trotting equines are permitted in all classes except Stock Type and Field Type classes and will be expected to perform their pleasure gait in lieu of the trot or jog. This is the only distinction that will be made.

### **Secondary Gait (SG)**

It means trot, jog or pleasure gait. The pleasure gait is for non-trotting breeds.

### **Go as you please (GAYP)**

Go as you please includes a walk and then any other gait desired by the rider. Same gait should be performed in both directions.

### **Stock Type**

This includes Quarter Equines, Paints, Appaloosas and any equine fitting this general classification (registration papers are not required.) This type of equine may not cross enter into classes for Field Type Equines. Miniature equines are not permitted.

### **Field Type**

This includes Thoroughbreds, Warmbloods, Drafts and any equine fitting this general classification (registration papers are not required). This type of equine may not cross enter into classes for Stock Type. Miniature equines are not permitted.

### **Saddle Pleasure Type**

This includes Saddlebreds, Morgans, Arabians, Paso Finos, Peruvian Pasos, Walking Equines, Spotted Saddle Equines and any equine fitting this general classification (registration papers are not required). This type of equine may not cross enter into classes for Stock Type and Field Type Equines. Miniature equines are not permitted.

### **Miniature Equine**

A miniature equine is defined as any equine, that stands at 38 inches or lower. Miniature equines may NOT enter the Saddle Pleasure, Field or Stock type halter classes. Cross entry between these classes is not permitted. Miniature equines are permitted into all in hand classes except stock and field.

### **Longear**

A longear is defined as any donkey, mule, or hinny measuring over 48 inches.

### **Mini Longear**

Miniature Longears are any donkey, mule, or hinny that measures 48 inches or less.

### **Green Equine**

A green equine is a equine that is in their first or second year of showing. This is not discipline specific.

### **Future Entry**

Future Entry is a rider who must have an assistant while riding. Future Entry riders may not cross enter into any other classes. Points from this division will be based on the rider only. The equine will not be considered. A rider may use multiple mounts during the year without penalty.

## **Green Rider**

Green Rider is considered a beginner rider which is someone who has been showing for less than 2 years except for the Future Entry classes.

- Riders in this division must be under riding instruction on their own equine or a lesson equine. Equines are NOT judged.
- Points from this division will be based on the rider only. The equine will not be considered. If a rider chooses to cross enter into other divisions, points for those divisions will be based on the rider/equine combination.

## **Equine Size Classification**

An equine is classified as being any equine over 14.2 hands.

## **Small Pony Size Classification**

A small pony is classified as being any equine over 38 inches to 48" (12 hands).

## **Large Pony Size Classification**

A large pony is any equine over 48 inches to 58" (14.2 hands).

## **Age Divisions**

Youth - 17 years and under

Adult - 18 years and over

## **Working Western Division**

This division is open to all equines. The object of the Working Western Division is to promote the abilities of the all around versatile working equine whether ridden on the ranch, on the trail or in the ring and where true western tradition is genuinely honored.

### **GROOMING:**

- A. In conformation classes, equines are to be shown in good working halter; rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. No silver will be allowed on halters.
- B. Hair dyes or hoof black, hoof polish and/or oil is not allowed and will result in the equine being disqualified from the class.
- C. Clipping ears, bridle path, muzzle, and legs is left to the discretion of the exhibitor and has no bearing on the equine's conformation and/or performance.
- D. The equine should be clean and brushed. It is recommended that an equine should be shown as naturally as possible.
- E. Banded or braided manes, braided tails, tie-in tails and/or extensions are not allowed. (Exception: Braided manes will be allowed in the class)

Working Western Elements of Reining.

**SADDLE/SILVER REQUIREMENTS:** A western saddle is a common type saddle distinguished by a large noticeable fork on which there is some form of horn, a high cantle and large skirt. Saddles and other equipment should be suitable for ranch work. We encourage and promote good working tack. In no circumstance is any amount of silver to have any advantage over good working tack. Exhibitors cannot be disqualified for silver on the saddle or headstall, except when it is very excessive (beyond conchos and small corner plates).

**EXHIBITORS ATTIRE:** In all classes, it is mandatory that all exhibitors wear traditional western attire that reflects the true ranch lifestyle. Appropriate western attire includes a long sleeve shirt (in times of heat, a shirt with a 4" sleeve may be worn) with collar (buttons or snaps are preferred), a western hat - **helmets may be worn in place of western hat**, and boots with heels. ARHA's main focus is on the performance and ability of the equine and rider. Clothing with crystals, glitter or sequins beyond a small amount is not permitted.

## **Class Performance Rules**

- Rules in this pamphlet will have precedent over all other rules. Under other circumstances, consultation of the USEF Handbook and breed specific books such as but not limited to AQHA, APHA, APHC, AHA, ISHR, PTHA, PHBA, ADMS, AMHR, ADS, NASMDA, TAMMA, TWHBEA Versatility Handbook and others will govern with exception being given to age divisions listed below:
- Show management reserves the right to make exceptions to any tack or attire that may be in question. A competitor requesting a review, must do so BEFORE the show day.
- Equines and riders to be shown with correct and **age appropriate** English or Western tack and attire. Formal dress is not required. However appropriate shoes with heel, shirt with at least a 4" sleeve, and pants (no shorts)
- In English classes, bridles shall be light show type; either snaffle, Pelham, full bridle or kimberwicke bit acceptable.
- Unacceptable tack shall include figure eights, drop or flash nosebands, martingales and tiedowns –
- **See Rule Exceptions below**
  - **Over Fences Classes** - Standing martingales are permitted, but are prohibited in all flat classes.
  - **Working Western Elements of Reining** - Braided manes will be allowed in the class
  - **Saddleseat Riders** - martingales are permitted for riders 13 and under or Academy.
- All riders 12 years of age and under are required to wear an ASTM approved helmet while mounted.
- All riders in over fences classes or schooling over fences are required to wear an ASTM approved riding helmet which must be securely fastened.
- Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are allowed in jumping, western elements of dressage, western horsemanship, English "type" equitation on the flat and over fences classes.
- Training equipment is not permitted in any classes unless otherwise stated.
- A canter / lope and backup (at the judge's discretion) is required in all Pleasure classes.

