



St. Clair County Arabian Horse Association

2014 Class Descriptions and Rules

HALTER - Horses to be shown at a walk and trot, and will be asked to walk along the rail, with whips down. Horses should not be stretched. Conformation and breed characteristics are to be judged in the following order: conformation, type, quality, movement, substance, manners, and presence. A suitable headstall with throatlatch is mandatory. Excessive use of the whip or voice shall be penalized.

SHOWMANSHIP - Conformation of the horse is not to count. This class is judged on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show the horse. Basic 4-H rules shall apply.

LEADLINE - Open to riders ten years of age or under who are not eligible for other performance classes. Safety shall be a priority.

WALK/TROT - Both equitation and pleasure classes are offered, with 90% of the score in pleasure based on the horse, and 90% of the score based on the rider in equitation. Any seat is allowed. Headers are allowed when the horses are lined up at the conclusion of the class.

MAIDEN/GREEN HORSE - Open to horses of any age that are considered too "green" for more advanced classes. Any seat is allowed. Arabian or running martingales are allowed. Horse is not to be shown in any other performance class except the walk/trot dressage class.

NOVICE HORSE - Open to horses which have not won THREE blue ribbons in a particular seat at any shows. Horses may be advanced in one seat and novice in another.

SADDLE SEAT - These classes are judged on basic 4-H rules. Horses may wear Weymouth or Pelham bridles. Snaffles are allowed only on junior horses.

HUNT SEAT - These classes are judged on basic 4-H rules. Horses may wear snaffle, Pelham, or Weymouth bridles. Approved helmets required for riders 19 and under.



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STOCK SEAT - These classes are judged on basic 4-H rules. Junior horses may wear a snaffle bit or a bosal.

GYMKANA - These classes are judged on basic 4-H rules. Long pants and boots are required. Approved helmets required for riders 19 and under.

DRESSAGE - These classes are judged on USDF rules.

SHOW HACK - A show hack horse is not necessarily a dressage horse NOR an English Pleasure horse. Notable transitions between gaits and between each change in gait are required. Hunt or Dressage attire is acceptable. Bridles may be snaffles or dressage weymouths. The following gaits are required to be performed both ways of the ring- normal walk, collected walk, extended walk, normal trot, collected trot, extended trot, normal canter, collected canter, extended canter, hand gallop.

BITLESS BRIDLES shall be acceptable in any performance class.

ANY OTHER RULES NOT CONVERED HERE WILL BE DECIDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PLEASE REFER TO THE STATE 4-H RULE BOOK FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION.