

SHOWING CLASSES FOR HORSES

800 DEFINITIONS

800.1 Classes for registered horses or ponies shown in hand or under saddle are open to member as defined in Rule 51.

800.2 General Regulations [GR] and Grading Rules apply to Showing competitions.

800.3 The HAK Technical Committee is responsible for matters connected with showing.

800.4 Dress and saddlery refer to Rules 161 – 189, Annex S 1 and S 2.

800.5 Falls of horse or rider incur elimination from the time the judging of class or rider begins until all of the rosettes are presented. [Rule 1011].

801 JUDGES AND CANDIDATE JUDGES

801.1 Judges and Candidate Judges for Showing classes are appointed to the Panels by the Technical Committee. They must also approve qualified visiting Judges.

801.2 A Show Organising Committee [SOC] appoints Judges for Showing classes from the appropriate Judges' Panels or approved visitors.

802 ELIGIBILITY FOR SHOWING CLASSES

802.1 All horses/ponies exhibited in Showing classes must be registered, owned and ridden by a member of the HAK, except for those in Leading-Rein, First Off the Leading Rein, Family and In-Hand under four years old.

802.2 Except in specified In-Hand classes, horses exhibited in Showing classes must be 4 years old or over.

802.3 Horses must be measured according to the provisions of Rule 107 and must exceed 150 cm (14.3 hh) except for Polo Ponies.

802.4 Stallions are excluded from ridden Showing Classes.

802.5 Riders in Working Hunter Classes must be eligible to ride in Horse classes. In other classes, horses may not be ridden by a rider who is eligible for the "12 and Under" classes.

802.6 Grading Rules for **Novice** 981 and 982 will apply.

802.7 No horse may compete in both Hack and Hunter Classes at the same show. They may compete in Working Hunters at the same show.

803 IN HAND CLASSES

For In Hand classes, horses/ponies are judged on conformation and action. Horses/ponies are expected to walk and trot in hand and to stand for inspection by the Judge. Classes may be divided by height, age, type or suitability as defined in the show schedule. Horses/ponies shown in hand Under 4 years olds do not require HAK registration or a measurement certificate (except if a class is restricted to Ponies n.e. 150 cm. 14.3 hh) but must have proof of age.

804 HACK CLASSES

804.1 Hacks may not exceed 163 cm (16.0 hh). The type is one of elegance, correct action and manners. Classes may be divided by grade and/or height. For saddlery and dress see Annex S I and S II.

804.2 Hacks are judged on type, conformation, presence, manners and ride. Walk, trot and canter on both reins will be expected, plus a short 'show' exhibiting these paces on both reins. Rein back is expected of Open horses. The Judge will ride some or all of the entries. Horses should be unsaddled for inspection of conformation.

805 RIDING HORSE CLASSES

805.1 Riding Horses are of any height, of a type with more substance than a hack, with emphasis on comfortable ride, smooth action and good manners. Classes may be divided by grade, height and/or age. For saddlery and dress see Annex S I and S II.

805.2 Riding Horses are judged on type, conformation, manners and ride. Walk, trot and canter on both reins will be expected. Horse may be asked to move on in canter. A 'show' may be expected. Rein back is expected of Open horses. The Judge will ride some or all of the entries. Horses should be unsaddled for inspection of conformation.

806 HUNTER CLASSES

806.1 Hunters are of any height. The type is one of substance, with size, scope and speed also considered with conformation, correct action and manners. Classes may be divided by grade, height and/or suitability to carry riders of various weights. For saddlery and dress see Annex S I and S II.

806.2 Hunters are judged on type, conformation, presence, action, manners and ride. Walk, trot and canter and gallop will be shown. Suitability in weight classes will be considered. The Judge will ride some or all of the entries. Horses should be unsaddled for inspection of conformation.

807 WORKING HUNTER CLASSES

807.1 Working Hunters are of any height. The type is as Hunters, with an emphasis on jumping performance and style. Classes may be divided by grade, height, and/or suitability to carry riders of various weights. For saddlery and dress see Annex S I and S II.

807.2 Working Hunters are judged on performance and style of jumping freely at a fair, smooth hunting pace over a course of 6 to 8 natural hunting fences in Phase I. The type, conformation, presence, action, manners, ride and suitability in weight classes will be judged in Phase II as for Hunters. Blemishes will not be taken into account so heavily as in Hunter classes. Only selected entries from Phase I will go forward to Phase II.

807.3 Maximum Height of Obstacles in Phase I. In Novice Working Hunter classes, obstacles are not to exceed 0.85 m. In Open Working Hunter classes, obstacles are not to exceed 1.00 m. Obstacles are to be of an inviting, natural hunting type, with one or two knockdown fences.

807.4 Penalties.

Knock down = 10 First refusal = 15 Second refusal = 20
Third refusal or Fall of horse and/or rider in either phase = Elimination

807.5 Scoring

Phase I	Jumping performance	50%
	Style of jumping	20%
	Minus jumping penalties as above	
Phase II	Conformation, type, action, ride	30%

807.6 Riders: Except in Championship classes, a horse must be ridden by the same rider in both phases.

808 GUEST HORSE CLASSES

808.1 Guest Horses are suitable to be ridden by a guest of perhaps limited riding ability. Manners, smooth action and ride are paramount. Conformation does not count.

808.2 Guest Horses are judged on action, manners and ride. Walk, trot and canter on both reins will be expected. The Judge may ride some or all of the entries. Saddlery is as for Grooms Classes.

809 FARM HACK CLASSES

809.1 Farm Hacks are suitable for use on a farm. Conformation is not taken into account.

809.2 Farm Hacks are judged against the clock over a course of small obstacles and tests of skill. Points will be awarded for obedience and accuracy. The Judge will not ride. Saddlery is as for Working Hunters.

810 GROOM'S CLASSES

810.1 Horses in Groom's classes are ridden by the grooms (syces) who normally look after them. They must be employed by a HAK Member, but they do not need to be HAK members. Ponies (unless registered as horses) are not eligible.

810.2 Groom's classes are judged on the groom's ability to ride and handle the horse and on the turnout of the horse and its equipment. The groom's appearance should be neat and workmanlike but "showing dress" is not required. Proper headgear and footwear are required,

810.3 Competitors must prepare their own horses.

810.4 Competitors will be expected to walk, trot and canter on both reins and a short 'show' may be required. Saddlery is as for Novice Hunter classes but a Pelham bit with a Dee Coupling is permitted.

810.5 Riders in this class may not have competed in other classes at previous shows, except In Hand classes and are not eligible to compete in any other classes at the show

810.6 Groom's classes are scored on turnout and cleanliness of horse and saddlery (50%) and on the groom's suitability to the horse and riding ability (50%). In the opinion of the Judge(s) if a Groom is not suitable to his mount, he may be excused from the class.

810.7 **Groom's Classes In Hand** are judged on turnout, cleanliness of horse and tack (70%) and ability to show in hand (30%).

811 GROOM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries in a Groom's Championship will be ridden by a groom who has placed first, second or third in a ridden Groom's class during the preceding 12 months. No nomination riders. Rules are as for Groom's classes.

812 POLO PONY CLASSES

812.1 Polo Pony classes are for horses/ponies suitable to play polo.

812.1.1 Novice Polo Pony classes are for horses/ponies broken to stick and ball and likely to make a polo pony.

812.1.2 Open Polo Pony classes are for horses/ponies that have played in at least one tournament.

812.1.3 Competitors must have a certificate signed by a Polo Club Captain.

812.2 Polo Pony classes are judged on suitability to play polo, type, balance, action, manners and conformation. Horses will be expected to walk, trot, canter and turn on both legs, meet oncoming horses, 'ride off' and rein back. The Judge will ride some or all of the entries. Saddlery and equipment are as for a polo tournament.

