

Blue Ridge Open Charity Horse Show

Hosted by the 4-H

Requirements

General Overview:

Age/Experience Divisions: please go to the bottom of this section to read about cross-entering.

-PeeWee: Open to anyone ages 5-8. Non-competitive and will receive only a participation ribbon. PeeWees are only required to walk, unless otherwise specified. PeeWees are NOT allowed to cross-enter into any other division.

-Novice Rider: Open to any rider ages 9 and up in their 1st and 2nd year of showing. Novice riders are only required to walk/trot or jog unless otherwise specified. Experienced horse preferred. ****Non-pointed****

-Novice Horse: Open to any age horse that is in their 1st and 2nd year of showing. Novice horses are only required to walk/trot or jog unless otherwise specified. ****Non-pointed****

-Youth/4-H: Open to any rider ages 9-18.

-Open: Open to any age rider 9+ up.

*Cross-entering is allowed but please be aware that show management and judge have the right to scratch, disqualify, or bump down any participant that is intentionally trying to rack up high points or are inadequately entered in a division.

Discipline Divisions:

This section is dedicated to inform exhibitors of how they will be judged in each class type and what is expected of them. Please read the information at the bottom of this section regarding classes.

-Halter Section: Horses will be judged on conformation(soundness included) and appearances over behavior and obedience. Judges may ask for a series of movements including first and secondary gaits. Horses are to be shown in halter or bridle. No pattern will be posted. ****Non-pointed****

-Showmanship: Horses will be judged on behavior, soundness and accuracy of pattern. Rider will memorize a posted pattern and display it for the judge to the best of their ability. Some patterns will be more difficult than others and may include first gait, secondary gait, halt, back, turn on haunches, etc.

-Western Pleasure: Judges will be looking for a pleasurable, Western-type horse in ring work. This includes a lower headset and controlled, collected way of going. Except for PeeWee(walk only) and Novice(walk and jog), horses must be able to walk, jog, lope, halt, and back as minimum for entering these classes.

-Western Horsemanship: Riders will be judged on accuracy of pattern posted. Except for PeeWee and Novice, horses may be required to walk, jog, lope, halt, back, circle, swap leads, etc. at the judge's discretion. Riders will be required to finish the class with ring work.

-Western GAYP: Western horses will be judged on way of going along the ring. Horses will be required

to walk, and then asked to Go-As-You-Please, or display the gait of rider's choice. **Open to Non-trotting breeds!!**

-Reining Suitability: Will be judged on horse and rider's suitability to reining. No pattern will be posted. Instead, riders will be asked to do a series of movements in the ring including walk, jog, lope, near-gallop, halt, back, roll-back, flying lead change, pivot/spin, etc. at the judge's discretion. ****Non-Pointed****

-Non-Trotting 2-gait/Walking-Racking: The gaited horse will be judged on way of going, movement and behavior in the ring. Horse and rider may be required to flat walk, pleasure gait, halt, back, etc.

-Non-Trotting Equitation 2-gait: Rider will be judged on accuracy of pattern posted and overall equitation. May be required to flat walk, pleasure gait, halt, back, circle, etc. Horse and riders will be required to follow up with ring work.

-Non-Trotting/Gaited GAYP: Gaited Horses will be judged on way of going at the flat walk and then Go-As-You-Please, or choice of gait in the ring.

-Walking Horse Pleasure: Tennessee Walking horses will be judged on quality of their gaits in the ring; flat walk, running walk, and canter.

-Paso Fino Performance: Paso Fino horses will be judged on the quality of their gaits in the ring; Classic Fino, Paso Corto, and Paso Largo.

-Adaptive: Please contact Karee Mackey for more information.

-Fun Games: This division is what it suggests, fun! These are the rules for the following games...

.Costume Class: Horse and rider dress-up creatively and the audience votes for the best!

.Red Light, Green Light: Horse and rider will be in the ring with others. When the announcer says green light, the rider will ask the horse move forward. When the judge says red light, the rider will ask their horse to stop. The last combo to stop or not display the correct movement each round is disqualified until a winner is found.

.Musical Pairs: This game will contain teams. Teams will include 2 friends and 1 horse. When the music starts, 1 friend will stand in the middle of the arena while the other rides the horse at a trot alongside the arena. When the music stops, riders will trot to their partner in the middle, switch riders, and trot back out to the edge. The last person to mount and get to the ringside for each round will be disqualified until a winner is found.

.Egg n Spoon: Riders will steer horse with one hand and hold an egg with a spoon in the other hand. Judge will ask for a series of movements and last to have an egg wins!

.Bubble Gum Race: Riders will be at one end of the arena and a table with bubble gum will be at the other end. When told, riders will race to the other end, dismount, chew a piece of bubble gum, creating a bubble, remount and race back. First back is the winner!

.Ride-A-Buck: Riders will ride their mounts bareback with a dollar bill placed under their mid-thigh. Judge will ask for a series of movements and the last to have a bill under their thigh wins all!

-English Pleasure: Horses will be judged on way of going, movement, and behavior in the ring. Judges will also be looking for horse's suitability for English. Horses, excluding PeeWee(walk only) and Novice(walk and trot), may be asked to walk, trot, canter, halt and back as a minimum for these classes. Classes deemed "English" are suitable for saddle-type(Saddlebreds, Morgans, Arabians, etc.) and hunter-type horses(QHs, Tbs, etc.).

-English Equitation: Riders will be judged on accuracy of posted pattern overall equitation. Except for

PeeWee and Novice, riders may be asked to walk, trot, canter, change leads, circle, halt and back or any other movements at the judge's discretion. Horse and rider will be asked to finish the class with ringwork. Classes deemed "English" are suitable for saddle-type(Saddlebreds, Morgans, Arabians, etc.) and hunter-type horses(QHs, Tbs, etc.).

-English GAYP: English horses will be judged on way of going along the ring. Horses will be required to walk, and then asked to Go-As-You-Please, or display the gait of rider's choice. Classes deemed "English" are suitable for saddle-type(Saddlebreds, Morgans, Arabians, etc.) and hunter-type horses(QHs, Tbs, etc.).**Open to Non-trotting breeds!!**

-Hunter Under Saddle(HUS): Horses will be judged on mannerism and movement suitable to that of a "hunter" in ringwork. Horses will be asked to walk, trot, canter(except for Novice) and back as a minimum for this class. Judges will be looking for a long frame and good stride. Judges will be looking for hunter-type horses such as Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds and Warmbloods(does NOT exclude other breeds). Ability to ride in a forward seat position will also be paid attention to.

-Hunt Seat Equitation: Riders will be judged on accuracy of posted pattern and ability to ride in a forward seat. Horse and rider will be asked to walk, trot, canter, circle, change leads, back etc at the judge's discretion. Judges will be looking for hunter-type horses such as Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds and Warmbloods(does NOT exclude other breeds). Horse and rider will be then asked to perform ring work to finish the class.

-Open English W/T or W/T/C: Judges are looking for English-type(Saddle-type and Hunter-type) horses that can display walk/trot or walk/trot/canter both directions of the ring.

-Open Working Hunter on the Flat: This is a more advanced class for more advanced horses and riders. Horses will be tested in the ring at the minimum of walk, trot, canter, halt, back, hand-gallop and extensions of any gaits. Judges will be looking for a professional forward seat and hunter-type horses.

-Hunter Over Fences: Horses will be judged on form, behavior, and consistency over fences. Except for Novice, who will be allowed to trot fences, horses will be expected to maintain a canter. Horse and rider will return to the ring for railwork.

-Hunter Hack: Horses will be asked to perform 2 jumps with moderate space between them. Judges will look specifically for hunter suitability and manners. Horse and rider will then complete the class with railwork.

-Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences: Rider's position over fences will be judged more so than horse's way of going. Horse and rider will then be asked to return to the ring for railwork and may be asked to do a series of movements including dropping stirrups, cantering a circle, halting from the canter, etc.

-Jumpers: Jumpers are non-judged classes. Horse and rider jump a specific course and are timed. The best time, after faults, wins.

-Gambler's Choice: This is another non-judged class. Riders are given an allotted time of 60 seconds. Each jump in the course is assigned a certain amount of points. Riders will pick the best course to receive the most points. The horse and rider who has the most points, wins. ****Non-Pointed****

-Dressage Seat Equitation: Horse and rider will be tested on the ability to perform a posted pattern. Judges will be looking for rider's suitability for dressage by having the proper leg, body, seat and hands. Pattern may include the following for the no cantering class; free walk, medium walk, rising trot and other movements such as circling, halting, etc. Pattern may include the following for the cantering

class; free walk, medium walk, rising trot, working canter, and other movements like flying lead changes, circling, etc. ****Non-Pointed****

-Dressage Suitability: Horse and rider will be tested on suitability for dressage. Horses will be tested on fluidity and consistency of gaits. Horse and rider may be asked to perform free walk, medium walk, rising trot, and working canter(only for canter class) as a minimum for these classes. ****Non-Pointed****

****SPECIAL NOTE ON GAITED HORSES****

Gaited/Non-trotting horses are permitted in ALL GAYP(Go As You Please) classes.

