

Hunter Pleasure



This is a pleasure class for the horse that can cover the ground easily and with a long, low efficient stride, while wearing Hunter-style tack. Horses in this class should be in a longer, more rectangular frame, with a neck carried lower and in a more relaxed manner with less arch in the neck and less bend at the poll than the English Pleasure-style horse. While some degree of carriage is appropriate in a Hunter Pleasure horse, a stride that is short, high and round is not appropriate. Additionally, horses that are high-headed, ridden on a draped rein, not in an appropriate frame, on the forehand, short-strided, or behind the vertical will be penalized by the judges. Hunter Pleasure is one of the most popular styles of riding.