

2019 BRDA Show Divisions, Definitions & Points February 26, 2019

BRDA Open English/Western Shows follow the rules of the USEF. The Hunter/English divisions follow USEF Rulebook Chapters EQ Equitation Division and HU Hunter Division except where noted below. Western follows USEF Rulebook Chapters EQ Equitation Division and WS Western Division except where noted below. Relevant chapters of the USEF Rulebook may be downloaded free here: <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/rulebook>

****Exception** for Western Pleasure: Chaps are optional.

Gymkhana follows the NYS 4H Gymkhana rules. You may download the Gymkhana rules here:

<https://blogs.cornell.edu/ansci4h/files/2016/02/gymkhana-1ani6to.pdf> ****BRDA Additions:** A chin strap (chain or leather) be used on snaffle bits for safety. Helmets are encouraged but not required for riders over the age of 18. Western hat **IS** required if not wearing a helmet.

Open Hunter/English Pleasure – Walk/Trot/Canter. Open to **ALL** riders of any age (Amateur and Professional) on horses or ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'3".

Youth 13 & under Hunter/English/Western Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Canter. Open to riders ages 13 and under. Fences not to exceed 2'3" in hunter division.

Youth 14 to 18 Hunter/English/Western Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Canter. Open to riders ages 14 to 18. Fences not to exceed 2'3" in hunter division.

Novice Adult Hunter/English/Western Pleasure - Open to exhibitors age 19 and over, and/or horses/ponies in their **1st or 2nd year showing at the canter and, in the hunter division, who have never competed over fences higher than 2'**. The combination may show in any flat class for which they are eligible, but **may not compete over fences higher than 2'**.

Novice Youth Hunter/English/Western Pleasure - Open to exhibitors age 18 and under, and/or horses/ponies in their **1st or 2nd year showing at the canter and, in the hunter division, who have never competed over fences higher than 2'**. The combination may show in any flat class for which they are eligible, but **may not compete over fences higher than 2'**.

The **Novice Equitation** classes are open to Novice **riders ONLY**.

Beginner Walk/Trot (Adult and Youth) - Open to riders of all ages who **have not shown at the canter at any show.**

Riders in this division cannot show in any other division(s). Crossrails and/or ground rails will be offered.

Walk English/Western Pleasure – Open to riders of all ages who **have not shown at the trot at any show.** **Riders in this division cannot show in any other division(s).** Ground rails will be offered.

Retired – Walk/Trot. Open to riders age 50 and over.

Rescue – Walk/Trot or Pace. Open to horses, ponies, or mules/donkeys who have been adopted from rescue organizations, purchased from kill buyers to prevent them from going to slaughter, former race horses starting a second career or similar situations. Entries must be able to show proof they are qualified to show management. Examples: copy of adoption paperwork, reclassification of registration papers (Non racing for Standardbreds) bill of sale from Moore's Equine Rescue(kill buyer) etc. Purpose of this class is to reward exhibitors for taking time to give equines a second chance to thrive and to shed light on the need of formerly unwanted equines.

Pleasure - Open to horses and ponies, martingales prohibited. Judging is based on the **HORSE**.

Hunter Hack – To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop in one direction at the discretion of the judge. **No more than 8 entries to hand gallop at one time.** To jump two fences at 2'.

Bridle Path Hack – To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. May be asked to hand gallop in one direction at the discretion of the judge. **No more than 8 entries to hand gallop at one time.** NO jumping required.

Hunt Seat Equitation – Snaffles, pelhams or full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required. Horses who compete in an illegal bit or noseband will be eliminated. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, two rings, three rings, gags, etc. Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands. Martingales are prohibited. Black or dark colored stirrups are prohibited.

Open/Youth - To be shown both ways of the ring and on command at a walk, trot, canter and halt. Will be asked to perform sitting trot and rising trot. Will be asked to lengthen the stride in trot and canter. Will be required to back in line-up.

Novice - To be shown both ways of the ring and on command at a walk, trot, canter and halt. Will be required to back in line-up.

Beginner - To be shown both ways of the ring and on command at a walk, trot, and halt. Will NOT be required to back in line-up.

