

Western Pleasure



Horses showing in Western Pleasure classes wear stock-type saddles and a standard western-type bridle and bit. Junior horses five-years-old or younger can be shown in hackamores or snaffle bits. Riders wear western hats, long sleeved shirts with collars and scarves or ties. A vest, sweater or jacket may also be worn. Chaps and boots are required. The horses are shown at a flat-footed, ground covering walk. The jog is a two-beat gait that is free, square, slow and easy. The lope is a true three-beat gait that is smooth, slow, easy and straight on both leads. Open horses will be asked to hand-gallop. Classes are judged on manners, performance, substance, quality, and conformation.