

## **CLASS GUIDELINES**

\*A lack of proper tack, equipment or appointments shall result in immediate disqualification in any class.

Junior Exhibitors are defined as -

An individual who has not reached his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year. The age of an individual on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> assumed the greater age on that date. Junior Exhibitors are not allow to exhibit stallions.

Novice Rider is defined as -

Any rider who has not won more than 3 blue ribbons at any competition. The status shall be determined as of the closing date of the entries for this competition. Novice Riders are not allowed to exhibit stallions.

Novice Horse is defined as -

Any horse who has not won more than 3 blue ribbons at any competition. The status shall be determined as of the closing date of the entries for this competition.

1-17. In-Hand classes:

All horses shall enter the ring along the near rail, counterclockwise at a trot, single file, well spaced. Continue along the rail to the far side. Each horse shall be called to the judge by the ringmaster. Presented in hand. Then follow the judges directions. ☒ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

18. & 19. Best Movement -

Horses are to be shown in-hand as they would in a halter class. To be shown at a four beat walk and animated trot with emphasis on extension. Judged on movement only.

20. Open In Hand: Open to all attending breeds. Class shall follow the same procedure as classes 1-17.

21. Amateur Handler In-Hand:

To be shown by an amateur according to IFSHA/USEF rules. Follow the guidelines of classes 1-17. Absolutely NO stallions! ? THIS CLASS IS A MANDATORY QUALIFIER FOR THE WALK-TROT HIGH POINT AWARD.?

22. Road Hack:

To be shown with a reasonably loose rein at the walk, trot, extended trot, canter and hand gallop; at the discretion of the judge, horses while on the rail may be asked to halt and rein back at any time. To be judged on manners, performance, and substance. A qualifying class for championship class 82.

23. Open Pleasure Junior Exhibitor:

Any eligible breed may enter. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter. May be asked to back.

24. Andalusian & Half-Andalusian English Pleasure

Horses will be judged on performance, manners, type, quality and conformation at the walk, trot and canter.

25. Open Hunter Hack:

Any eligible breed may enter. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter. A hand gallop may be asked for. Horses are required to jump 2 obstacles, not to exceed 2'6". A qualifying class for championship class 85.

26. Open Junior Horse Walk Trot

Any eligible breed may enter. To be shown at the walk and trot. Judged on quality, type, performance, conformation and manners at the walk, trot and canter.

27. Youth Equitation, Saddleseat Equitation: The rider's position, seat, hands and the correct use of the aids are to be judged, refer to Equitation Rule XXII. Appointments as appropriate to Saddle Seat Equitation, see Art. 2216. Saddle Seat Equitation classes are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, refer to Equitation Rule XXII. ☒ For Friesians this shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

28. Youth Equitation, Huntseat Equitation: Appointments as appropriate to Hunt Seat Equitation, see Art. 2209. Hunt Seat Equitation classes are to be shown on the flat at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the arena, refer to Equitation Rule XXII. Qualifying class for championship class 98. ☒ For Friesians this shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

29. Concours D'Elegance:

The essence of the class is the word "elegance". The winner will be the turnout which in the opinion of the judge presents the most elegant effect. This will include vehicle, harness, appointments, horses, driver, passengers, grooms, etc. but above all general impression is most important. Vehicle and harness will be inspected to insure thoughtful restoration, cleanliness and maintenance. Attention will be paid to personal appearance of the driver, grooms and passengers as it contributes to the overall picture. Period costumes are prohibited. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from the elegance of the turnout.

☒ ☒ This class may be used as an IFSHA Grand National qualifier for all pair and four-in-hand presentations.

☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

30. Andalusian & Half-Andalusian Western Pleasure: Judged on performance, manners, type, quality and conformation at the walk, trot and lope.

31. Open English Pleasure: Open to all attending breeds. May be shown saddleseat, huntseat or dressage. Horse will be judged on performance, manners, type, quality and conformation at the walk, trot and canter.

32. Junior Exhibitor Walk Trot:

Judged on the exhibitor's performance at the walk and trot as well as the suitability of the mount to the rider.

33. Andalusian & Half Andalusian English Pleasure, Junior Horse

Judged on quality, type, performance, conformation and manners at the walk, trot and canter.

