



Class Descriptions Defined

Hands Free Showmanship: Exhibitors showing in Hands Free Showmanship will enter the arena one exhibitor at a time. The rider will lead their horse into the arena with halter and lead and get set-up at the first cone. Once the horse is set at the cone, the exhibitor will tie the lead around the horse's neck in a simple loop and knot. Riders will not be disqualified for touching the lead during the pattern, however will be penalized accordingly.

Showmanship Obstacle: This class is a combination of showmanship maneuvers and trail obstacles. Exhibitors may be required to walk, trot, stop, turn, pivot, back and go through and over obstacles including poles, cones, gate, and bridge.

Disciplined Rail: This class shall be judged on performance and manners of the horse and may be ridden Western or English. The class routine shall be to perform work on the rail, and may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Transitions to and from any gait, such as trot to canter, hand gallop to halt, halt to canter, trot to counter canter, etc. You may also be asked to perform a gait for a specific number of steps or strides.
- Counter canter
- Extension and collection of any gait
- Sidepass
- Pivot or forehand turn for a specific number of degrees
- Back
- Changing of leads (simple or flying)
- Judge may ask for additional safe work

English Big Trotter Sweeps: Open to all riders of all divisions. This is an English pleasure class that is judged only at the trot. Horses will trot in first direction, reverse at the trot, trot second direction, and line up.

Western Easy Loper Sweeps: Open to all riders of all divisions. This is a Western pleasure sweepstakes class that is judged only at the lope. Horses will walk in the ring, lope first direction, reverse at the walk, lope second direction, and walk into line.

Walk-Jog Sweeps: Open to all riders, of all divisions, with any horse, of any skill level. Horse/rider combinations that enter this class are eligible to enter all other classes. This class is judged at the walk & jog only and will pay back.

Egg & Cane (Spoon): This class is ridden like a traditional Egg & Spoon class but in lieu of the spoon, exhibitors will be provided with a candy cane. The "stem" of the candy cane will be marked and riders must position their hand behind that line. Exhibitors will be asked to perform maneuvers of increasing difficulty on the rail. The last rider to lose their egg wins.