

APPY FEST SHOW CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Un-mounted (required) Classes:

Classes 101A/B (Saturday) and 201A/B (Sunday) – In Hand, walk, trot/jog, stand:

Horses will be given a score of 0 to 10 on each element judged, where 10 is a perfect score.

NOTE: Horses will be shown in the arena as a group. Youth entries will show in the arena first, followed by Adult entries after the Youth entries exit the arena. **Participants showing more than one horse in this class will be required to have one handler for each horse shown.**

- All movements will be performed in-hand. Horses may be haltered or bridled, at the trainer's discretion.
- Horses will be judged on conformation, turnout, overall appearance, submission and quality of gaits at the walk and trot.
- Horses and trainers will be judged upon entering the arena until exiting the arena, on the following movements:
 - o Trainer leads horse quietly through the arena gate and into the arena
 - o Trainers line up in the center of the arena, at least 6 feet apart, facing the judge
 - o Judge evaluates horses on conformation and willingness to stand for up to one minute
 - o One by one, at the judge's command, trainer leads horse to the rail and walks horse counter-clockwise
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will continue counter-clockwise at the trot until the judge asks for trainer and horse to return to the walk.
 - o At the judge's command, trainer and horse will return to the center of the arena, at least six feet away from any other horse.
 - o After each horse has been evaluated individually, at the judge's command trainers will lead their horses to the rail and walk counter-clockwise. At the judge's command, the group will be asked to trot counter-clockwise until the judge's command to return to a walk.
 - o At the judge's command, trainers and horses will halt, and line up along the rail in an orderly procession, no less than 8 feet apart.
 - o Trainers and horses will be excused and should leave the arena at a walk in an orderly procession along the rail to the exit.

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Classes 102A/B (Saturday) and 202A/B (Sunday) – liberty/round pen/freestyle:

Horses will be given a score of 0 to 10 on each element judged, where 10 is a perfect score.

Horses will be shown individually at liberty in a round pen. Youth entries will show first, followed by Adult entries.

Entries will be judged on horse's willingness, confidence, submission, connection, communication, relaxation and trust while working with trainer. This is a "freestyle" class – meaning you can do whatever ground work is comfortable for you and your horse for up to 5 minutes (no minimum amount of time). Trainer may work with horse at liberty or wearing a halter and lead rope, at the trainer's discretion and consideration for the horse's safety and comfort. You may carry a lead rope or a stick to direct your horse. Movements you should attempt to accomplish in this class include:

- Bonding/greeting/grooming
- Moving ("herding") the horse away from you by walking behind it
- Varying the horse's gait while herding
- Encouraging the horse to stop while you are behind it in a "herding" mode
- Leading the horse
- Achieving figures (e.g., changing direction, circles, figure-eights) with the horse following your lead
- Sending the horse away and inviting it to return to you

You may touch your horse lightly with a rope or stick, but hitting your horse may result in disqualification, at the judge's discretion. A mounting block will be available at the round pen. You may use it to be above your horse, to reach across your horse's back and you may use it to lay across your horse's back briefly but may not use it to mount your horse. ***This is an unmounted class – mounting your horse or remaining on your horse's back when it moves away from the mounting block will result in disqualification.***

APPY FEST SHOW CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Classes 105A/B (Saturday) and 205A/B (Sunday) – Obstacles (un-mounted):

Horses will be given a score of 0 to 10 on each element judged, where 10 is a perfect score.

Horses will be shown individually in the arena, mounted. Youth entries will show first, followed by Adult entries. Horses will wear a halter and lead at all times. Either a standard halter or a rope halter is acceptable, at the trainer's discretion. Trainers are cautioned that excessive correction with a rope halter may result in disqualification.

The course will contain six "obstacles" arranged around the arena. Trainers will receive a copy of the course prior to exhibiting. Each horse and trainer pair will be allotted five minutes to complete the course. Trainers are encouraged to lead their horse through the obstacles in the order presented (i.e., one through six). The course will contain three mandatory obstacles, which will be flagged. Trainers must complete the three mandatory obstacles to receive a score.

- Each obstacle will be scored individually
- Horses will be judged on their ability to negotiate the obstacles with points given for attentiveness, confidence, good manners, responsiveness to trainer's commands and quality of movement.
- Horse and trainer must complete at least three obstacles within the five minutes allotted, to avoid disqualification.
- The following will result in a lower score:
 - o Instilling fear in the horse with voice or gestures
 - o Moving through the obstacle in the wrong direction
 - o Repeated refusals to negotiate an obstacle
 - o Blatant disobedience (kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking)
 - o Stepping out of, falling or jumping off/over an obstacle with more than one foot

IMPORTANT: Obstacles and Trails courses will be set up for review by show officials on Friday afternoon. Trainers on-site on Friday may examine the obstacles on foot, but **MAY NOT** examine them with their horses present – leave horses on the trailer or in the barn. ***Exhibitors examining the obstacles and trails courses with a horse present will result in disqualification of the horse from obstacles and trails competition.***

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Mounted (optional) Classes:

All mounted classes require the horse to wear a saddle and either a bridle or hackamore. Showing that the horse will accept a bit is preferred, but not required. Trainers may show with a rope halter over the bridle but are cautioned that excessive correction using a rope halter may result in disqualification.

