

## HUNTER IN HAND

### 1. Equipment:

English headstall equipped with any acceptable single-rein English bit (see ENGLISH PERFORMANCE specifications) and that complies with appropriate equipment rules for the age of the horse shown. Notwithstanding the above, English bridle is mandatory on horses two years old and older and plain leather halter is required on weanling and yearling horses.

b. For horses one year old and younger, halters are mandatory. The halter and lead must be halter of plain leather. The chain on the lead may be over the nose or under the chin; however, no chains are allowed in the horse's mouth and no lip chains are allowed.

c. The use of a crop or bat is optional.

### 2. Attire:

a. Attire of the handler should permit free movement. Color may be chosen to complement horse, but should be conservative. Suitable attire shall be a collared polo shirt or collared dress shirt (solid colored and either white or another conservative color), vest, tie and gloves (optional). Dress pants should be loose enough in which to run. If a belt is worn, it should be a plain belt, not of western type or style. Jeans are forbidden. Running shoes or paddock boots are required.

### 3. Class Conduct:

a. Horses will be judged individually on the triangle, following a posted order.

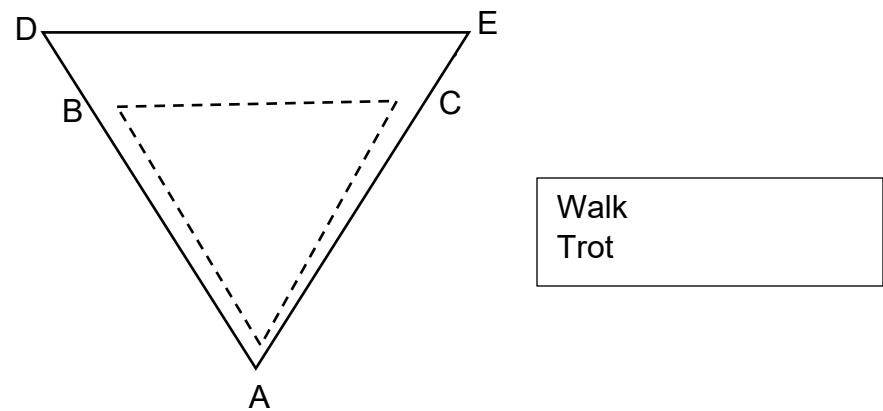
b. The horses will approach the judging area (A) and set up for inspection in the "open" position (i.e. with all four legs of the horse visible by the judge standing on either side of the horse). The judge shall inspect each horse from the front, rear and both sides. Transmissible weakness and/or conditions shall be counted strongly against animals.

c. At the judge's request, the horse will then walk the small triangle ABCA. The horse will continue on at a trot following the large ADEA.

d. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. As one horse leaves, the next one will enter the judging area promptly.

e. When all horses in the class have completed the triangle, they may be lined up for judges to place, or "ringing" (walking in a large group circle around the judges) may be used.

f. An exhibitor may show more than one horse in a class on the triangle. In this case, a helper may assist in bringing the horses back for ringing or final inspection.



70 to 90 feet (21.34 to 27.43 m) between corner markers