## Points

**\*\* For Future Entry all riders will receive 2 participant points.**

### **CLASS PLACING**

# of riders	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>
1	1							
2	2	1						
3	3	2	1					
4	4	3	2	1				
5	5	4	3	2	1			
6	6	5	4	3	2	1		
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
8 or more	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

\*In case of a tie regarding high points – this will be determined by the individual who has the highest number of 1st places. If this is not possible, then the person with the highest placing in a performance class will prevail.

## **Awards & Divisions**

Class Awards – Six places will be awarded for all classes. Classes with more than twenty people will be split. ALL awards are based on a one equine / one rider combination. Future Entry classes – all riders will receive a ribbon – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> and then honorable mentions.

The following divisions are daily and yearly unless otherwise specified. Day awards are placed Grand and Reserve.

**Divisions:**

**Halter** - Halter – Most Colorful, Halter – Solid Colored, Halter – Stock Type, Halter – Field Type, Halter – Saddle Pleasure, Halter - Longear (over 48")

**Maiden** -Warmup for Maiden, Maiden O/F Xrails SG or C, Maiden O/F Xrails Eq. SG or C, Maiden Horse US W/SG, Maiden Rider US W/SG

**Limited Hunter** - Warmup for Limited Hunter, Limited Hunter O/F 18", Limited Hunter O/F 18" Eq, Limited Hunter US

**Open Hunter** -Warmup for Open Hunter, Open Hunter O/F 2', Open Hunter O/F 2' Eq., Open Hunter US

**Hunter Pleasure** - Hunter Pleasure W/SG, Hunter Pleasure GAYP, Hunter Pleasure W/SG/C

**Future Entry** - Future Entry – Leadline, Future Entry – Walk only, Future Entry English GAYP, Future Entry Western GAYP

**Dressage Suitability** - Dressage Suitability W/SG, Dressage Suitability W/SG/C

**English** - English W/T – Field Type, English W/T/C – Field Type, English W/T – Stock Type, English W/T/C – Stock Type, English GAYP – Youth, English GAYP – Adult, English W/SG – Academy, English W/SG – Novice Entry, Green Equine English GAYP, English GAYP, English W/SG, English Pleasure, English Equitation W/SG – Pattern & Railwork

**Western** - Western Horsemanship W/SG – Pat & Rail, Western Dressage Suitability W/SG, Western Dressage Suitability W/SG/L, Western W/J – Stock Type, Western GAYP – Youth, Western GAYP – Adult, Western W/SG – Academy, Western W/SG – Novice Entry, Green Equine Western GAYP, Western GAYP, Western W/SG, Western Pleasure

**Working Western** - Working Western GAYP, Working Western W/SG, Working Western Pleasure, Working Western Elements of Reining

**Field** - Halter - Stock Type, English W/T - Stock type. English W/T/C - Stock type, Western W/T - Stock Type

**Field** - Halter - Field Type, English W/T - Field type. English W/T/C - Field type

**Mini Equine Halter** - Mini Equine Mare, Mini Equine S/G, Mini Equine Stock Mare, Mini Equine Stock S/G, Mini Equine 2 years & under, Mini Equine 3 years & over, Mini Equine Multi Color, Mini Equine Solid Color

**Mini Longear Halter-** Mini Longear Jenny, Mini Longear John, Mini Longear Jack, Mini Longear Multi Color, Mini Longear Solid Color

**Small Pony Halter-** Small Pony Mare, Small Pony Geldings, Small Pony Stallion, Small Pony Multi color  
Small Pony Solid Color

**Miniature Performance** - Showmanship - Mini Equine, Mini Equine Liberty, Mini Equine Hunter, Mini Equine Jumper, Mini Equine Western Driving, Mini Equine Country Pleasure Driving, Mini Equine Pleasure Driving, Mini Equine Reinsmanship Driving, Mini Equine Versatility

**Mini Longear Performance-** Showmanship - Mini Longear, Mini Longear Liberty, Coon Jumping, Mini Longear Pleasure Driving, Mini Longear Reinsmanship Driving,

**Small Pony Performance-** Showmanship - Small Pony, Small Pony Liberty, Small Pony Hunter, Small Pony Jumper, Small Pony Pleasure Driving, Small Pony Reinsmanship Driving, Small Pony Versatility

**Driving-** Pleasure Driving - 48"+, Reinsmanship Driving - 48" +, Timed Obstacle Driving

**Green Equine-** Showmanship- Green Equine, Green Equine English GAYP, Green Equine Western GAYP

**Youth** - Showmanship- Youth, English GAYP – Youth, Western GAYP – Youth

**Adult** - Showmanship- Adult, English GAYP – Adult, Western GAYP –Adult

**Saddle Pleasure** - Halter- Saddle Pleasure, English GAYP, Western GAYP

**Year End Divisions and Awards**

At the end of the year, there will be an awards banquet for the Johnston County Equine Show Series where the awards and prizes will be presented. Riders are not required to participate in a minimum number of shows to qualify for year-end awards

Explanation of Year End Awards:

- Division Awards are placed – Grand, Reserve, third, fourth, fifth and sixth.
- Jessica Ferraro Perpetual Sportsmanship Award - In memory of Jessica Ferrara, this award is given on a yearly basis to the show member who displays and emulates the true meaning of outstanding sportsmanship.

