The Precision Class

The Precision Class is an 3 gaited open pattern class challenging the exhibitors horsemanship skills on an advanced level horsemanship style pattern.  This pattern will assess the willingness and maneuverability of the horse.  Judging Criteria will be based on a well mannered horse exhibiting soft correct cues and quality of gaits performed.  Each maneuver will be judged individually and tallied together for an overall score.

Purpose:

To encourage exhibitors growth in horsemanship, furthermore advancing ability and growth throughout all riding divisions and classes.

Maneuvers:

While the walk, pleasure gait and extended pleasure gait may be used as desired, the canter/lope will be mandatory for this class and essential for 50% of the course.  Any of the following maneuvers may be used in the precision pattern: lead changes, pivots, front hand turn, side passes, backing, counter canter, halt.

Tack and Equipment:

English or western tack and attire may be used, but not a combination of the two.  Silver tack may be used but shall not be given preference over good working equipment.  When riding western, all horses must be one handed.  Only one hand must be used on the reins and may not changed.  The hand is to be around the reins (Romal rein). One finger is permitted through the reins when riding with split reins.  While the horse is on motion, the exhibitors hands must be clear of the horse and saddle.  Junior horse rules apply and will be allowed to ride in a snaffle with two hands.  Whips are permitted for the English style rider but prohibited in western.  Boots and leg wraps are prohibited for the precision class.