Western Seat Equitation – Any standard western bit is permitted. Curb chains and leather chin straps may be used but must be flat and at least 1/2" in width, and lie flat against the jaws of the horse. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substance can be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap or curb chains. A light lip strap is permissible. Hackamores as defined in WS105.4, all snaffle bits as defined in WS105.3 may be used on junior horses. Tiedowns, running martingales, draw reins, and cavesson-type nosebands are prohibited and riders will be eliminated.

Open/Youth – To be shown at a flat-footed four beat walk, two-beat jog, a three-beat lope and halt both ways of the ring and on command. Will be asked to extend the jog and lope. Will be required to back in line-up. OPEN may be required to perform individually on the rail and/or perform a simple change of lead.

Novice - To be shown at a flat-footed four beat walk, two-beat jog, a three-beat lope and halt both ways of the ring and on command. Will be required to back in line-up.

Beginner - To be shown at a flat-footed four beat walk, two-beat jog, and halt both ways of the ring and on command. Will NOT be required to back in line-up.

Tack English Equitation - Horses shall be shown in plain snaffle. Martingales are prohibited.

Tack Western Equitation – Horses may be shown in a snaffle or standard western bit, hackamore/bosal or bitless bridles are permitted. Tie-downs are prohibited.

Judging is based on the RIDER. To be shown at a medium/working walk, working trot/jog sitting and rising, working canter/lope and halt both ways of the ring and on command. Will be required to show free walk in one direction. May be asked for change of lead through trot. May be asked to perform a leg yield.

Rescue – To be shown at a walk, trot or pace in any seat (hunt, dressage, saddleseat or western). **Gait break (swap from the pace to the trot and vice versa) will be penalized.

Amateur rider – Does not accept payment or compensation of any kind (other than direct showing expenses) for: riding, exercising, driving, showing, training, assisting in training or schooling horses; conducting clinics, seminars or teaching riding, driving, showmanship, equitation, or training lessons; or provides consultation for same. If you have a USEF or breed association Amateur card, please bring it with you.

Professional rider – Accepts payment for activities listed above under Amateur.

*** NO STALLIONS in Beginner, Novice or by ANY Youth rider!**

HC (hors concours) - Riding hors concours at a show/event means you are not competing for placings/awards. You pay an entry fee, receive a number and are judged by the judge. However you will not be considered for placings. You may be required to wear your number upside down, to remind the judge that you will not be placed for your performance no matter how well you do. At a dressage competition, you will receive a score card and mark from the judge, but not be eligible to win any ribbons or awards.

If you are showing HC, write HC next to the class/division you are entering. (continued on next page)

Examples – green horse being shown for experience; re-schooling a horse that has bad habits in the show ring; experienced rider showing a horse in walk/trot because the horse is not ready to canter in the show ring; for the experience of competing, without the pressure; etc.

BRDA Point System 2019

To qualify for year-end awards, you MUST:

1. Be a member of BRDA for the current show year.
2. **English & Western:** You must compete *in 2 of 3 shows in the same division* (counting the Madison County Fair OPEN Show). **Ridden Dressage points will count** – USDF toward the English divisions; WDAA toward the Western divisions.

Gymkhana: You must compete in 2 of 3 shows in the same division (counting the Madison County Fair). Fun Day does **NOT** count toward points.

3. In order to be fair to **ALL** competitors, points are weighed by number of competitors in the class. For dressage, points are calculated according to final score.
4. **NO** awards will be given for divisions **with less than 6 competitors**.
5. There will be a Horse of the Year Award sponsored by Triple Crown Feed.
6. The Standardbred of the Year Award will be sponsored by Maple View Farm.

TABLE A *In-Hand, English Pleasure, Hunter, Western & Gymkhana*

No in Class	Place in class					
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Six
1	1					
2	2	1				
3	3	2	1			
4	4	3	2	1		
5	5	4	3	2	1	
6+	6	5	4	3	2	1
7	7	6	5	4	3	2
8	8	7	6	5	4	3
9	9	8	7	6	5	4
10	10	9	8	7	6	5