**Class Specifications**

**Most Colorful at Halter - All Ages / Cannot enter in Solid Color**

- Equines in this class should be a equine whose partial breed standards are based on color such as pinto, paint, appaloosa and possess such markings.
- To be shown in hand at a walk and secondary gait
- To be shown in English or Western tack
- Equines of all ages can enter this class Miniature equines are NOT permitted in this class.

**Solid Colored at Halter - All Ages / Cannot enter in Most Colorful**

- Equines in this class should be a solid colored equine not being of a paint, appaloosa, pinto or other equine whose partial breed standards are based on color
- To be shown in hand at a walk and secondary gait
- To be shown in English or Western tack
- Equines of all ages can enter this class Miniature equines are NOT permitted in this class.

**Stock Type at Halter - All Ages**

- To be shown in hand at walk and trot
- To be shown in English or Western tack
- Only Stock Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.
- Equines of all ages can enter this class. Miniature equines are NOT permitted in this class.

**Field Type at Halter – All Ages**

- To be shown in hand at a walk and trot
- To be shown in English or Western tack
- Only Field Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.
- Equines of all ages can enter this class. Miniature equines are NOT permitted in this class.

**Saddle Pleasure Type at Halter - All Ages**

- To be shown in hand at walk and secondary gait.
- To be shown in English or Western tack
- Only Saddle Pleasure Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.
- Equines of all ages can enter this class. Miniature equines are NOT permitted in this class.

**Longear at Halter - All Ages**

- To be shown in hand at walk and secondary gait.
- To be shown in English or Western tack
- Only Longear equines standing over 48” may enter
- Equines of all ages can enter this class. Miniature equines are NOT permitted in this class.

**Showmanship at Halter Junior and Adult / English or Western attire**

- Equine to be shown in English or Western attire
- Exhibitors are to show in their respective age divisions only.
- Judge 30% on appearance of equine, 10% on appearance of exhibitor and 60% on showmanship (poise, knowledge, alertness and attitude)
- Pattern will be posted a minimum of 1 hour before the class

**Green Equine Showmanship at Halter –English or Western attire**

- Only green equines are permitted in this class
- Equine to be shown in English or Western attire
- Judge 30% on appearance of equine, 10% on appearance of exhibitor and 60% on showmanship (poise, knowledge, alertness and attitude)
- Pattern will be posted a minimum of 1 hour before the class
- Miniature equines are NOT permitted in this class.



### **ALL WARMUP ROUNDS**

- This is a warm-up class open for exhibitors in the jumping divisions.
- Three refusals is excusal.

### **Maiden Division**

- This class is open to All Types of equines / ponies.
- RIDERS MAY NOT CROSS ENTER INTO ANY OTHER JUMPING CLASSES
- ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS IN OVER FENCES CLASSES
- This class is open only to riders in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing over fences.
- In the Equitation (EQ) classes only the rider is being judged
- Equines/ponies/riders to be shown under appropriate huntseat attire and tack
- Riders must secondary gait or canter the course and will consist of 4-6 fences
- The jump pattern will be posted at least 1 hour before the class begins

### **Limited Division**

- This class is open to equines/ponies that have not won more than 6 blue ribbons at an "A" rated show.
- ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS IN OVER FENCES CLASSES
- Equines/ponies to be shown under appropriate huntseat attire and tack
- In the Equitation (EQ) classes only the rider is being judged
- Riders must canter the course and will consist of 6-8 fences
- The jump pattern will be posted at least 1 hour before the class begins

### **Open Hunter Division**

- This class is open to equines/ponies that have not won more than 6 blue ribbons at an "A" rated show.
- ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS IN OVER FENCES CLASSES
- Equines/ponies to be shown under appropriate huntseat attire and tack
- In the Equitation (EQ) classes only the rider is being judged
- Riders must canter the course and will consist of 6-8 fences
- The jump pattern will be posted at least 1 hour before the class begins

### **Hunter Pleasure Division**

- ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS IN OVER FENCES CLASSES
- Equines/ponies to be shown under appropriate huntseat attire and tack
- In the flat classes horses are judged on if they appear to be a "pleasure to ride"
- Riders must canter 2 fences at 2ft.
- The jump pattern will be posted at least 1 hour before the class begins

### **English Green Horse Division**

- CAN ONLY CROSS ENTER INTO the GREEN HORSE DIVISION
- For Equines in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing
- ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS IN OVER FENCES CLASSES
- Equines/ponies/riders to be shown under appropriate huntseat attire and tack
- Riders must secondary gait or canter the course and will consist of 4-6 fences

### **Future Entry Division – w/Assistant**

- Trainer or parent must accompany rider and have secure hold on lead rope at all times
- Only the rider is being judged
- English or Western attire and tack may be worn.
- Rider may not cross enter into other riding or showmanship class
- Equines must be wearing a tack that allows the assistant to have control.
- All riders will receive a full rosette ribbon and 2 participation points.

### **Dressage Suitability W/SG**

- To evaluate the horse's potential as a Dressage mount.
- 70% - gaits and transitions 30% - rider position, seat, and effective use of aids.
- Open to all breeds

#### **Dressage Suitability W/SG/C**

- To evaluate the horse's potential as a Dressage mount.
- 70% - gaits and transitions 30% - rider position, seat, and effective use of aids.
- Open to all breeds

#### **English Walk / Trot – Field Type**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and trot
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Only Field Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.

#### **English Walk / Trot / Canter – Field Type**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and trot and canter.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Only Field Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.

#### **English Walk / Trot – Stock Type**

- Equines to be shown at a walk and trot
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Only Stock Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.

