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Q. SADDLEBRED WALK AND TROT ALL AGES DIVISION

THE INTENT

To broaden the showing of American Saddlebred Horses to include riders and horses of all ages and capabilities. The class is open for any rider and age – excluding professional trainers.

Horses of all breeds may show in this Division at Regional and Club Shows and the class should be offered as an Open Class. At National Championship level, only Registered Saddlebreds may participate in this division. Ladies are allowed to show a stallion in this division. In Ladies only and Children classes, stallions will not be allowed.

Riders have the option of presenting in Kentucky Attire or Show Hack Attire provided that their horses will be turned out in accordance with the Attire style selected.

These horses can enter the Country Pleasure, Show Hack and Western Riding divisions and stallions, mares and geldings may compete. Rules for clothing will be according to each division.

There is an exception to the 3 class Entry Limitation rule for Regional Shows as per Section C for horses showing in a combination of the Walk Trot All Ages, Country Pleasure Riding, Country Pleasure Driving, Western Riding, and Show Hack Divisions. Horses will be permitted to show in a combination of any 4 of these classes at a single show but may not compete in any other division in such a show.

The Walk Trot All Ages and Walk Trot Western Riding division classes will count as ½ a class each for purposes of the Section C General Showing Rules Entry Limitations.

Horse and Rider Combinations appearing in the Walk and Trot All Ages Division are prohibited from entering any class which requires a canter at the same show. The horse may however compete in a class requiring a canter at the same show with a different rider. Horse and Rider Combinations appearing in the Walk and Trot All Ages Division are prohibited from entering any other Walk and Trot Age Division Class, they are however permitted to enter the Walk and Trot Western Class. (*Trainers Request AGM 2022*)

1. BRIEF “TYPE” STANDARD AND COMMON FAULTS

The Saddle Horse selected for the Walk Trot All Ages Division should have quality, style, and presence. The horse should be comfortable and suitable to ride in the show ring. An easy, ground-covering action is required, and emphasis is placed on good manners at all times.

Horses are judged on:

- Manners
- Performance
- Presence
- Quality
- Conformation

Walk And Trot All Ages Division Horses – Horses are judged 75% on manners, performance, presence, and quality, 25% on total conformation.

2. TACK REQUIREMENTS AND RULES

Appliances – Training appliances such as chains, stretchers and draw reins, tie downs and martingales in the saddle classes are prohibited. Inappropriate bridles such as a hackamore are prohibited. Leg bandages are not allowed unless application has been made to the show committee because of wet conditions.

Boots - Quarter or bell boots are not used in the Walk and Trot All Ages Division. Brushing boots and knee boots are prohibited. Taped hooves are prohibited.

Bridles

In the event of a Kentucky Turn Out exhibitors must use:

- A. a Snaffle bridle with a running martingale or German martingale,
- B. Full bridle; or
- C. a Bridle with a Pelham bit. Split reins and Rein connectors and the use of a running martingale with the Pelham bit will be optional. A Pelham bit has a broken or solid mouthpiece with two reins attached to a single shank, not longer than 10cm, on each side or one rein when a Rein connector is used. The shank must be measured from the mouthpiece to the end of the shank, rings excluded.



In the event of Show Hack Turn out Exhibitors must use: Snaffle, Pelham, or full bridle, all with cavesson noseband. Martingales of any type are prohibited.

Saddle –

In the event of Kentucky Turn Out exhibitors must use: An English type of saddle with a cutback head is required. Western saddles, Side saddles or Australian Stock saddles are prohibited. The use of Saddlecloths or Numnahs are optional with the understanding that it will be well concealed when used.

In the event of Show Hack Turn Out: A cutback saddle with optional saddlecloth and no martingale. An all-purpose saddle with saddlecloth is permitted, where a breast collar is optional.

3. TURN-OUT OF HORSE, INCLUDING SHOES

Cleanliness and neatness are the foremost requirements regarding the turn-out of a horse.

Mane - Shown with a natural full mane and tail. In the event of Show Hack turn out hunter style braiding of the mane or tail is optional.

Ribbons - must not be shown with ribbons in the mane, forelock or attached to the bridle.

Shoes - Horses may be shod with pads and/or wedges according to their needs. The length of hooves must be no longer than 15 cm. This includes the pads but excludes the shoe. Shoeing of hind hooves will be optional, BOTH hind hooves must be shod, or BOTH must be unshod. Loss of a hind shoe will be subject to the same rules as the loss of any shoe during a class.

Tails - Tails should be natural. Tails must not be put in any device which alters their carriage. Switches are allowed. The fact that the horse's tail has once been set does not exclude participation in the Walk and Trot All Ages division.

4. DRESS REQUIREMENTS OF RIDERS

Riders may elect to present in Kentucky Attire or Show Hack Attire it being understood that the horse shall be turned out in accordance with the rider's attire.

Kentucky Attire:

A Kentucky flared Jodhpur pant.

A Waistcoat which may be either matching or of a tasteful contrast.

A shirt with a collar and tie is used.

Boots – Solid coloured leather or patent leather Jodhpur boots of a low-heeled variety are worn. Spurs – Spurs are optional. All exhibitors, including ladies and children 11 years and over may use spurs. The obvious use of spurs is a severe discrimination, and the abusive use of spurs will be a disqualification.

Gloves – Gloves may be worn.

Hat – A tasteful hat is worn, a bowler (derby), snap-brim (felt or straw), homburg variety or a hard hat.

Show Hack Attire:

Coats or blazer of any tweed, check, or solid colours, breeches, or jodhpurs.

English style riding shirt

Boots - Riding boots (long or short)

Hat - Hard hat or derby.

Gloves, Spurs of unrolled type and crops are optional.

5. CLASS ROUTINE

Entrance – All divisions enter the arena at a trot moving in a counter clockwise direction or the right hand directions through the gate.

Order of gaits – Horses enter at a trot and will be asked to do a flat-footed walk both ways of the arena. Horses are expected to stand quietly and back readily in the line-up.

6. BASIC GAITES AND COMMON FAULTS

Walk –A four beat gait, straight, true, and flat-footed is required.

Trot - A two-beat gait, straight and regular. The trot should be mannerly, cadenced and balanced. It is to be performed at medium speed, with a free moving, ground covering stride, with the rider posting.

Setting – Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. The horse should wear his head in a relaxed, natural manner.

Transitions - The horse must be obedient with smooth prompt transitions.