

Basic Class Descriptions

Western, Hunt Seat & Saddle Seat Fitting and Showing

Individual in-hand maneuvers

Practice: Backing, trotting, stopping, pivoting, proper leading through the entire pattern (keep your shoulder at their throatlatch.)

***Special Note*: Western- Use Halter, Hunt Seat- Plain leather halter, Hunt Seat or Dressage Bridle, Saddle Seat- Show Halter, Full or Pelham Bridle**

Western, Hunt Seat & Saddle Seat Equitation-

Judged on the rider, and the horse's obedience

Practice: Subtle signals, diagonals (Hunt Seat & Saddle Seat), correct leads, backing, transitions, proper leg & upper body position.

English (Hunt Seat & Saddle Seat) & Western Equitation-

Judged on the rider, and the horse's obedience

Practice: Subtle signals, diagonals (Hunt Seat & Saddle Seat), backing, transitions, proper leg & upper body position.

***Special Note*: Hunt Seat & Saddle Seat are combined classes and called English for Walk/Trot**

Saddle Seat Pattern # 1

Individual pattern, judged on accuracy and execution of the required maneuvers.

Practice: Circle, transitions, subtle signals, backing, diagonals/leads, proper leg & upper body position, turn on haunches/forehand.

***Special Note*: Similar to a Dressage Pattern**

Western, Hunt & Saddle Seat Bareback

Judged on the rider, and the horse's obedience

Practice: Subtle signals, diagonals (Hunt Seat), backing, transitions, proper leg & upper body position.

Equitation Over Fences Pattern # 1

Judged on the riders form over fences, correct leads, and cadence

Practice: Jumping around 2 feet, correct leads off the jump, steady tempo, not rushing over the jumps

Western Riding Pattern # 1

Individual pattern, judged on the accuracy and execution of the required maneuvers.

Practice: Lead changes, walking & trotting over ground poles, weaving between cones, transitions, backing, turning on haunches

Trail

Executing obstacles, the goal is to receive the least amount of point deductions caused by ticking a pole, knocking over a cone etc.

Practice: Walking over tarps & bridges, trotting and backing through cones and turn on the forehand and haunches, side passing over poles, opening and closing gates & mailboxes, small jumps, ground tie.

Flag Race

Moving a flag from one bucket to another, a timed event judged on speed and **accuracy**

Practice: Running close to barrels, picking up and dropping flags in buckets placed on barrels.

Cloverleaf

Barrel racing, turning sharply around barrels in the correct order.

Practice: Sharp turns, speed

Speed & Action

Start in 12x 24 box run 200 ft around cone and back, stopping in the box

Two Person Relay

Handoff of an object between two people

Practice: Stopping immediately, having a horse run up behind you, handoff and receiving an object, going over chalk lines, speed