#### **English Walk / Trot / Canter – Stock Type**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and trot and canter.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Only Stock Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.

#### **English GAYP – Youth**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring
- Rider must be in the Junior age division: 17 years of age and younger.

#### **English GAYP – Adult**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring
- Rider must be in the Adult age division: 18 years of age and over.

#### **English Walk/SG - Academy**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and secondary gait.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Academy Entry is considered a beginner rider: someone who has been showing for less than 2 years except for the Future Entry classes. Riders in this division must be under riding instruction on their own horse or a lesson horse.

#### **English Walk/SG - Novice**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and secondary gait.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- A novice rider is a rider who has shown less than 4 years, not including showing in the Future Entry Division. All riders age 10 and under are considered novices.

#### **Green Equine English GAYP**

- Only green equines are permitted in this class
- A green equine is defined as a equine that is in its first or second year of being shown.
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack.

#### **English GAYP**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring

#### **English Walk/SG**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and secondary gait.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)

#### **English Pleasure**

- Equines to be shown at the walk, secondary gait, canter and to back up.
- Gaited equines are permitted in this class and will be asked to do their secondary gait in place of trotting
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”)

#### **English Equitation walk / secondary gait (Pattern & rail work)**

- Only the rider is to be judged
- There is pattern and rail work.
- Pattern will be posted a minimum of 1 hour before the class
- Equines to be **Western Horsemanship walk / secondary gait (Pattern & rail work)**
- Only the rider is to be judged
- There is pattern and rail work.
- Pattern will be posted a minimum of 1 hour before the class
- Equines to be shown under appropriate Western tack and attire.
- Equine to be shown at a walk / secondary gait.

#### **Western Dressage Suitability W/SG**

- To evaluate the horse’s potential as a Western Dressage mount.
- 70% - gaits and transitions 30% - rider position, seat, and effective use of aids.
- Working Walk, Working Jog, Free Walk one way, may back
- Open to all breeds

#### **Western Dressage Suitability W/SG/L**

- To evaluate the horse’s potential as a Western Dressage mount.
- 70% - gaits and transitions 30% - rider position, seat, and effective use of aids.
- Working Walk, Working Jog, Working Lope, Free Walk one way, may back
- Open to all breeds

#### **Western walk / jog – Stock Type**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate western attire and tack

- Equines to be shown at a walk and jog.
- Only Stock Type equines are permitted in this class – cross entry is not permitted.

#### **Western GAYP – Youth**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate western attire and tack
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring
- Rider must be in the Junior age division of 17 years and younger.

#### **Western GAYP – Adult**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate western attire and tack
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring
- Rider must be in the Adult age division of 18 years and over.

#### **Western Walk/SG - Academy**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and secondary gait.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate Western attire and tack
- Academy Entry is considered a beginner rider: someone who has been showing for less than 2 years except for the Future Entry classes. Riders in this division must be under riding instruction on their own horse or a lesson horse.

#### **Western Walk/SG - Novice**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and secondary gait.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate Western attire and tack
- A novice rider is a rider who has shown less than 4 years, not including showing in the Future Entry Division. All riders age 10 and under are considered novices.
- shown under appropriate English attire and tack (may consist of huntseat, saddleseat, dressage or any “English style”
- Equine to be shown at a walk / secondary gait

#### **Green Equine Western GAYP**

- Only green equines are permitted in this class
- A green equine is defined as a equine that is in its first or second year of being shown.
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring
- Equines to be shown under appropriate Western attire and tack

#### **Western GAYP**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate western attire and tack
- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring

#### **Western walk / secondary gait**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate western attire and tack
- Equines to be shown at a walk and secondary gait.

#### **Western Pleasure**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate western attire and tack
- Equine to be shown at a walk, secondary gait, lope and back up.

#### **Working Western GAYP**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring

- Equines to be shown under appropriate Working Western attire and tack. Please read the special rules regarding tack, attire and grooming for this division.
- The judge may ask for an extended walk. Extended secondary gait may be ridden sitting in the saddle, posting or standing in the stirrups.

#### **Working Western Walk / Secondary Gait**

- Equine to be shown at a walk and secondary gait in both directions
- Equines to be shown under appropriate Working Western attire and tack. Please read the special rules regarding tack, attire and grooming for this division.
- The judge may ask for an extended walk and extended secondary gait. Extended secondary gait may be ridden sitting in the saddle, posting or standing in the stirrups.

#### **Working Western Pleasure**

- A equine will be shown at three gaits- the walk, secondary gait and lope. The judge may ask for an extended walk, secondary gait or lope. Extended secondary gait may be ridden sitting in the saddle, posting or standing in the stirrups.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate Working Western attire and tack. Please read the special rules regarding tack, attire and grooming for this division.

#### **Working Western Elements of Reining Pattern**

- Equines to be shown under appropriate Working Western attire and tack. Please read the special rules regarding tack, attire and grooming for this division. (Exception: Braided manes will be allowed in the class – Working Western Elements of Reining.
- This class denotes the ability of the working western equine to be reined will-fully through all maneuvers of the patterns. Contestant should not be penalized for reining their equine through the pattern in a reasonable manner. Stops should be hard and deep as if needed to stop and go in the other direction. Stop should be square and done without resistance (it should be at the judge's discretion on what he/she considers too excessive of a slide, but excessive stops should be considered stops beyond 10 feet). Turn a rounds should be those of a working equine. They should be correct, but job efficient.

#### **Miniature Equine Multi Color - All Ages**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- Equine of all ages can enter this class.

#### **Miniature Equine Solid Color - All Ages**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- Equine of all ages can enter this class.

