

DHRC 2023 Hunter Ring Class Description Sheet

Tack and Turnout (Class 1)

This class will be judged on the turnout of the horse or pony, the appearance of its handler, and the total presentation of the pair for show. This is a "In-Hand" class.

Lead line Division (Classes 2 and 3)

These lead line classes are reserved for participants aged 10 and under as of December 31, 2023 and must be led by a competent handler. The lead line game class could consist of a game of Simon Says, Red Light/ Green Light, Egg and Spoon or Water game.

Hack Division (Classes 4, 5 and 6)

Open to horses, ponies and riders of all ages. All consist of under saddle classes judged on the rail as a group. Will split for the canter if entries warrant.

- 4. Road Hack – Looking for more forward horse/ ride, may ask for hand gallop.
- 5. Show Hack – Looking for more collected, in hand ride, may ask for collection/ extension of gaits including hand gallop.
- 6. Pleasure Hack – Looking for a more long, low and relaxed way of going. Horse should appear to be a pleasure to ride. Will ask for basic walk, trot and canter.

Walk / Trot Division (Classes 7, 8 and 9)

Open to horses, ponies and riders of all ages. Classes 7 and 8 will be judged on the rail as a group. If entries warrant, we will split the division for year end awards (children and adults). This division is for beginner riders or those new to showing as well as young or green horses.

- 7. Walk / Trot Equitation U/S
- 8. Walk / Trot Command Class (could include halt, back up, sitting trot and extension of trot etc.)
- 9. Walk / Trot Pole Course (Simple course of 4 – 6 poles).

Cross Rails Division (Classes 10, 11 and 12)

Open to horses, ponies and riders of all ages. Maximum "x" jump height is 18". No oxers or verticals. Simple jump courses to contain between 5 and 8 obstacles. Riders entering this division are not permitted to enter any other jumping classes. This division is geared towards horse/ pony rider combinations new to the show ring and green horses. If entries warrant, we will split the division for year end awards (children and adults).

- 10. Cross Rails U/S (W, T, C)
- 11. Cross Rails Equitation O/F – will require a halt and a trot fence.
- 12. Cross Rails O/F

Hunter – In – Hand (Class 13)

The horse/ pony is shown by its handler at the walk and trot in a bridle on a triangle pattern. The horse/ pony is judged on its conformation and suitability as a hunter. Judged as 60% Conformation / 40% Showmanship/ Handler.

Adult/ Parent Lead line (Class 14)

This lead line class is reserved for participants aged 18 and over as of January 1, 2023 and must be led by a competent handler.

Short(ish) Stirrup Division (Classes 15, 16 and 17)

Open to horses, ponies and riders aged 17 and under as of December 31, 2022. Riders in this division will be jumping obstacles such as verticals and/ or oxers measuring a max. of 2ft. or max. 2ft. 3'. Selection of jump height must be made at time of entry. The division will be judged as one. Simple jump courses to contain between 5 and 8 obstacles. This division is geared to Pre-Novice and Novice riders. Riders may also enter Class 25 (Short(ish) Stirrup Equitation Medal).

- 15. Short/ ish Stirrup U/S U/S (W, T, C)
- 16. Short Stirrup Equitation O/F – will require a halt and a trot fence
- 17. Short Stirrup O/F

Long / Rusty Stirrup Division (Classes 18, 19 and 20)

Open to horses and large ponies and riders aged 18 and over as of January 1, 2023. Riders in this division will be jumping obstacles such as verticals and/ or oxers measuring a max. of 2ft. or max. 2ft. 3'. Selection of jump height must be made at time of entry. The division will be judged as one. Simple jump courses to contain between 5 and 8 obstacles. This division is geared to Pre-Novice and Novice riders. Riders may also enter Class 26 (Long/ Rusty Stirrup Equitation Medal).

- 18. Long / Rusty Stirrup U/S (W, T, C)
- 19. Long / Rusty Stirrup Equitation O/F – will require a halt and a trot fence
- 20. Long / Rusty Stirrup O/F

Open Hunter Division (Classes 21, 22 and 23)

Open to horses, ponies and riders of all ages. Riders in this division will be jumping obstacles such as verticals and/ or oxers measuring a max. of 2ft 6'. Simple jump courses to contain between 5 and 8 obstacles. This division is geared to the more experienced/ intermediate riders. Riders may also enter Class 27 (Open Equitation Medal).

- 21. Open Hunter U/S (W, T, C)
- 22. Open Hunter Equitation O/F – will require a halt and a trot fence
- 23. Open Hunter O/F

Adult Hunter Hack O/F (Class 24)

Open to riders aged 18 and over as of January 1, 2023. This class consists of 2 phases. A U/S (W, T, C) portion and an O/F portion consisting of a line of 2 consecutive jumps. Jump height of 2ft. or 2ft. 3' can be chosen but must be specified at time of entry. Will be judged as one class. This class is perfect for the young horse or the adult not yet ready or confident enough to ride a full course.

Short(ish)Stirrup Equitation Medal (Class 25)

Open to horse and rider combinations showing in the Short(ish) Stirrup Divison (Classes 15, 16 and 17) only. A medal class is an O/F equitation class containing additional tests such as roll back, skinny jump, trot fence, halt, broken line etc. The top 6 scoring riders will be called back to the ring for a U/S phase. The eq. on the flat additional tests could consist of extension/ collection of gaits, figure 8 at trot or canter, no stirrup trot work, halt and back up etc.

Long / Rusty Stirrup Equitation Medal (Class 26)

Open to horse and rider combinations showing in the Long / Rusty Stirrup Division (Classes 18, 19 and 20) only. A medal class is an O/F equitation class containing additional tests such as roll back, skinny jump, trot fence, halt, broken line etc. The top 6 scoring riders will be called back to the ring for a U/S phase. The eq. on the flat additional tests could consist of extension/ collection of gaits, figure 8 at trot or canter, no stirrup trot work, halt and back up etc.

Open Hunter Equitation Medal (Class 27)

Open to horse and rider combinations showing in the Open Hunter Division (Classes 21, 22 and 23) only. A medal class is an O/F equitation class containing additional tests such as roll back, skinny jump, trot fence, halt, broken line etc. The top 6 scoring riders will be called back to the ring for a U/S phase. The eq. on the flat additional tests could consist of extension/ collection of gaits, figure 8 at trot or canter, no stirrup trot work, halt and back up, turn on forehand/ haunches etc.