

Glossary/terminology/explanation of classes:

Barrel racing and pole bending are timed events. Don't knock over the barrels or poles. Stay on the pattern. Get through as quick as you can. Fastest time wins. Very simple.

Model: The horse is judged on conformation, period. A nice turnout (clean and shiny horse, appropriate clothes) helps. Some breeds show in halters for this, some show in bridles. Check with your own breed's rule book.

All the **Pleasure Driving Classes** except the Pleasure Driving Open (Class #19) are judged by American Driving Society Rules...meaning no “overchecks” (check reins). **Class #19 (Open)** is judged by whatever breed standard applies to your horse. Typically, Hackney ponies, Shetlands, Saddlebred horses, etc., allow for “overchecks”. Check with your own breed's rules for this class.

Equitation classes judge the rider's ability, not the horse. The tack and clothing must match: Western saddles and bridles go with Western attire, English riding attire goes with English saddles and bridles.

Walk/Optional Gait classes are Open to All Breeds. The term “Optional Gait” means *any intermediate gait, NOT a canter. If your horse trots, then the Optional Gait is a trot. If your horse is a “gaited” breed, such as a Fox Trotter, Walking horse, Spotted Saddle Horse, Rocky Mountain Horse, Paso Fino, etc., then the Optional Gait is whichever “middle” gait your horse can do.*

Open Classes are just that, Open. Anybody and any horse can enter, **with a few limitations, such as age of the rider and/or type of horse.** The **Western Pleasure Open** is for ***Stock-type horses only:*** Quarter Horses, Appaloosa, Paint, etc. These horses walk, JOG, and Lope. This class is **NOT intended for Gaited horses, and is judged according to USEF Rules.** The **Hunt Seat Pleasure Open** is Open to all horses, and horses walk, Trot, and Canter. Again, this class is **NOT intended for Gaited horses, and is judged according to USEF Rules.**

Mae West/Jack Benny is an Open class, Walk & Optional Gait, for any horse, English or Western, for riders 39 years and Over.

However, the **Open Pleasure Horse, English Equipment** is Open to all horses and riders, as it is **Walk, Optional Gait, and Canter**, in English tack and attire. Similarly, the **Open Pleasure Horse, Western Equipment** is Open to all horses and riders, in Western tack and attire.

As a rule, horses in Western gear should “neck rein”--the rider uses one hand. There are a couple of exceptions. Fox Trotters and Spotted Saddle Horses are typically ridden with two hands, even though they are shown in Western tack and attire. Walking horses in Western tack should neck rein.

“TWH” and “UPWHA” classes are for lite shod/keg shod/barefoot ***Walking horses.*** **UPWHA classes do not require registration papers.** The term “2-Gait” means the class will not canter, the riders will be asked to show their horses at the “Flat Walk” and “Running Walk”. Trail and Country Pleasure classes will also require a “Working Walk”, which is slow, relaxed, and on a loose rein. **IJA Rules** apply. Toe length limited to 4 ½ inches, including the shoe. Shanks on bits limited to 8”. No pads, chains, hoof bands, or any action device allowed on the show grounds.

*******GOOD LUCK AND SEE YOU IN JULY!!!!*******