813 SPECIAL SHOWING CLASSES

Shows may include other showing classes. The parameters of these classes must be set out fully in the show schedule, specifying height, age and type of horse. If any rules are not specified by the SOC, the general HAK rules will prevail. Approval of any classes not specified in this rulebook will be at the discretion of the Technical and Executive Committees.

814 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

All horses/ponies qualifying for Championship Showing classes must come forward to their respective championship class. Failure to do so will incur forfeit of the original award and prize monies. (Appendix II).

ANNEX S I ~ CORRECT DRESS:

Dress for Showing Classes

Dress for Showing Classes will be conservative and tidy.

1. Headgear

- Competitors in ridden Showing classes must wear a helmet with a black or dark blue cover, a black, dark blue or dark brown hunting cap or a bowler hat. Protective headgear is not required for In Hand classes but a hat is correct.
- Hair should be tied back tidily or a hairnet worn.

2. Jackets, Shirts, Neckwear

- A tweed jacket is preferred, a black or dark blue jacket is permitted.
- The shirt must be plain, white or pale coloured.
- A tie is preferred, with the colour optional; a stock is permitted, but not with a tweed jacket unless coloured.

3. Breeches and Boots

- Breeches should be beige, canary or cream but not white.
- Boots should be black. Brown is permitted but only with a tweed jacket.

4. Gloves

- Gloves are optional but are correct.
- Colour should be cream, buff, black, dark blue or brown to coordinate with the jacket worn.

5. Spurs

- Only blunt spurs should be worn.

6. Whips

- Bamboo or leather covered Showing canes or whips not exceeding 0.75 cm (30in) are permitted, but should be black or brown; Showing canes are preferred. Dressage whips **MAY NOT** be carried.

ANNEX S II ~ CORRECT SADDLERY

1. Manes need be plaited. Tails should be either plaited or pulled.
2. Grooms or assistants are permitted to enter the arena only to assist in preparing the horse for inspection of conformation and to help the rider.
3. For ridden Showing classes, the saddle is a plain English type, brown or black. The type of girth is optional but should not be brightly coloured. A numnah is permitted but should be unobtrusive, not brightly coloured or elaborate and fit so as not to be visible around the saddle.
4. Bit guards are not permitted.
5. A neck strap is permitted. Martingales and/or breastplates are not permitted except in Working Hunter classes if used, they must be used in both phases. Rein stops should not be used without the martingale.
6. Boots and bandages are not permitted except in Working Hunter classes. If worn in Phase I they must be removed for Phase II.

In Hand Classes – Saddlery

A bridle must be worn. It may be a snaffle, double or pelham with two reins. Leather reins are preferred. The noseband must be a cavesson. The type of browband is optional. Bitless bridles for under 4 y.os are permitted.

Hack and Riding Horse Classes - Saddlery

In Novice classes, the bridle must be a snaffle, double or pelham with two reins and a curb chain. In Open classes the bridle must be a double or pelham with two reins and a curb chain. Only plain cavesson nosebands are permitted. Plain leather or decorative browbands are permitted. Leather reins are preferred. Side saddle is permitted at the discretion of the Judge.

Hunter Classes – Saddlery

For Novice Hunter classes, the bridle must be a snaffle, double or pelham with two reins and a curb chain. In Open Hunter classes, the bridle must be a double or pelham with two reins and a curb chain. In both classes, a cavesson noseband must be used and the browband should be plain leather.

Working Hunter Classes

- For Working Hunter classes, the bridle may be of any type except a bitless bridle. Two reined bits must be used with two reins and a curb chain. The noseband should be a cavesson type, but a flash, dropped or grackle noseband is permitted. The browband should be plain leather.

- Standing or running martingales and breastplates are permitted, but, if used, must be used in both phases.

- The exact same saddlery and equipment must be used in Phase II as was used in Phase I, except that boots and bandages, if worn in Phase I, must be removed in Phase II.

Championship Classes

The same saddlery must be used as was used in the qualifying class.