34. Andalusian & Half-Andalusian Driving (Pleasure, Country Pleasure, Show & Formal Combined): Judged on performance, quality, manners and type. The horse is to give a brilliant performance with style, presence, finish, balance and cadence at a walk, trot and strong trot.

35. Open Pleasure, Novice Horse: Horse will be judged on performance, manners, type, quality and conformation at the walk, trot and canter.

36. Friesian Saddleseat Pleasure: Judged on movement natural to the horse, brilliant performance, presence, quality, type, manners and conformation. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

37. Andalusian & Half-Andalusian Dressage Suitability:

Horses are judged on gaits, type and correctness and manners consistent with USDF and USAE rules. Horses which have competed above First level dressage are not eligible to compete.

38. Junior Pleasure Horse, Open: Open to all attending breeds in any discipline. Horses will be judged on quality, type, performance, conformation and manners.

39. Youth Equitation, Stockseat Equitation: Appointments as appropriate to Western Equitation, see Art. 2222.

Exhibitors shall enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction at the jog trot. Horses shall be worked at the walk, jog trot and lope both ways of the ring, refer to Equitation Rule XXII. At the judge's discretion, individual work may be required. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

40. Adult Lead Line: Class will enter at a walk. To be shown at the walk and trot. Horse will be lead by an attendant. Proper attire is not required. Exhibitor will also be judged on his or her ability to govern, control and properly exhibit the horse; horses manners and suitability to be a Leadline horse.

41. Friesian Western Pleasure: To be shown at the walk, jog and lope. Judged on performance, manners, type,

quality and conformation. ✖ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

42. Andalusian Heritage Tack and Attire Class: Entries shall be judged 70% attire and 30% on performance.

43. Friesian Huntseat Pleasure: Judged on performance, manners, type, quality, and conformation except as noted below ✖ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

44. Gamblers Choice: To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles each carrying a specific point value. Each driver has the same amount of time to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Each obstacle is assigned a point value according to its degree of difficulty and each driver tries to amass as high a score as possible within the time allowed. After passing through the starting line, the driver may drive through the obstacles, in any order, from any direction. Each obstacle may be driven twice, but not in succession. If driven a third time, no points will be awarded. No obstacle may be re-driven once it has been disturbed. (Exception: obstacles which are designed to be knocked down). No points will be awarded for an incorrectly completed obstacle. If the obstacle is incorrectly driven, but not disturbed, it may be attempted again. In this class the circling rule does not apply. If a horse should refuse or run out at an obstacle without disturbing it, the driver may elect not to attempt it and may drive to another obstacle without penalty. The obstacle may be attempted later, and if correctly driven, the appropriate points will be recorded. A signal will sound at the end of the allowed time and the driver must then exit through the finish markers when the total time on the course will be recorded. If the signal sounds when the competitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and receive the appropriate points, then proceed through the finish markers for total time to be recorded. Whether or not the competitor was committed to the last obstacle at the signal will be left to the discretion of the judge. Placings are determined on a high score basis. Time will decide ties. If a tie occurs in both points and time, the winner will be decided by a drive-off. Qualifying class for championship class 45. ✖ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

45. Gamblers Choice Championship: Horse must have been entered and judged in class 44. ✖ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

46. Carriage Obstacle Course – Single, Pair or Four in Hand: To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to the dimensions of the driving area. Not to exceed 20 obstacles. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in order to the designated finish line. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on low total time basis. Ties for first will be decided by a drive-off (unless otherwise stated in the prize list). Penalties: Exceeding time allowed (every commenced second) 0.5 second. Knocking over start or finish 5.0 seconds. Knocking down or dislodging obstacle. Break in gait, if not allowed 1st break from trot 5.0 seconds 2nd break from trot 5.0 seconds 3rd break from trot 5.0 seconds 4th break from trot Elimination Prolonged canter or walk Elimination. Disobedience and/or groom dismounting (cumulative overcourse) 1st incident 5.0 seconds 2nd incident 10.0 seconds 3rd incident Elimination. Starting before signal Elimination. Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal Elimination. Off course Elimination. Exceeding time limit (2X time allowed) Elimination. Outside assistance Elimination. Failure to carry whip Elimination. Use of a tie-down or overcheck Elimination. Breakage of harness or vehicle Elimination Qualifying class for championship class

