



**Canadian Horse Breeders
Atlantic District
2009 Futurity and Fun Show**

Class descriptions

Line Classes

In line classes, all exhibitors are to enter the ring at a walk, proceeding in a clockwise direction. The Judge will then request exhibitors to line up. Each exhibitor will be asked to do an individual routine of walk/trot and return to the line. At the discretion of the Judge, any horse that misbehaves will be excused from the class immediately.

Appropriate attire should be worn either English or Western. Helmets are mandatory for juniors and are recommended for all.

Riding Classes

Walk/Trot

In this class either a green horse or green rider may participate. You can show either Western or English. Horses will be asked to walk and trot both directions of the ring, line up and may be asked to back up. The Judge will be looking for performance, way of going, manners and conformation.

Open Equitation under Saddle (Western or English)

The horse is to be shown at a walk, trot, and easy lope/canter in both directions of the ring. This class is judged on the rider's performance and control of the horse. A good equitation rider is always in balance with her horse, maintains a correct position in every gait, movement, and possesses a commanding, but relaxed, presence.

Road Hack

The horse will be shown at a flat footed walk, trot, extended trot, easy canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. The hand gallop must be a controlled hand gallop. Class will be judged on performance, manners, substance, and conformation.

Hunter Hack

Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter as a group both ways in the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is to be maintained. Horses will jump two fences, maximum 2' 6", individually, after group workout.

Simple Reining

“To rein a horse is not only to guide them, but to control their every movement.” (NRHA Handbook)

Horses are to be judged on smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority when performing the various maneuvers. Controlled speed in the pattern raises the level of difficulty and makes the reining horse more exciting and pleasing to watch. Increased level of difficulty is rewarded with higher scores if maneuvers are performed correctly. May be performed with either one or two hands. A simple (novice) pattern will be posted the morning of the show. Maneuvers may include roll-backs, simple spins, lead changes and changes of gait. Sliding stops will not be required.

Driving Classes

Ground Driving Cones

Horses will be asked to maneuver through some cones at a walk and a trot. They will also be asked to stand quietly and back up. They will be judged on performance, manners, way of going, and condition and fit of harness and appropriateness of dress of the driver. This class is for novice horses.

Pleasure Driving

In this class either the horse or the driver and horse are more experienced. Entries will be judged on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. Horses will be shown both directions of the ring at the walk, slow trot, working trot **and** a strong trot. They will be asked to line up and stand quietly and back up when asked by the judge. Judge will be looking for performance, manners, way of going, condition and fit of harness and vehicle, and neatness and appropriateness of driver's apparel.

Driving Cones

This class consists of a number of cone “gates” requiring precision and timing to complete. This is a timed event and penalties are incurred for overtime as well as knocking a cone. Pattern and timing will be posted the morning of the show.

Driving Obstacles

In this class, several obstacles will need to be negotiated in a set pattern. The driving obstacles class, while not too difficult, will test the skill level of horse and driver. It will be entertaining and encourage exhibitors to improve their driving performance.

Costume Class

Costume classes add fun to our horse shows. They provide an opportunity for innovation and creativity in costume design for horse and rider and are great entertainment for observers. They also test the temperament of horses to perform in an unusual environment. Pick your own theme and enjoy the fun.