



81st PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR
4-H HORSE DIVISION
SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019
Class Descriptions 2019



Mandatory Club Aggregate Classes

Showmanship

Members will be judged on how well they show their horse to its best advantage, on grooming and presentation of horse and member, as well as the ability to answer questions related to horse husbandry. The ideal performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired member leading a well groomed and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision. Members will execute a posted pattern.

- Horses will not be judged on conformation.
- Silver will not add marks.
- Members showing in English attire must show with an English bridle.
- Members showing in Western attire must show with a halter. Halter shank may have a chain but it must not come in contact with the horse. Member may wear Western type hat or helmet.
- No spurs, whips or crops allowed.

English Unit Work (Equitation)

Riders may ride Hunter seat or Dressage seat. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, legs and their ability to control and show their horses. Each member will enter the ring individually and perform the posted pattern for their unit. Spurs are permitted. No martingales of any kind.

Western Unit Work (Equitation)

Riders will be judged on seat, hands, legs and their ability to control and show their horses. Each member will enter the ring individually and perform the posted pattern for their unit. Spurs are permitted. No martingales of any kind.

English Pleasure

To be shown at the flat footed walk, normal trot and easy canter, light contact to be maintained. To be judged on manners, performance, quality and confirmation. Martingales not permitted. Maximum credit to be given to the flowing, balanced and willing horse which gives the appearance of being fit and a pleasure to ride. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits. Horses may be asked to extend the walk, trot, or lope, one or both ways of the ring. Horses are required to back easily and stand quietly. Horses are to reverse to the inside (away from the rail).

Western Pleasure

To be shown with a free flowing stride, should cover ground with little effort and gaits of the proper cadence. To be shown on reasonably loose rein, but with light contact and control. He should carry his head and neck in a relaxed, natural position, with his poll level with or slightly above the level of the withers. Maximum credit to be given to the flowing, balanced and willing horse which gives the appearance of being fit and a pleasure to ride. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits, horses may be asked to extend the walk, jog, or lope, one or both ways of the ring. Riders should sit at the extended jog. Horses are required to back easily and stand quietly. Horses are to reversed to the inside (away from the rail).

Trail or Handy Horse

The trail/handy horse class is the performance of a safe, sensible, well-mannered horse over a course of obstacles such as:

- Gate: opening, passing through and closing the gate
- Ride over logs or poles and side pass
- Back through and around markers
- Carry object from one part of the arena to another
- Ride over a bridge
- Remove and replace mail from mailbox