

Scottsdale Saddle Club

English Class Descriptions 2012

Showmanship - Judges evaluate the grooming and fitting of the horse and expertise of the exhibitor in presenting the horse. Each exhibitor is required to perform a pattern with emphasis on preciseness of pattern and degree of confidence exhibited by the showman. In the English division the horse is show in an English bridle and the competitor dresses in English attire.

English Equitation - Tests the riders ability to ride—not the performance of the horse. Contestants will enter and work the rail the when asked line up at the ring steward and work a predetermined pattern consisting of maneuvers such as changing gaits; travel in a figure-8 pattern; backing up as well as posting on correct diagonal and counter-cantering. Emphasis is placed on ability to sit correctly, hold the correct riding posture and control the horse on a precise pattern

English Pleasure- A preliminary class for English riding disciplines in which judges evaluate the horse on the flat, at a walk, trot and canter. Emphasis is placed on smoothness of gait, free-flowing stride and willingness to perform.

Walk-Trot Over Poles - A pattern is designed and the rider is required to navigate their horse to trot over the poles in the set pattern. This class is a precursor to Hunter Hack and only for walk jog riders.

Hunter Hack - Horses are required to jump two fences then put on the rail to walk, trot and canter both directions in the ring. Emphasis is on manner and way of going on the flat and style over fences.

Pony Cross Rail Hunter 18" - this class is intended for horses of any breed under the height of 14.2 hands. No Pony card is required to enter this class. Ponies may cross enter other jump classes.

Cross Rail Hunter Green Horse – This class is intended for young horses or those just learning to jump. Horses that enter the Green Horse classes may not cross enter any other classes other than the hunter hack.

Cross Rail Hunter 18" Course is taken at the cross rail only no vertical jumps.

Open Mixed Hunter – Course of cross rails at 18" and vertical jumps to 2' designated on the pattern

Handy Hunter Classes (Low Handy Hunter & High Handy Hunter)

The Handy Hunter Course isn't about just cantering a series of jumps; it incorporates elements such as a walk or trot fence, opening a gate from horseback, and dismounting and leading your horse over a jump. The Low Handy Hunter consists of jumps from 2' to 2'3". The High Handy Hunter courses will range from 2"3" to 2'6".