



## Explanation of Classes & How They Are Judged

1. Grooming: Horse must be squeaky clean, mane and tail combed out with no tangles, hooves picked, ears clean inside and out. If horse's ears inside, whiskers on face, under jaw, and white socks are clipped – better yet.
2. Halter Classes: Judged on confirmation of horse and shown in a nice halter and lead.
3. Showmanship: Judged on handler and how well horse obeys in-hand/pattern class.
4. Hunter In-Hand: Shown in English bit and bridle in-hand. Judged on how horse moves at walk, trot, and extended trot.
5. Western & English Pleasure: Judged on the way your horse moves – should be obedient and a pleasure to ride.
6. Equitation: Judged on rider.
7. Hunter Hack: Judged on how well horse and rider work together on the flat and over jumps.
8. Command Class: You must do whatever judge asks for. Dismissed as soon as you do not. Last one on rail wins.
9. Trail Class: Pattern class with objects you might find out on a trail ride such as a bridge, going over logs, water, opening a mailbox, opening a gate, and maybe even lassoing a steer's head.