

Recommendations using Canadian Horse Breeders Association Show Rule Book

Morning Conformation Classes:

Exhibitor can be attired in either English or Western Attire.

Horses will be shown with natural mane and tail. Horses can have their head and bridle path clipped. Clipping of the ears and legs is optional. Hoof paint may be used. Horses will be shown with a leather halter for weanlings and yearlings. Either leather halter or snaffle bridle for horses two years old and older. It is strongly recommended to show stallions 2 years old and older in a bridle. Handlers must be 18 years old and over to present a stallion. Handler may use a crop or a whip of a maximum of 3 feet. The horse may be shown in a pattern as specified by the judge. Horses are to enter the ring at a walk counter clockwise. Horses must stand squarely on all 4 feet with the legs perpendicular to the ground. Handlers will then be asked to trot showing a free, extended trot. At both the walk and trot, horses should be given the opportunity to move as freely as possible.

Showmanship:

The showmanship class shall be judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to fit and show a horse at halter. The horse is merely a prop to demonstrate the ability and preparation of the exhibitor. The ideal showmanship performance consists of a poised, confident, neatly attired exhibitor, leading a well groomed and conditioned horse that quickly and efficiently performs the requested pattern with promptness, smoothness and precision. All horses are to be lead with a halter and lead shank. The following maneuvers may be requested: walk, jog, trot, or extended trot or back in a straight or curved line or a combination of straight or curved lines, stop and turn (1/4), 180 (1/2), 270(3/4), 360 (full turn) degrees or any combination or multiples of these turns. The judge can ask exhibitors to set the horse up squarely for inspection during the class. The exhibitor should lead on the horses' left side holding the lead shank in the right hand near the halter with the tail of lead loosely coiled in the left hand. Exhibitor can be attired in either English or Western Attire.

Driving classes for single and pair

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of a horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot or a strong trot as directed by the judge. To stand quietly and while lined up to rein back.

Trail classes

This class is the performance of a safe, sensible, well-mannered horse over a course of obstacles. This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles with emphasis on manners, response to the rider/handler and attitude. Western or English tack will be permitted. This class is offered as under saddle or lead line. No cross entries between the under saddle and

lead line. Credit will be given to those horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing carefulness is not sacrificed and to horses showing the capability of picking their own way through course when obstacles warrant it and willingly responding to rider/handler cues on more difficult obstacles. The judge should walk the course prior to the start of the class and has the right to alter or remove any obstacles they deem unsafe.

Under Saddle classes

Youth exhibitors are prohibited from showing or riding stallions.

All exhibitors must wear protective head gear when riding anywhere on the show grounds.

If a rider falls off of their horse during a class, the rider will be excused.

The mane, tail and forelock can be left natural but may be braided/banded or pulled for English or Western. The bridlepath and long hair on the head and legs should be clipped or trimmed. Hooves can be painted with hoof dressing.

Keep at least one-horse length between horses whether behind or beside. Don't crowd other riders. Always leave enough passing room.

All exhibitors are considered to be breed ambassadors and should make every effort to present the breed in its best light. Whether English or Western dress is used, every rider should be neat and tidy. All tack should be non-abusive and humane.

English/Western Equitation classes

Only the rider is being judge in equitation classes. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, reaction of the horse and suitability of horse to rider. Exhibitors may be requested to line up on command and execute individual tests at the judge's discretion. Judge may ask questions concerning horsemanship, anatomy of the horse, tack, stable management and any others. Riders enter the ring at a walk and are judged at a walk, trot and canter. If the class is designated walk/trot, class will only be judged at these 2 gaits. All riders will be required to back in a straight line during the line up. Whip/crop are prohibited.

English/Western Pleasure

To be shown at a normal walk, trot and easy canter, not to gallop. Light contact to be maintained. Whip/crop is prohibited.

Hunter Hack

This class will proceed at least once around the ring at each gait: walk, trot and canter and on command reverse and repeat. They shall then line up on command and execute individual tests at the judge's discretion. The judge may ask questions concerning horsemanship, anatomy of the horse, tack, stable management and any others. Horses will jump two reasonable hunter fences, maximum 18 inches at the centre, individually after group workout. English saddle mandatory.

Jump Course

Cross rail jumping. Fence height not to exceed 18 inches at centre. May walk, trot or canter. To consist of a minimum of 6 fences. Depending on experience of participants, may be timed or else judged solely on style, horse's willingness to jump and best round (as per judge's discretion). English saddle mandatory.

Dressage suitability (English/Western)

Horses to be shown at a walk/trot and canter both ways of ring. Horse should be supple and move in a clear and steady rhythm accepting contact with the bit. At the judge's discretion, lengthened and collected gaits may be called for. Whip/crop are allowed no longer than 43 inches.

Costume Ride or Drive (no leading)

Horse may be shown under saddle or in harness. Exhibitor may be expected to provide a short commentary to describe to the judge their particular costume and what it exemplifies. To be judged on the authenticity of any costume, attire of handler and overall picture and presentation. This class is open to all costume ideas.

Caledon Fair Horse Show Rules

NOTE TO ENTRANTS

- Caledon Agricultural Society will do its utmost to see that all safety precautions are met to protect the public and to safeguard the exhibits/exhibitors but it is up to the exhibitor to see that all animals are well trained, under full control and equipment is in a safe condition. EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK/HORSES MUST CARRY EITHER A LETTER FROM THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY OR A COPY OF THEIR INSURANCE POLICY WHICH MUST INCLUDE A POLICY NUMBER, AN EXPIRY DATE THAT MAKES THE POLICY VALID OVER THE WEEKEND OF THE FAIR, THAT COVERAGE IS AT LEAST \$1,000,000.00 AND THAT YOU ARE COVERED FOR SHOWING YOUR ANIMALS AT FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS. THIS PROOF MUST BE AVAILABLE AT THE ARRIVAL OF THE FAIR. A COPY OF THE INSURANCE POLICY WILL NEED TO ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM OR EVENT REGISTRATION. IN THE EVENT THAT A COPY OF THE INSURANCE IS NOT PROVIDED CALEDON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT AN EXHIBITOR FROM SHOWING AND/OR PARTICIPATING WITH THEIR LIVESTOCK/HORSE IN ANY FAIR EVENT.
- A copy of Insurance policy and/or letter must accompany all entrants' entry form and will remain on file with the Caledon Agricultural Society. A \$2.00 charge payable to the Caledon Agricultural Society will be levied for photocopying services for any entry form that is not accompanied by a copy of the insurance policy/letter.

- All riders and drivers under 18 years of age must wear an ASTM approved equestrian helmet and equestrian footwear with a defined heel while riding/driving on the grounds.

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