



Sport Horse In Hand classes are often divided by competition management into Dressage Type and Hunter Type classes. Typically, a judge holding a Hunter card will adjudicate the Hunter Type classes, while a Dressage carded judge will adjudicate the Dressage Type classes.

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Hunter Type

- Horses of this type carry a more level frame than the Dressage type horse yet must display a natural looking carriage.
- Movement should have good ground cover and tend to be long and low with good push from behind, free of tension and showing good balance.



Dressage Type

- Horses of this type carry a higher set-on neck than the Hunter type with sufficient length and flexion of the poll.
- Movement should be free, elastic, active and regular with good push from behind without tension and with a tendency toward an uphill balance



COMBINED TYPE SPORT HORSE IN HAND

There may be instances where you will be asked to judge a SHIH class that is not split by type. This could happen at any rated AHA horse show.

These classes should be judged impartially, with no preference for dressage or hunter types. Horses should not be penalized for discipline-specific traits; instead, judges should focus on overall quality and future sport horse potential. The winning horse should demonstrate superior conformation, movement, and overall quality within the class.

Please note that at the Arabian & Half Arabian Sport Horse National Championship, Yearling and 2-Year-Old Classes are combined type.