*Show management and the judge have the discretion to remove or disqualify any horse and rider that are not suitable for any class. This includes unsuitability, inability, and inhumanity to the horse.

*Helpful Hint: In hunter under saddle classes, horses are expected to have a long low hunter frame. In equitation classes, riders are expected to collect their horses in a proper English frame and hold their hands a tad higher.

*Helpful Hint: The terms "Railwork" and "Ring work" are used interchangeably within this manual. They both mean that all horses in the class will be in the ring together and may be asked to do the appropriate gaits if that discipline or class.

Attire:

This description gives a **minimum** attire requirement that applies to all age/experience divisions equally for each discipline division.

-Hunt-Seat/Dressage: Jodhpurs/Breeches; Boot with appropriate heel; White polo.

-English: Jodhpurs/Breeches; Boot with appropriate heel; White polo; Minimum English saddleseat(See English Non-trotting) attire is allowed for riders mounted on saddle-type horses(Morgans, Saddlebreds, Arabs, etc.) that are entered in "English" classes only.

-Jumper: Jodhpurs/Breeches; Boot with appropriate heel; Any color polo.

-Non-trotting:

.English: Kentucky jodhpurs; solid colored, long sleeved collared shirt; Boot with appropriate heel.

.Western: Denim jeans; neat, solid colored, tucked in T-shirt; Belt; Boot with appropriate heel.

-Western/Reining: Denim jeans; neat, solid colored, tucked in T-shirt; Belt; Boot with appropriate heel.

*Although the dress code is not strict and exhibitors will not be judged on clothing's worth, if you do not meet these standards, you may not place well. Judges will be warned that they are not allowed to judge off attire, unless the rider does not meet these standards. Overall appearance, tidiness, and respect may be used to break individual ties for placings.

Tack:

This gives a brief description of appropriate tack for each division. Please look at the bottom of this section to review legal bits.

-Hunt-Seat: English-type bridle, girth and saddlepad(preferably white) are required. Forward seat English saddle is required; this includes jumping, all-purpose, and close contact saddles. NO running martingales, leg wraps, or sport boots allowed! Standing martingales are allowed in over-fences classes ONLY. Breastplates are also allowed.

-Dressage: English-type bridle, girth, saddlepad(conservative), and saddle are required. Saddles allowed include dressage, all-purpose, close contact, cutback, etc. NO martingales(of any kind) or leg wraps/sport boots allowed. Breastplates are allowed. No whips longer than 42.7 inches allowed.

-English: English-type bridle, girth, saddlepad(conservative) and saddle are required. Saddles allowed include, dressage, all-purpose, close contact, cutback, etc. NO martingales(of any kind), leg wraps or sport boots allowed! Breastplates are allowed.

-Jumper: Forward-seat English saddles are required; jumping, close contact, all-purpose, etc. There are no restrictions on type of girth, saddlepad, or bridle. NO standing martingales allowed! Running martingales, leg wraps, sport boots, hackamores and crops are permitted.

-Non-Trotting:

.English: Cutback or dressage/all-purpose(to promote versatility) saddles are required! A single, English- type bridle is required! NO double bridles! An English-type saddlepad(conservative) and girth is required. NO martingales, leg wraps, sport boots, action devices, or illegal shoeing allowed! Two braids, a forelock and bridle-path braid are permitted and encouraged.

.Western: Any western-type saddle is allowed and required. A single, Western-type bridle is required! A Western-type saddlepad and cinch is required. NO tie-downs, leg wraps, sport boots, action devices, or illegal shoeing allowed! A natural long mane and tail is encouraged.

-Western/Reining: A western-type bridle, saddlepad, cinch and saddle is required. Saddles permitted include trail, barrel, show, etc. NO tie downs allowed. Sport boots and leg wraps ARE permitted in Reining, but NOT permitted in Western classes.

*Any exhibitor that violates these rules or uses any kind of inhumane or illegal device will be DISQUALIFIED!! Please read the 4-H manual for more information regarding regulations and legal bits and other tack.

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Rulebook.html