#### **Miniature Equine Mares – All Ages**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- This class is open to miniature equine mares of all ages.
- May not cross enter into Miniature Equine Stock Mares – All Ages

#### **Miniature Equine Stallions and Geldings – All Ages**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- This class is open to miniature equine stallions and geldings of all ages.
- Youth age 12 and under may not handle a stallion over age 2.
- May not cross enter into Miniature Equine Stock Stallions and Geldings– All Ages

#### **Miniature Equine Stock Mares – All Ages**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.

- This class is open to miniature equine mares of all ages.
- Shall be judged using the Standard of Style of the Western Stock Halter horse and the required Presentation and Appointments specified for this division, judged 75% on conformation and 25% on presentation and appointments.
- The Western Stock Halter horse will be shown in equipment and appointments of the traditional Western Stock show ring. It will exhibit good manners and responsiveness to its handler, it will stand quiet and square for inspection.
- May not cross enter into Miniature Equine Mares – All Ages

#### **Miniature Equine Stock Stallions and Geldings – All Ages**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- This class is open to miniature equine stallions geldings of all ages.
- Shall be judged using the Standard of Style of the Western Stock Halter horse and the required Presentation and Appointments specified for this division, judged 75% on conformation and 25% on presentation and appointments.
- The Western Stock Halter horse will be shown in equipment and appointments of the traditional Western Stock show ring. It will exhibit good manners and responsiveness to its handler, it will stand quiet and square for inspection.
- Youth age 12 and under may not handle a stallion over age 2.
- May not cross enter into Miniature Equine Stallions and Geldings– All Ages

#### **Miniature Equine - 2 years and under**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38.5 inches.
- This class is open to miniature equine 2 years and under.

#### **Miniature Equine - 3 years and over**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38.5 inches.
- This class is open to miniature equine 3 years and over.
- Youth age 12 and under may not handle a stallion over age 2.

#### **Miniature Equine Showmanship at Halter**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- Equine of all ages can enter this class.
- Judge 30% on appearance of equine, 10% on appearance of exhibitor and 60% on showmanship
- Youth under the age of 12 may not show a stallion
- Showmanship pattern will be posted 1 hour before the class.

#### **Mini Longear Showmanship at Halter**

- This class is open to miniature longears only standing no taller than 48 inches.
- Equine of all ages can enter this class.
- Judge 30% on appearance of equine, 10% on appearance of exhibitor and 60% on showmanship
- Youth under the age of 12 may not show a stallion
- Showmanship pattern will be posted 1 hour before the class.

#### **Small Pony Showmanship at Halter**

- This class is open to small ponies only standing over 38 inches to 48" (12 hands)
- Equine of all ages can enter this class.
- Judge 30% on appearance of equine, 10% on appearance of exhibitor and 60% on showmanship
- Youth under the age of 12 may not show a stallion
- Showmanship pattern will be posted 1 hour before the class.

#### **Miniature Equine Hunter**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.

- Equine must be age 3 and over
- HUNTER - The Hunter Class should be in keeping with the traditional country-setting Hunt, where elegance, style, and ease in stride and overcoming obstacles such as walls, fences, waterways, and so forth were overcome quickly and at an even pace. Overall way of going while maintaining a steady, even, stride and overcoming the jumps or obstacles in sequence without refusals, knockdowns, or circling is what the Hunter Class will be judged upon. Three refusals will result in elimination as well as fall of the equine and/or exhibitor. Being off course or crossing your paths will also result in elimination.

#### **Miniature Equine Jumper**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- Equine must be age 3 and over
- Jumpers are scored mathematically on accumulated faults, and on time to complete the course in case of ties. There will be one round which will be both scored for faults and timed. Exhibitors will be placed in order of least faults to most faults, with time utilized to break any ties (i.e. scoring by faults and then by time).
- Each exhibitor will be timed by the Steward with a stopwatch or by automatic timer. If timed by the steward, the steward must be aligned with the start/finish cones and must time all exhibitors in a class from the same position. Timing starts when the horse's nose passes the starting line and finishes when the horse's nose passes the finish line.

#### **Small Pony Hunter**

- This class is open to small ponies only standing over 38 inches to 48" (12 hands)
- Equine must be age 3 and over
- HUNTER - The Hunter Class should be in keeping with the traditional country-setting Hunt, where elegance, style, and ease in stride and overcoming obstacles such as walls, fences, waterways, and so forth were overcome quickly and at an even pace. Overall way of going while maintaining a steady, even, stride and overcoming the jumps or obstacles in sequence without refusals, knockdowns, or circling is what the Hunter Class will be judged upon. Three refusals will result in elimination as well as fall of the equine and/or exhibitor. Being off course or crossing your paths will also result in elimination.

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- This class is open to small ponies only standing over 38 inches to 48" (12 hands)
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- Each exhibitor will be timed by the Steward with a stopwatch or by automatic timer. If timed by the steward, the steward must be aligned with the start/finish cones and must time all exhibitors in a class from the same position. Timing starts when the horse's nose passes the starting line and finishes when the horse's nose passes the finish line.

#### **Coon Jumping**

- Exhibitors: The Coon Jump is open to all ages of exhibitors but any youth exhibitor must have a responsible adult in the ring during the class. This adult may not physically assist except in case of an uncontrollable incident and any assistance will terminate further competition from that youth exhibitor.

