

ARABIAN COMMUNITY SHOW GUIDELINES

~ to view detailed Community Show Guidelines visit www.bciaha.com ~

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Halter ~ Classes that celebrate the Arabian horse "type" and charisma. Horses are presented by the handler at the walk and trot, and are judged on type, conformation, quality and movement.

Showmanship ~ a class with the exhibitor being judged on how he/she handles & presents the horse.

Equitation ~ only the rider is judged in this class. Position and riding skill.

Hunter Pleasure ~ lowest set frame of the english disciplines. Horse and rider should display an even, consistent pace with a ground covering stride in a relaxed manner.

Maiden ~ not to have EVER won a first in that specific class.

Road Hack ~ Shown at the walk, trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. May be asked to halt from the canter or gallop and stand quietly. May be asked to walk or trot on a long rein. This horse should be suitable for hacking down the road.

Show Hack - english show class where horses are asked to perform 10 separate gaits: walk, trot, and canter (collected normal and extended) and the hand gallop. Elevation and knee action are not to be emphasized. Horse must be balanced, show vitality, animation & presence.

Costume ~ class for participants to dress themselves and their horses up & walk around the arena. Halloween any time of the year.

Parent Leadline ~ Young riders lead parents who are preferably just learning how to ride on horseback - rider being judged.

Pleasure Pairs ~ horse & rider teams of two enter the arena & ride at all three gaits. Horses being judged on how well matched the pair is in their gaits. Can be done in English or Western attire as long as the pair is the same.

Western Pleasure ~ a class where horses are show in western tack and are required to move freely and maintain a steady speed at all gaits. They display a flat-footed gait and work off a loose rein. Horse and rider must perform smoothly as a team.

Trail ~ a class where horses are asked to individually to execute a course of obstacles.

Junior Horse ~ 5 years old and under

Country Pleasure ~ Shown in Saddle Seat attire, cutback or dressage saddle. Shown at walk, trot, strong trot, canter & hand gallop. High knee action penalized. Horse must be a 'pleasure' to ride.

***Walk / Trot classes not to be cross-entered with any classes offering canter**

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS & AWARDS PROGRAMS

***Memberships can be purchased on the day of the show with points from that show still eligible for ACS High Point and Milestone Award Programs**

ACS Award Programs are specific to ACS. Points accumulated through ACS recognized events will not be transferred or used towards any other AHA programs, including Achievement Awards and Regional and National Qualifications.

Membership in the Arabian Horse Association is required for inclusion in the Arabian Community Shows Award Programs. An AHA Competition Card is not required. Non-AHA members can show in ACS Arabian classes, however those exhibitors will not qualify for, nor will they accumulate points towards the ACS Awards Programs. Should non-AHA members place in an ACS Arabian class, the registered horse's accomplishments will be recorded in their permanent event record in the online Arabian Horse DataSource world database (www.ArabDataSource.com).

To accumulate points toward ACS Award Programs, the exhibitor must either be an AHA Youth Member (an individual who is under the age of 18 as of December 1 of the previous calendar year and who holds a current AHA Youth Membership) or an AHA Adult member and an amateur (an amateur is defined as an individual that does not receive payment for either training horses, exhibiting horses, or giving riding lessons). **Professionals may participate in the classes, however, neither they, nor the horse they compete with, will place or qualify for ACS points or Award Programs.**

For a detailed breakdown of the ACS High Point Awards and the ACS Milestone Awards offered by AHA, visit www.arabianhorses.org

BCIAHA is offering it's own ACS High Point Awards in conjunction with the BCIAHA Year End High Point Awards ~ see the BCIAHA website www.bciaha.com for details. Current BCIAHA membership will be required in order to participate.

APPEARANCE / GROOMING:

Attire for competitors and horses should be based on what is normal for the local area and for the class being entered with emphasis on neatness and safety. Inappropriate attire or tack may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Casual attire acceptable, braiding optional. Boots & helmets / hats mandatory.

HELMET RULE:

Junior competitors must wear a proper fitting, approved protective headgear, with safety harness correctly secured, at all times while mounted on competition or event grounds. Approved headgear meets the ASTM (American Society for Test Materials) standards and displays the SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) seal. The British standard, BSI, is also acceptable. This rule is binding on all disciplines and breeds. However, in the case of a conflict, discipline and breed rules supersede General Rules. Show management will allow new head gear rule to apply without any judging penalty.

SHOEING RECOMMENDATIONS:

There are no formal shoeing rules. However the judge may penalize an entry if in the judge's opinion the horse is shod to give an unfair advantage. The judge's decision is final.