

Sport Horse Rules

1. Braiding is optional. Bandages of any kind are forbidden during a class.
2. Handlers are to wear slacks and comfortable shoes and may carry a whip.
3. In classes with foals shown with their dams, each foal must have its own handler.
4. Foals may not be shown loose.
5. Foals, weanlings and yearlings are to be shown in halters; Two year olds and older **must** be shown in a simple snaffle bit with two reins and head stall with throat latch. Noseband is optional.
6. A judge may excuse from the ring, any horse who is unruly or one whose actions may threaten or endanger others.
7. Horses are to be shown in an open position, i.e. with all four legs visible to the judge from either side of the horse.
8. All Primary Handlers and Riders must sign an **ENTRY FORM for EACH HORSE** that they ride or handle in the Breeders Show. **Each Primary Handler/Horse** and **Rider/Horse combination** requires a separate number and entry form. This Handler's Release should be used for all Assistant Handlers (anyone who has not signed an entry form for the horse in question). The entry number for EVERY horse that the Assistant Handler may handle or assist with in the competition ring should be listed in the space provided. **Assistant Handlers Release** must be picked up and signed at the show secretary's desk on show day. If handler is a Jr., release needs to be signed by parent/guardian and can be mailed if requested.
9. My (our) signature(s) on the entry form signifies that I(we) have read the rules and both sides of the entry form and agree to be bound by them.

Handler

Any person who holds, walks or trots a horse while it is being judged in the competition area or ring for any In-Hand, Group or Championship class, except as noted below.

Assistant Handler

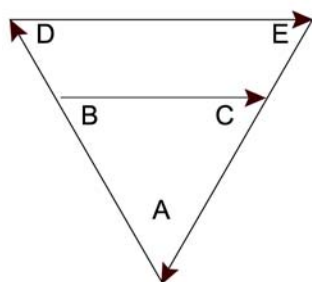
Any person, other than the Handler, who holds or walks a horse in the competition area or ring during a class, whether or not it is being judged. An Assistant Handler is permitted only for call-backs after In-Hand or Group classes, for Championships and for handling non-competing mares or foals which accompany another entry in the competition ring. Assistant Handlers may not show a horse at the trot (except for horses not being judged but accompanying a mare or foal that is being judged), and if not Federation members, are exempted from the Federation non-member fee, but are otherwise subject to all rules regarding Handlers. All handlers and assistant handlers must sign original entry form or handler/assistant handler release prior to entering the ring and must have wristbands. (Releases may be obtained in the show office.)

BREEDING SHOW CLASS PROCEDURES

The triangle measures approximately 30 meters on each side. (In cases of bad weather, we can move inside to an 80 x 75 arena).

In-Hand Classes – Individuals

At the beginning of a class, handlers will be asked to bring their horses into the holding area. Following a posted or announced order, entries will approach the judging area one at a time, walk to the apex of the triangle and await the judge's request to proceed on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at walk and trot, returning to the apex to stand the horse for conformation judging or to repeat any movement at the judge's request. The judge may choose to judge conformation either before or after judging the horse's movement on the triangle. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. At the same time the next entry will enter the judging area promptly. After all horses have been shown on the triangle some or all may be recalled to be shown at the walk and trot.



When called present your horse at 'A' for conformation judging. When instructed walk the small triangle "A-B-C-A". When instructed trot the large triangle "A-D-E-A". Leave judging area promptly unless the judge gives other instructions.

Higher scoring horses may be asked to return to the ring for re-evaluation at the end of a class.

In-Hand Classes – Groups

Groups are to be shown one group at a time, but not necessarily on the triangle. At the discretion of the judge, they may be asked to move at the trot and then at the walk, either in a line or moving around the arena. Upon completion of the judging of the horses' movement, they will stand for conformation judging.

Under Saddle Classes

Dress: Attire must conform to USEF DR120.

For flat classes, the horses are to perform in simple snaffle bits.

The horses are to enter on the left rein and to be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the arena.

USDF Materiale Class Procedures

Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the USDF Materiale Class Score Sheet. Horses will be evaluated under saddle at the walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. In addition, four and five year old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter. Rider's dress must conform to the USEF DR120. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate in Materiale classes.