Classes 103A/B (Saturday) and 203A/B (Sunday) – walk, trot/jog (mounted):

Horses will be given a score of 0 to 10 on each element judged, where 10 is a perfect score.

NOTE: Horses will be shown in the arena as a group. Youth entries will show in the arena first, followed by Adult entries after the Youth entries exit the arena. **Participants showing more than one horse in this class will be required to have one handler for each horse shown.**

- Horses will be judged on conformation, turnout, overall appearance, submission and quality of gaits at the walk and trot.
- At the judge's "trot" command, horses may be shown at the trot or the jog, depending upon the horse's training and trainer's judgment
- Horses and trainers will be judged upon entering the arena until exiting the arena, on the following movements:
 - o Trainer leads horse quietly through the arena gate and into the arena
 - o Trainers line up in the center of the arena, at least 6 feet apart, facing the judge
 - o One by one, at the judge's command, trainer mounts, rides to the rail and walks horse counter-clockwise
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will continue counter-clockwise at the trot (or jog) until the judge asks for trainer and horse to return to the walk.
 - o At the judge's command, trainer and horse will turn at the rail and walk clockwise along the rail.
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will continue clockwise at the trot (or jog) until the judge calls for trainer and horse to return to the walk.
 - o Trainer will continue clockwise at the walk until the judge's command to halt.
 - o At the judge's halt command, trainer will dismount and lead the horse back the center of the arena, at least 8 feet from the nearest horse.
 - o The judge will call the next horse by number to complete the mounted portion of the class, and so forth
 - o After all horses have been called, and after a brief review of all horses, the judge will excuse all horses and trainers. Horses and trainers/handlers should leave the arena at a walk in an orderly procession along the rail to the exit.

APPY FEST SHOW CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Classes 104A/B (Saturday) and 204A/B (Sunday) – walk, trot, canter (mounted):

All mounted classes require the horse to wear a saddle and either a bridle or hackamore. Showing that the horse will accept a bit is preferred, but not required. Trainers may show with a rope halter over the bridle but are cautioned that excessive correction using a rope halter may result in disqualification.

Horses will be given a score of 0 to 10 on each element judged, where 10 is a perfect score.

NOTE: Horses will be shown in the arena individually. Youth entries will show in the arena first, followed by Adult entries after the Youth entries exit the arena. **Participants showing more than one horse in this class will be required to have one handler for each horse shown.**

- Horses will be judged on conformation, turnout, overall appearance, submission and quality of gaits at the walk, trot/jog and canter/lope.
- At the judge's "trot" command, horses may be shown at the trot or the jog, depending upon the horse's training and trainer's judgment;
- At the judge's "canter" command, horses may be shown at the canter or the lope, depending upon the horse's training and trainer's judgment;
- Horses and trainers will be judged upon entering the arena until exiting the arena, on the following movements:
 - o Trainer enters the arena, mounts at the gate, walks a safe distance from the gate to allow the previous competitor to depart and awaits the judge's greeting
 - o At the judge's command, trainer mounts, rides to the rail and walks horse counter-clockwise
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will pick up the trot and continue counter-clockwise along the rail
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will cross the arena on the diagonal at the trot, then bend clockwise, continuing clockwise along the rail at the trot. If posting, trainer will change leads prior to reaching the rail.
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will pick up the canter, continuing clockwise along the rail. If a lead change correction is needed, trainer may make it at any time when traveling along the rail.
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will change direction across the diagonal, breaking to the trot if necessary to make a lead change, then resume the canter in a counter-clockwise direction until the judge commands trainer to halt.
 - o At the judge's command, trainer will halt, dismount, walk to the gate and depart the arena.

APPY FEST SHOW CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Classes 106A/B (Saturday) and 206A/B (Sunday) – Obstacles/Trails (mounted):

Horses will be given a score of 0 to 10 on each element judged, where 10 is a perfect score.

Horses will be shown individually in the arena, mounted. Youth entries will show first, followed by Adult entries. Horses will wear a bridle or hackamore at all times – showing that the horse will accept a bit is preferred but not required. Trainers may show with a rope halter over the bridle but are cautioned that excessive correction using a rope halter may result in disqualification.

The course will contain eight “obstacles” arranged around the arena. Trainers will receive a copy of the course prior to exhibiting. Each horse and trainer pair will be allotted seven minutes to complete the course. Trainers are encouraged to ride their horse through the obstacles in the order presented (i.e., one through eight). The course will contain three mandatory obstacles, which will be flagged. Trainers must complete the three mandatory obstacles to receive a score.

- Each obstacle will be scored individually
- Horses will be judged on their ability to negotiate the obstacles with points given for attentiveness, confidence, good manners, responsiveness to trainer’s commands and quality of movement.
- Horse and trainer must complete at least three obstacles within the seven minutes allotted, to avoid disqualification.
- The following will result in a lower score:
 - o Instilling fear in the horse with voice or gestures
 - o Moving through the obstacle in the wrong direction
 - o Repeated refusals to negotiate an obstacle
 - o Blatant disobedience (kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking)
 - o Stepping out of, falling or jumping off/over an obstacle with more than one foot

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