47. Junior Champion Mare: Open to all attending breed mares 3 and under. To qualify horse must have been entered and judged in any of the following classes; 1, 2, 3, 4. ✖ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

48. Senior Champion Mare: Open to all attending breed mares aged 4 and over. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in any of the following classes; 3, 4, 5, 6. ✖ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

49. Grand Champion Mare: Open to all attending breed mares of all ages. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in either class 47 or 48. ✖ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

50. Junior Champion Gelding: Open to all attending breeds geldings of age 3 and under. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in any of the following classes; 7, 8, 9, 10. ✖ For Friesians each age group shall be a

qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

51. Senior Champion Gelding: Open to all attending breeds geldings of ages 4 and over. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in any of the following classes; 9, 10, 11. ☒ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

52. Grand Champion Gelding: Open to all attending breeds geldings of all ages. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in either class 50 or 51. ☒ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

53. Junior Champion Stallion: Open to all attending breeds stallions of age 3 and under. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in any of the following classes; 12, 13, 14, 15. ☒ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

54. Senior Champion Stallion Open to all attending breeds geldings of age 3 and under. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in any of the following classes; 14, 15, 16, 17. ☒ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

55. Grand Champion Stallion Open to all attending breeds geldings of all ages. To qualify horses must have been entered and judged in either class 53 or 54. ☒ For Friesians each age group shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

56-59 Class specs are listed with the class list.

60. Open Costume: Exhibitors shall enter in the ring at a walk in a counterclockwise direction. All horses shall be worked at a walk & trot both ways of the ring. Exhibitors may be asked to halt & stand quietly. Light hand contact must be maintained. Must be shown with an approved bit. See [FN01](#) on the IFSHA website. To be shown in a bridle. All Saddles, Sidesaddles, girths are permissible. All horses to be shown in walk & trot both ways of the ring. Excessive speed to be penalized. To display the horse & rider in an authentic costume with time period of choice. Exhibitors should dress in a manner consistent with their turnout. Exhibitors can show individually or in groups up to but not exceeding five. It will be at the Judges discretion to decide if a Costume is unsafe & cause for elimination. No Walkers allowed and flags are permissible. Qualifying class for championship class 61. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

61. Open Costume Championship: Must have been entered and judged in class 60. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

62. Green Rider Walk Trot Equitation, English or Western: Youth & Adult: Horse may be shown in any style of tack. Rider may not show in any other class at the show which requires a canter. Qualifying class for championship class 96. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

63. Open English Show Hack: Judges are required to consider the performance at each gait equally in adjudicating this class. Classes are to be judged on manners, performance, quality and conformation. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

64. Open Dressage Suitability: Open to all attending breeds. Horses are judged on gaits, type and correctness and manners consistent with USDF and USAE rules. Horses which have competed above First level dressage are not eligible to compete.

65. Adult Saddleseat Equitation: The rider's position, seat, hands and the correct use of the aids are to be judged, Equitation classes are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.

66. Youth Equitation, Saddleseat Equitation Championship: Must have been entered and judged in class 27. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

67. Adult Stockseat Equitation: The rider's position, seat, hands and the correct use of the aids are to be judged. Equitation classes to be shown at a walk, jog and lope.

68. Hunter Course: Any attending breed may enter. Horses will have a jump course of 6 or more obstacles, not to exceed 2'6". Timed.

69. Reinsmanship: A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture and overall appearance of driver and 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

70. Open Carriage Driving: Open to all attending breeds. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle; and 10% on neatness of attire. Qualifying class for championship class 88.

71. Friesian Dressage Suitability: The class shall be judged on freedom, regularity and purity of the paces; harmony, lightness and ease of movements; lightness of the forehand and engagement of the hindquarters; acceptance of the bridle with submissiveness throughout, without tension or resistance. Horses are judged on gaits, type and correctness, and manners consistent with United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and USAE Rules. Qualifying class for championship class 93. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

72. Friesian Western W/T: To be shown at the walk and jog only. . Judged on performance, manners, type, quality and conformation.

73. Combination Class: To be ridden the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the class, then line up for a change of tack to riding equipment. 2<sup>nd</sup> half of class to be ridden walk, trot and canter. Driver and rider may be separate individuals.

