

HORSE RIDING CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.**GUIDELINES FOR SHOW COMPETITORS**

THESE ARE NOT RULES . IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JUDGE TO DECIDE THE FORMAT OF A CLASS AND, AS SUCH, REQUIREMENTS WILL VARY

1) SMARTEST ON PARADE

- No work out required.
- Whilst Competitors are parading on the circle the Judge will look for horses and riders that create a pleasing overall impression.
- Competitors will be called in to allow the Judge a closer inspection.
- All Competitors, regardless of Level, should present themselves as neatly as possible.
- Gear should be clean, in safe condition and fit the horse correctly.
- Registered Club colours must be worn. Hacking or riding jackets are not permitted. The rider's hair past the collar should be netted.
- The horse should be in good condition and show evidence of care. Manes and tails should be presented as neatly as possible. The horse's hooves must be well maintained.

2) LED EXHIBIT

- The horse is to be presented bridled and unsaddled.
- The handler must wear Club colours, and an approved helmet with a fixed harness. Enclosed footwear with ripple soles (including running shoes) are permitted.
- The handler leads the horse in clockwise direction on the circle.
- The Judge will look for:
 - Correct conformation.
 - A horse that is neatly presented and in good condition.
 - Straight movement, correctness and quality of paces.
 - An obedient horse.

3) RIDDEN EXHIBIT

- The Judge will look for:
 - Correct conformation.
 - A horse that is presented neatly and in good condition.
 - Straight movement, correctness and quality of paces on both reins. Obedience, willingness and the correct execution of instructions.

4) HANDLER CLASSES

- The horse is led, bridled and unsaddled.
- Conformation of horse is not taken into account.
- The Judge will look for:
 - A neatly presented horse and handler.
 - An obedient horse which shows evidence of correct training.
 - Correct techniques by the handler.

5) RIDER CLASSES

- The standard of performance required will depend on the Level of the Class.
- The Judge will look for:
 - The correct position of the rider and the correct application of the aids.
 - The correct performance of the workout.
 - The influence of the rider on the performance of horse.

6) BEST EDUCATED

- If divided into Levels, combinations would be expected to show a standard of education appropriate for the Level.
- The Judge will look for:
 - A horse that is obedient and shows evidence of correct training.
 - Correctly executed movements.
 - A horse that is willing and happy in its work.

7) PLEASURE MOUNT

- Riders are often asked to show the horse working on a long or loose rein and are expected not to use a whip or spurs.
- The Judge will look for:
 - A horse that is calm and obedient.
 - A horse that is able to perform the given tasks with a minimum of fuss.

8) MOUNT MOST SUITABLE FOR HORSE TRIALS

- Riders may be asked to jump an obstacle.
- Levels 4 - Adv may be asked to show strong canter or hand gallop.
- The Judge will look for:
 - A horse working calmly at all paces.
 - Jumping ability/potential.
 - Obedience on the flat.

9) MOUNT MOST SUITABLE FOR HRCAV EVENTS

- Riders may be asked to jump an obstacle.
- The Judge will look for:
 - An “all rounder” showing potential to participate in various activities.
 - A horse that is calm, obedient and willing.

10) MOUNT MOST SUITABLE FOR STOCK WORK

- Riders may be asked to show fast work.
- The Judge will look for:
 - A calm but willing horse, obedient to the aids.
 - Evidence of potential to work with stock.
 - The ability to perform set tasks with a minimum of fuss.
 - A comfortable ride.

11) MOUNT MOST SUITABLE FOR AN INEXPERIENCED RIDER

- The Judge will look for:
 - A safe and reliable horse.
 - A horse that is not too free moving.
 - A calm, obedient horse that shows no signs of resistance.
 - A horse that is listening to the rider and performing to best of combination’s ability.

12) PAIRS AND TEAMS

- Compatibility of gear and horses should not be a major consideration unless specified in the Schedule. Generally, in a Pair/Team of Riders Class, it is judged on the ability of the riders to perform set movements correctly. In a Pair/Team of Hacks etc Class, the overall presentation is also taken into account.

13) SHOW HUNTER

- Riders may be asked to gallop
- Show Hunters compete on the flat and are not required to jump.
- The judge will look for
 - Horses that show a little more substance than show hacks
 - Straight, correct movement
 - Good manners. Obedient. Reliable temperament
 - Forward and free moving without pulling or going too fast.
 - A smooth even ride