

# Salmon Arm Fall Fair |

## **DIVISION D8 | 4-H HORSE**

### Class Descriptions



#### **ENGLISH ATTIRE, TACK AND TURNOUT**

- Competitors should be dressed in traditional show attire including a riding coat; shirt and tie, choker, or stock; breeches or jodhpurs; and riding boots with a heel. Half chaps are permitted.
- Spurs, if worn, must be English and of the unrowelled kind.
- Gloves are optional.
- ASTM certified helmets with a harness must be worn at all times when mounted.
- Judges may, at their discretion, authorize adjustment of attire due to weather conditions.
- Horses should be well groomed and turned out. Braiding or banding is optional, but encouraged.
- Any English type saddle is permitted including synthetic or treeless saddles. Breastplates are permitted.
- Bridles must be a simple leather English style bridle with a browband, throatlatch, and simple cavesson.
- Martingales, draw reins, or grazing reins of any type are not permitted in any flat class.
- Horses may be shown in a snaffle, Pelham, kimberwick, or double bridle.
- Whips are permitted in the following classes only and must be no longer than 75cm (30") No whips in showmanship.

#### **ENGLISH EQUITATION**

- To be judged entirely on the rider's position and overall effectiveness in the saddle. Riders will be asked to ride a pattern which will reflect the appropriate unit requirements. Rail work may be used to split a tie only.
- During the Championship round, horses will be shown at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions (Walk/Trotters will be asked to the center of the ring, this should not reflect placing). Horses may be asked to stand quietly on a loose rein and rein back. No pattern work in Championships.

### **ENGLISH PLEASURE**

- Horses are judged on manners, quality of gaits, willingness, and performance, and will give the picture of being a pleasure to ride. Horses should be shown in a light contact and should move at a relaxed pace.
- Horses will be shown at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions. Horses may be asked to stand quietly on a loose rein and rein back.

### **ROAD HACK**

- To be judged on performance, substance, conformation, and manners. A Road Hack horse should be willing to go forward, yet easy to control.
- To be shown at a walk on a reasonably loose rein, trot, strong trot, canter, and hand gallop (at discretion of judge) in both directions of the ring. Horses may be asked to stand quietly on a loose rein and rein back.
- No more than eight horses to gallop at one time.

### **DISCIPLINE RAIL**

- Judged on the abilities of a well trained and responsive performance horse. The horse should be willing to perform each task promptly.
- Within reason, the judge may ask the riders for any of the following, in any order: Walk, trot, canter, hand gallop, extensions, collections, change direction at any gait, counter canter, change leads, turn on the haunches or forehand, shoulder in or haunches in, leg yield, half pass, rein back, drop stirrups, mount or dismount.
- Entries will be placed in the line up – this is not an elimination class.

## **WESTERN ATTIRE, TACK & TURNOUT**

- Competitors should be dressed in traditional show attire including a suitably styled long sleeved shirt, jacket, or sweater; and boots with a heel. Competitors may wear blue jeans, provided that they are clean and neat, or appropriate show pants with or without chaps. Spurs are optional.
- Competitors must wear an ASTM Approved Helmet while riding. Cowboy hats may be worn for Showmanship only. Western exhibitors will not be penalized for wearing protective headgear.
- Hair should be neatly contained or tied back.
- Horses should be well groomed and turned out. Banding/Braiding is optional, but encouraged.
- All ridden classes are to be shown in a western stock saddle. Silver equipment will not count over a good, working outfit. Breastplates are optional.
- Members riding Senior horses (six years or older) must show one handed in a Western shank bit. Junior horses may be ridden two handed in a snaffle bit. Exception: Unit one's and two's may ride two handed in a snaffle, regardless of horse's age.
- For Speed events (Barrels, Pole Bending and Keyhole), all members are encouraged to use snaffle bits and will not be penalized. English or Western Tack may be used.
- Reins must be either split leather or romels. Barrel reins are only accepted in the speed events. The rider may not change hands on the reins. Only in Trail may a rider change rein hands to work an obstacle.

