

Horse Show Class Definitions

Halter: An in-hand (non-riding) class where the horse is judged based on appearance, such as conformation and cleanliness

Showmanship: An in-hand (non-riding) class where the handler is judged on their ability to maneuver their horse around a memorized pattern.

Horsemanship: A *western* riding class where the rider (not the horse) is judged on their riding ability and ability to guide their horse around a memorized pattern in an orderly way.

Equitation: An *English* riding class where the rider (not the horse) is judged on their riding ability and ability to guide their horse around a memorized pattern in an orderly way.

Western Pleasure: A *western* riding class where the horse is judged based on their execution of the western gaits, how well the horse performs the tasks and how smooth the ride looks. Not a pattern class.

Ranch Pleasure: Western Pleasure but for “Ranch” horses, faster/non-pleasure horses.

Hunter Under Saddle: An *English* riding class where the horse is judged based on their execution of the English gaits, how well the horse performs the tasks and how smooth the ride looks. Not a pattern class.

Saddle Type: Classes for horses with refined neck, shoulders, hindquarters, and a smaller head. An *English* type class; requires saddle seat type tack and attire.

Hunter Over Fences: In this jumping class the judge is judging the horse on its form over a course of 8 jumps and for correct lead changes and style. An *English* class.

Hunter Hack: A jumping class in which the horse is judged on its overall appearance on the flat and over two jumps. Includes rail work. An *English* class.

Dressage: An *English* riding pattern class to show the partnership of the horse and rider. There is a smaller fenced-in arena with letters to show where riding transitions take place. An *English* class (except for Western Dressage). Patterns based on test used for class – test is specified on show bill.

Reining: A *Western* riding pattern class to show the partnership of the horse and rider and their ability to perform different maneuvers.

Trail: A riding or in-hand class where the rider/handler maneuvers their horse through an obstacle course.

Versatility: A *Western/English* class where the horse and rider combo performs four different classes trying to show their versatility and the versatility of their horse. A timed event with strict rules, refer to Horse and Pony Handbook.