CLASSES

CONFORMATION CLASSES (Classes 1–4, 18–19, 28–31)

1. Personal appearance of the club member: neat, clean, well groomed, attentive, courteous, and in appropriate attire as described in each division. An SEI or SEI/ASTM approved equestrian helmet with fastened chin harness is required in all divisions.

2. Horses judged on conformation, condition, heritable defects, soundness, and way of going at discretion of judge.

3. Horses will be judged individually while standing, at a walk, and a trot (or natural gait*) on the line.

4. Horses may be shown in halters made of leather, rope, or other suitable material. (In English classes horse may be shown in halter or bridle.)

5. Lead shank/bridle reins must be carried in both hands at all times and the lead shank/bridle reins must not be wrapped around the right hand. It is acceptable to either figure-8 or loose coil the excess lead shank/bridle reins in the left hand.

6. Whips or bats of any type are not permitted in conformation classes.

7. Horses will be handled and shown by one club member only.

8. Horses should enter the ring as specified by the official. Subsequent procedures will be as directed by judge and/or ring steward.

9. When the top 10 horses are placed (top 6 for areas), ring steward shall line them up in order of placing so that the public may see how the horses are placed.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES (Classes 5–6, 20–21, 32–33)

1. Showmanship classes are not conformation, model, or grooming classes, although grooming and fitting is certainly part of the judging criteria. This is a performance class with emphasis to be placed on the exhibitor's ability to show the animal.

2. Club member and equipment:

   A. Personal appearance of the club member: neat, clean, well groomed, attentive, courteous, and in appropriate attire as described in each division. An SEI or SEI/ASTM approved equestrian helmet with fastened chin harness is required in all divisions.

* Gaited horses in Saddle Seat Gaited Performance Division only