## **FITTING**

- Exhibitors will be given 20 minutes to fit and prepare their horse for a showmanship class. At the end of the 20 minutes, horse and rider must be ready as if to enter a showmanship class – there will be a five minute warning.
- Exhibitors are allowed a handler (preferably a 4-H member or parent) but will not be allowed to communicate with them in any way. The handler is simply a post and in no way should offer any advice or influence the exhibitor as they prepare their horse.
- Before the class, exhibitor is are allowed to have their horse banded or braided, clipping can be done and have three legs ready.
- Exhibitors will be scored on their preparedness, proper grooming, knowledge of what they are using to prep, knowledge of why they are using it, and final turnout of horse and rider. The breed, type and confirmation of the horse are not being judged. A clean, well-groomed horse is a healthy horse. As well, quality of tack or apparel will not be given more credit than properly fitting and functioning pieces.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to lay out their supplies and wear a smock to cover their show clothing and keep clean until the end of the 20 minutes.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

- May be shown in English or Western Attire.
- Judged strictly on the ability of the handler to fit and present the horse in-hand.
- Horses should be well groomed and may be shown in a well fitting halter (leather or nylon) and lead. Chains are allowed but not required. If showing in English attire, exhibitors may show in a bridle.
- Handlers should be well turned out and should be attentive and courteous.
- A pattern will be posted and handlers should perform the pattern with promptness, smoothness, and precision.
- No whips permitted.

## **WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP**

- To be judged on strictly on the ability of rider to control his or her horse while executing a prescribed pattern. Results as shown by performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the method used by the rider.
- Pattern work will reflect the unit requirements. Rail work may be required at the judge's discretion.
- Failure to complete the pattern will not constitute elimination but shall be scored accordingly.

## **WESTERN PLEASURE**

- Judged on performance, condition and conformation of the horse. Maximum credit should be given to the flowing, balanced and willing horse that gives the appearance of being a pleasure to ride.
- To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein, but with light contact and control. To stand quietly and to back readily. Extreme speed or "four-beating" to be penalized.

## **COMMAND CLASS**

- Judged on the abilities of a well trained and responsive performance horse. The horse should be willing to perform each task promptly.
- Within reason, the judge may ask the riders for any of the following, in any order: Walk, trot, canter, hand gallop, extensions, collections, change direction at any gait, counter canter, change leads, turn on the haunches or forehand, shoulder in or haunches in, leg yield, half pass, rein back, drop stirrups, mount or dismount.
- Failure to complete a command will cause for elimination and rider will be called to the center of the arena. Class will be placed according to elimination.

### **MODIFIED REINING**

- Open to all exhibitors Unit 2 and above.
- Pattern will be posted.

### **COSTUME**

- ~~• Open to all exhibitors.~~
- ~~• To be judged on originality and creativity.~~

### **TRAIL/HANDY HORSE**

- To be judged on the performance of the horse over a minimum of six Trail Class obstacles with emphasis on manners and response to rider. The trail course will be designed to show the horse at all three gaits (walk, trot, and canter). A horse that deviates from the pattern must not place above a horse that completes the course as written.
- Obstacles will include a gate, bridge, a minimum of four poles, and a back-through.
- Riders will be permitted to walk the pattern before the class begins.

### **BARREL RACING**

- Barrels to be set up in the standard cloverleaf pattern.
- The first barrel taken may be the right or the left. There will be a 5 second penalty added for each barrel knocked down.

### **POLE BENDING**

- 6 poles, 20' apart and 34' from the finish line.
- Run up one side, turn the top pole, weave back through the poles, turn the bottom pole, weave through the poles, turn the top pole and run down the opposite side.
- Note: This pattern may be run from either direction.
- Penalties: 3 seconds for each pole that is knocked down.

### **KEYHOLE**

- The pattern is to be 20' in diameter with an 8' long by 4' wide entrance way.
- Rider runs through the keyhole, turns around and runs back across the finish line.
- Disqualification: Stepping on or over the rope or keyhole marking