- Attire: Western attire or anything a real coon hunter might wear is appropriate. Tennis shoes are not permitted. Some type of hat or cap is required.
- Equipment: Freestanding jump will have a single, horizontal, freely sliding crossbar which will be supported by wooden dowels no more than 1/4" in diameter which will break and drop the crossbar if the animal fails to make the jump. Horizontal width of the jump will be a minimum of 8' feet. Holes for dowel pins can be at 1" or 2" increments
- Size of Box: Animals in the small height class will jump from inside a 10' marked box.
- Size of initial Jump: Initial jump will be determined by the chest height of the smallest animal in the class. Initial jump must be cleared to qualify for placing.
- Timing: Each jumping attempt is to be timed by a stopwatch with a required backup stopwatch. Time starts when the first hoof touches the ground in the box. e. class
- Routine:
  - Stop before Jumping: After entering the marked box area, the animal must stop before jumping.
  - Attempts: Two attempts may be made at each height in a maximum of 60 seconds. Time is stopped only to replace pins. Pins should be checked between jumps. Attempts will be considered:
    - If animal steps out of box
    - If animal breaks pin or pins
    - If animal pushes jumps more than 2"
  - Handler: Handler may stand to either side of box, but must hold reins or lead rope in hands at all times. Failure to do so is a disqualification. Handler is not to hold or touch the jump in any way, except for placing blanket or cover before animal begins attempt. Holding cover, jump bar, standard or pin while competing is an immediate disqualification.
  - Covering Jump: A blanket or cover may be used over the jump if the handler desires.
- Abuse: No physical abuse or force of the animal will be allowed.
- Ties: Should two or more animals tie for the height, the animal which clears the jump in one attempt will be the winner, regardless of time. If both animals clear the jump on the same attempt (first or second), the animal with the shortest time will be the winner. If none of the animals have jumped a particular height, then the jump will be lowered until one or more jumps. If two or more animals have still not jumped the same height, the one making the most attempts places higher

### **Liberty**

- General: Liberty is demonstrating the natural beauty of the pony/horse. Ponies/Horses are to be judged on style, grace, animation, gaits, presence, and ease of catching. The liberty animal is expected to perform at both a canter and a trot.
- Ponies/Horses will be judged beginning when the halter is removed by the exhibitor (the individual wearing the number) and until caught and haltered by the exhibitor. Time of liberty shall be 1½ minutes; time to catch shall be 2 minutes.
- It is the Steward's responsibility to time Liberty classes and to be in possession of a stopwatch. The Steward should be in the same location as the judge(s) to adjudicate the class. Timing will begin when the halter is dropped, not when the music starts, and the show announcer will announce TIME when the 1½ minutes performance has ended to signal the exhibitor that they can begin the catch. Continue to time the catch. Liberty When the 2 minute catch time has elapsed, the show announcer will announce TIME to signal the end of the catch if the animal has not been caught. If the catch is not completed in the 2 minute allotted time frame, the exhibitor is disqualified.
- Only the exhibitor can touch the animal during the catch. The pony/horse must be caught and haltered by the exhibitor only within 2 minutes or be disqualified. The assistant may not touch the pony/horse at any time. There will be "No Baiting" (no use of hay, grain, clickers, etc.) of Liberty ponies/horses during the catch or it will be disqualified.
- Music is required.
- No deliberate interference with the pony/horse from outside the ring. Announcement is to be made prior to the class to specify that no outside assistance is allowed.
- All ponies/horses entered in the Liberty class must be at least one year old.



- Exhibitor and assistant should wear appropriate, tasteful attire. A safe costume or theme outfit is allowed for the exhibitor and assistant only. Pony/Horse will not be allowed to wear anything once the halter has been removed: no costume, ribbons or glitter.
- Exception: Moderns/ASPR regularly braided with ribbon in foretop and first lock of hair in mane as is customary/permitted in that division may maintain their braids in liberty class.
- If a pony/horse should fall during its performance, the entry is disqualified.
- Entry will be disqualified if pony/horse leaves the ring during competition or catch time.

### **Miniature Equine Western Country Pleasure Driving**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.

Western Country Pleasure Driving is a single miniature equine driving class, hitched to show cart with either wooden or metal spoke wheels. A Western Country Pleasure Driving equine should carry himself in a natural balanced position with a relaxed head and neck. His poll should be level with, or slightly above the level of the withers. This class will be judged 60 percent on the equine's performance, manners and way of going, and suitability for assuring a pleasurable drive, 30 percent on condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, and 10 percent on neatness, appropriateness of attire and overall impression. Overchecks and side checks should be slightly loose, not snug. Excessive knee action and speed to be penalized.

- Gait requirements - Equines shall enter the ring counterclockwise (to the right) at a Country Pleasure Trot. All equines are to be shown both ways of the arena at a Walk, Country Pleasure Trot and Extended Trot. All gaits to be performed in a smooth, relaxed, balanced manner. Each equine shall be required to back readily and straight and stand quietly.
- Walk: A free regular and forward moving four beat gait. The equine should walk freely and calmly, with an even determined gait.
- Country Pleasure Trot: A balanced, easy going, relaxed two beat gait demonstrating forward movement with a flat knee and little hock flexion.
- Extended Trot: A clear increase in gait and length of stride. The equine should move freely on a taut, but light rein, while maintaining a balanced gait and forward movement with low strides and little flexion of knees and hocks. Excessive knee action and speed to be severely penalized.
- All Western Country Pleasure Driving vehicles must have a basket or suitable floor. Wheel covers are prohibited.
- Martingales are optional. Bits in the Western Country Pleasure driving shall be of the snaffle type. No Liverpool bits, curb chains, or curb straps are allowed.
- An equine may be shown in all driving classes.
- An appropriate driving whip shall be carried (in hand or in vehicle) at all times while driving.
- Headers: A header is a capable person 13 years of age or over. This attendant shall take NO action that will affect the performance of any Miniature equine. Only one header is allowed per equine. The header must not have a whip and shall remain at least two (2) paces distant from the head of the equine when the judge is inspecting the equine, and at all other times unless assistance in controlling the equine is needed. Adult (19 years of age or older) headers are mandatory for all youth drivers and optional for all other drivers.
- No youth 12 years of age or under may drive a stallion.
- Equine must be 3 years of age or older.

