

NEW CLASSES – 2018

Best Presented

This is an “in hand or led class” and is to be judged on the presentation of both horse and handler combination. Horse and handler may be presented English or Western attire.

Western:

Horse: Must be clean and well groomed; hooves can be painted or polished and to be picked out; mane may be banded or free flowing but must be neat and tidy. A silver show halter or a plain leather halter with a leather lead and chain should be used. Show your horse as you would in a Western halter class.

Handler: Must be neatly dressed in a western shirt, western jacket or shirt and vest; show pants or slacks may be worn, jeans are also allowed but should be clean and pressed; western belt with trophy buckle may be worn, western hat and western boots should complete your outfit. Western jewellery may also be worn. Try to co-ordinate your outfit to compliment your horse.

English

Horse: Must be clean and well groomed, hooves can be painted or polished and picked out, mane may be banded, braided or free flowing but must be neat and tidy. An English bridle usually fitted with a snaffle bit should be used or a plain leather halter with a leather lead (NO CHAIN) is used for yearlings and younger horses.

Handler: Must be neatly dressed in English attire as for riding or hunter in hand event; a riding crop or cane may be carried. Horse to be shown as in an English led class.

No Stallions to be shown by youth and horse must be 2 years or older.

Showmanship at Halter

This is a class in which a competitor is judged on their ability to prepare and show a horse at Halter. The competitor presents the horse to the judge at the halt, walk and jog. Competitors enter the ring individually and lead their horse in a pattern as set by the judge. All competitors in the class then stand in a presentation line either head to tail or side by side for the judge to assess each horse and handler individually. Maintain a distance of at least 1.5 m between your horse and the horses around you whilst in the line up.

Scores are allocated in the following percentages:

Appearance and grooming of exhibitor:	10%
Appearance and grooming of horse:	10%
Showmanship:	80%

Horses are led from the left hand (near) side with the handler's right hand about 20 to 30 cm from the halter. The excess lead strap is held in the left hand in a safe manner. All turns will be made to the right except at the judge's instruction. The handler's body should be between the horse's head and shoulder and remain far enough away from the horse so as not to block the judge's view of the horse.

When lining up to show your horse to the judge, there are two recognised methods of moving around your horse to ensure that your back is never turned to the judge. These are called the “Half Method” and the “Quarter Method”. Competitors are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these methods prior to entering in Showmanship classes.

Competitors should be dressed in neat Western attire. Halters should be made of leather with a leather lead strap (with or without a chain) or cotton or nylon webbing with an appropriate flat lead strap. Lead straps should be 1.8 to 2.1 metres long. Rope halters and lead ropes are not appropriate for this class. Banding of manes is not compulsory.