74. Open Pleasure, Green Horse Walk Trot: Horses may be shown in any style of tack. Rider any attire that is clean and in good condition. See Art. 318. Horses may not be entered in any other class at the show which requires a canter. Qualifying class for championship class 92. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

75. Youth Equitation, Stockseat Equitation Championship: Must have been entered and judged in class 39. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

76. Open Pro/Am: To be ridden the first direction by the professional. Exhibitors shall then line up in the center and switch riders. The 2<sup>nd</sup> rider is to be an amateur. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter. Judged on performance, manners, type, quality and conformation.

77. Carriage Obstacle Course Championship – Single, Pair or Four in Hand: Horses must have been entered and judged in class 46. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

78. Trail In Hand: Refer to class 79. Attendant shall lead horse at the walk throughout the course. This class shall be done in a halter and lead or in a bridle with rein or lead attached. No chains attached to halters or bridles are permissible.

79. Competitive Trail A - Walk, Trot, Canter: Trail horses are required to work over and through obstacles on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. No horse may enter the trail course area until the course and the judge are ready. Riders will be permitted to inspect the course on foot during the judge's instructions prior to the start of the class. Tests which may be required are negotiating gate, carrying objects from one part of arena to another, riding through water, over logs or simulated brush, riding down into and up out of ditch without lunging or jumping, crossing a bridge, backing through obstacles, sidepassing, mounting and dismounting from either side and performing over any reasonable conditions encountered along the trail. Course to include a minimum of six obstacles and a maximum of eight obstacles except in the case of damaged obstacles (see #14 in this Section). Entry will be evaluated on responsiveness, willingness and general attitude. To be judged on performance and way of

going with emphasis on manners 70%; appointments, equipment, neatness (silver not to count) 20%; and conformation 10%. Horses to be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching obstacle. Judges are encouraged to advance on to next obstacle any horse taking excessive time at an obstacle. Horse shall be eliminated if Off Course. Off Course is defined as: a. Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction. b. Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong side. c. Skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge. d. Negotiating the obstacles in the wrong sequence. e. Not following the correct line of travel. ☒ For Friesians **exhibitors that show in western attire**, this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

80. Competitive Trail B - Walk, Trot only: Refer to class 79. To be shown at the walk trot only.

81. Medieval Charger: Refer to class 79. However, this class shall have a theme of medieval times. May be done at either the walk trot or walk trot canter. Speed is allowed. Timed.

82. Andalusian & Half Andalusian Huntseat Pleasure: Judged on performance, manners, type, quality, and conformation.

83. Road Hack Championship: To be eligible horse must have been entered and judged in class 22.

84. Friesian Saddleseat Championship: Must have been entered and judged in class 36. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

85. Open Hunter Hack Championship: Must have been entered and judged in class 25. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

86. Andalusian Native Tack & Attire : Entries shall be judged 50% on tack and attire and 50% on performance.

87. Open Driving, Junior Driver: Open to all attending breeds. To be shown at the walk and trot. Will not be asked to extend the trot. To be judged on drivers ability, horses manners, performance, quality, type and conformation.

88. Open Driving, Junior Horse: Open to all attending breeds in any discipline of driving. To be shown at the walk and trot. Horses will be judged on quality, type, performance, conformation and manners.

89. Open Carriage Driving Championship: Horse must have been entered and judged in class 70.

90. Friesian Western Pleasure Championship: Horses must have been entered and judged in class 41. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

91. Open Huntseat Pleasure Championship: Horse must have been entered and judged in either class 43 or 82: ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

92. Walk Trot Green Horse Open Championship: Horse must have entered and been judged in class 74. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

93. Dressage Suitability Championship: Horses must have been entered and judged in either class 64 or 71. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

94. Open English Pleasure Championship: Horses must have been entered and judged in class 31.

95. Open English Show Hack Championship: Must have been entered and judged in class 63. ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

96. Green Rider Walk Trot Equitation English & Western : Youth & Adult Championship: ☒ For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.

97. Andalusian & Half-Andalusian Driving, Junior Horse: Judged on quality, type, conformation and manners.

98. Youth Equitation, Huntseat Equitation Championship: Horse must have been entered and judged in class 28. ✕  
For Friesians this class shall be a qualifying class for IFSHA Grand Nationals.