### **Miniature Equine Country Pleasure Driving**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.

Country Pleasure is open to an equine hitched to a two (2) wheel pleasure vehicle only (wooden

wheeled or pleasure cart) to be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, and conformation, IN THAT ORDER. Equine must be on the bridle, and light contact with reins must be maintained - complete loss of contact will be penalized. Neck carriage should be relaxed; neck position should be that which is comfortable and natural to the particular equine. High action MUST be penalized. It is imperative that an equine give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to drive. Responsive mouth is paramount, and all gaits to be performed with willingness, obvious ease, cadence, balance and smoothness.

- Gait requirements—to be shown both ways of the arena at a Walk, Pleasure Trot, and Working Trot. Equine will enter counter clockwise at a Pleasure Trot. Equine will be required to stand quietly and back readily.
- All Country Pleasure Driving vehicles must have a basket or suitable floor. Wheel covers are prohibited.
- Martingales are optional.
- An equine may be shown in all equine driving classes.
- An appropriate driving whip shall be carried (in hand or in vehicle) at all times while driving.
- Headers: A header is a capable person 13 years of age or over. This attendant shall take NO action that will affect the performance of any Miniature equine. Only one header is allowed per equine. The header must not have a whip and shall remain at least two (2) paces distant from the head of the equine when the judge is inspecting the equine, and at all other times unless assistance in controlling the equine is needed. Adult (19 years of age or older) headers are mandatory for all youth drivers and optional for all other drivers.
- No youth 12 years of age or under may drive a stallion.
- Equine must be 3 years of age or older.

#### **Miniature Equine Pleasure Driving**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive.
- To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back.
- To be judged:
  - 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s).
  - 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle.
  - 10% on neatness of attire.

#### **Miniature Equine Reinsmanship Driving**

- This class is open to miniature equine only standing no taller than 38 inches.
- Reinsmanship is shown to a two wheeled vehicle.
- Entries are judged primarily on the rein handling ability and skill of the driver. 75% of the score is on the handling of the reins and whip, control, posture, and overall working appearance of the driver. 25% is on the condition of the harness and vehicle and neatness of attire. Control is judged by the consistency of movement at various gaits; smooth, rapid gait changes consisting of three to four steps to be in the called gait; accuracy of performing the requested maneuver on the rail or by the complete, symmetrical pattern requested for individual work.
- At no time should the equine appear to be out of control or heavily checked up.
- Whip must be in hand at all times when the driver is in the ring.
- Drivers are asked to perform reinsmanship skills on the rail as a group. They will be asked, in addition to working both ways of the arena at a walk, collected trot, working trot, and strong trot, to perform according to the judge's calls. Judge may select one, several or all of the following maneuvers and may repeat the same maneuver as many times as desired to determine driver's reinsmanship skills:
  - Stop on the rail, pause and stand quietly until judge calls to move forward at a walk or collected trot.
  - Stop on the rail, back 2 or 3 steps, stand quietly, then proceed in the direction of go when judge calls to move forward at a walk or collected trot.
  - Reverse on the rail at a walk or collected trot.

- Stop on the rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, return with a 90 degree pivot back to the rail in the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
- Stop on rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, continue to turn with a 90 degree pivot to end up on the rail in the reverse of the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
- Stop on rail, do a 180 degree pivot, pause, standing quietly. Then on judge's command, drive on in the reverse of the original direction at a walk or collected trot.

#### **Mini Longear Pleasure Driving**

- This class is open to miniature longears only standing no taller than 48 inches.
- A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive.
- To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back.
- To be judged:
  - 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s).
  - 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle.
  - 10% on neatness of attire.

#### **Mini Longear Reinsmanship Driving**

- This class is open to miniature longears only standing no taller than 48 inches.
- Entries are judged primarily on the rein handling ability and skill of the driver. 75% of the score is on the handling of the reins and whip, control, posture, and overall working appearance of the driver. 25% is on the condition of the harness and vehicle and neatness of attire. Control is judged by the consistency of movement at various gaits; smooth, rapid gait changes consisting of three to four steps to be in the called gait; accuracy of performing the requested maneuver on the rail or by the complete, symmetrical pattern requested for individual work.
- At no time should the equine appear to be out of control or heavily checked up.
- Whip must be in hand at all times when the driver is in the ring.
- Drivers are asked to perform reinsmanship skills on the rail as a group. They will be asked, in addition to working both ways of the arena at a walk, collected trot, working trot, and strong trot, to perform according to the judge's calls. Judge may select one, several or all of the following maneuvers and may repeat the same maneuver as many times as desired to determine driver's reinsmanship skills:
  - Stop on the rail, pause and stand quietly until judge calls to move forward at a walk or collected trot.
  - Stop on the rail, back 2 or 3 steps, stand quietly, then proceed in the direction of go when judge calls to move forward at a walk or collected trot.
  - Reverse on the rail at a walk or collected trot.
  - Stop on the rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, return with a 90 degree pivot back to the rail in the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
  - Stop on rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, continue to turn with a 90 degree pivot to end up on the rail in the reverse of the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
  - Stop on rail, do a 180 degree pivot, pause, standing quietly. Then on judge's command, drive on in the reverse of the original direction at a walk or collected trot.

#### **Small Pony Pleasure Driving**

- This class is open to small ponies only standing over 38 inches to 48" (12 hands)

- A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive.
- To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back.
- To be judged:
  - 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s).
  - 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle.
  - 10% on neatness of attire.

#### **Small Pony Reinsmanship Driving**

- This class is open to small ponies only standing over 38 inches to 48" (12 hands)
- Entries are judged primarily on the rein handling ability and skill of the driver. 75% of the score is on the handling of the reins and whip, control, posture, and overall working appearance of the driver. 25% is on the condition of the harness and vehicle and neatness of attire. Control is judged by the consistency of movement at various gaits; smooth, rapid gait changes consisting of three to four steps to be in the called gait; accuracy of performing the requested maneuver on the rail or by the complete, symmetrical pattern requested for individual work.
- At no time should the equine appear to be out of control or heavily checked up.
- Whip must be in hand at all times when the driver is in the ring.
- Drivers are asked to perform reinsmanship skills on the rail as a group. They will be asked, in addition to working both ways of the arena at a walk, collected trot, working trot, and strong trot, to perform according to the judge's calls. Judge may select one, several or all of the following maneuvers and may repeat the same maneuver as many times as desired to determine driver's reinsmanship skills:
  - Stop on the rail, pause and stand quietly until judge calls to move forward at a walk or collected trot.
  - Stop on the rail, back 2 or 3 steps, stand quietly, then proceed in the direction of go when judge calls to move forward at a walk or collected trot.
  - Reverse on the rail at a walk or collected trot.
  - Stop on the rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, return with a 90 degree pivot back to the rail in the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
  - Stop on rail, do a 90 degree pivot turning inward and pause, standing quietly. Upon judge's call, continue to turn with a 90 degree pivot to end up on the rail in the reverse of the original direction of go. Move forward at a walk or collected trot per judge's call.
  - Stop on rail, do a 180 degree pivot, pause, standing quietly. Then on judge's command, drive on in the reverse of the original direction at a walk or collected trot.

#### **Pleasure Driving**

- This class is open to equines over 48 inches (12 hands)
- A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive.
- To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back.
- All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests.
- To be judged:
  - a. 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s).
  - b. 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle.
  - c. 10% on neatness of attire.

#### **Reinsmanship Driving**

- This class is open to equines over 48 inches (12 hands)

- A Pleasure Driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver.
- To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers are required to rein back.
- All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests.
- The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective.
- Either the one- or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent “feel” with the horse’s mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another.
- To be judged:
  - 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver.
  - 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

### **Timed Obstacle Driving**

- To be judged over a course in the ring consisting of paired markers set 51 cm wider than the widest wheel track of each vehicle. The course is to be posted in advance and must be driven from memory, at a trot.
- Two or more horses cantering or galloping at the same time for 4 or more strides will be considered a break in gait. A prolonged canter or gallop is 6 or more full strides by two or more horses.
- Penalties are assessed as follows:
  - Knocking down or dislodging obstacle or course marker ..... 10 seconds
  - Break of gait to canter or gallop:
    - 1st Break to a canter or gallop. .... 10 seconds
    - 2nd Break to a canter or gallop..... 10 seconds
    - 3rd Break to a canter or gallop..... 10 seconds
    - 4th Break to a canter or gallop..... Elimination
    - Prolonged canter or gallop ..... Elimination
  - Groom down (first 2 times) .....20 faults seconds/occurrence
  - Groom down 3rd time ..... Elimination
  - Off course..... Elimination

### **Versatility - Miniature Equine and Small Pony**

- The horse will perform three (3) disciplines in ONE (1) Class. Harness Driving  
Halter  
Hunter (Abbreviated Course)
- All three (3) disciplines to be judged equally and combined for final placing. Any horse disqualified from one (1) division is disqualified from the class.
- There will be one (1) class: Stallion, Geldings and Mares.
- Horse must be three (3) years of age or older. 4. No Youth twelve (12) & under may show a Stallion.
- One (1) Assistant or Header (MUST BE AN ADULT) will be allowed in the arena only for the heading and unharnessing of the horse.
- Exhibitor and assistant must be properly attired.
- Class Procedure:
  - A. Horses will enter the arena at a pleasure trot or a country pleasure trot\* then perform a working trot and walk in both directions of the arena. Headers will be asked to enter the arena. Horses will be asked to rein back.
  - B. The call judge will blow a whistle signaling the driver and header, as a team, to remove cart and harness from horse and do any grooming or halter changes. For purpose of safety, the cart must be removed from the horse before the horse is unbridled. Failure to do so; will be disqualification and excused from the arena. Each horse and handler will go to the rail in order of completion. After a two (2) minute time limit the call judge will blow the whistle for time. Any horse not removed from cart or harness will be disqualified. Headers will be asked to exit the arena with cart and harness, in an orderly manner.
  - C. HORSES ARE TO REMAIN IN THE SAME ORDER FOR THE REST OF THE CLASS AS THEY GO ON THE RAIL, BOTH FOR THE HALTER AND HUNTER PORTIONS.

- D. Horses will be judged at halter. No teeth will be checked. Horses will line up head to tail for inspection. Horses will not be asked to move.
- E. Horses will jump a course of three (3) jumps. One (1) left turn to the inside may be demonstrated. Course is to demonstrate horses' style, manner and way of going.

**In Hand Trail**

- This class is open to all age exhibitors.
- Equine of all ages can enter this class.
- Equines to be shown under appropriate English or Western tack and attire.
- Equines to be shown in the pattern at the walk, secondary gait and back up
- Obstacles may consist of gate, logs, bridge, ground tie, backing through shape, slicker and other similar maneuvers
- The obstacle course is judged upon an even-paced style in approaching and overcoming each obstacle. Elimination after three refusals. Moving through the obstacle quickly and without knockdowns, refusals, unruly behavior or undue circling is the objective of this course.
- The class consists of pattern work only and will be posted at least 1 hour before the class begins