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## **K. SADDLEBRED SHOW DIVISION**

(HUNTER SEAT CLASSIC FOR SADDLEBREDS)

### **THE INTENT**

To broaden the showing of American Saddlebred Horses into the popular hunter seat style of riding that so many other breeds enjoy. The class is open for any rider and age – including professional trainers. Horses shown in any class of this division are ineligible to show in the Saddlebred Performance Division (i.e. Three-Gaited, Five-Gaited, Fine Harness, and Park Horse) or the Saddlebred Pleasure and Natural Main and Tail divisions at the same show, except they may show in In-Hand classes. These horses can enter into the Country Pleasure division and are open to stallions, mares and geldings.

#### 1. **BRIEF “TYPE” STANDARD AND COMMON FAULTS:**

The Saddle Horse selected for the Show Hack Division should have quality, style and presence. The horse should be comfortable and suitable to ride both in the show ring and on outrides. An easy, ground-covering action is required and emphasis is placed on good manners at all times.

#### **Horses are judged on:**

- Manners
- Performance
- Presence
- Quality
- Conformation

**Show Hack Horses** – Horses are judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality, 25% on total conformation.

#### 2. **TACK REQUIREMENTS AND RULES**

**Appliances** – Training appliances such as chains, stretchers and draw reins, tie downs and martingales in the saddle classes are prohibited. Inappropriate bridles such as a hackamore are prohibited. Leg bandages are not allowed unless application has been made to the show committee because of wet conditions.

**Boots**, Three-gaited Show Hack: Quarter or bell boots are not used in the Three Gaited division. Brushing boots and knee boots are prohibited. Taped hooves are prohibited.

**Bridles** - Snaffle, Pelham or full bridle, all with cavesson noseband. Martingales of any type are prohibited.

**Saddle** – An all purpose saddle with saddlecloth. Breast collar is optional.

### **3. TURN-OUT OF HORSE, INCLUDING SHOES.**

Cleanliness and neatness are the foremost requirements regarding the turn-out of a horse.

**Mane** - Shown with a natural full mane and tail. Hunter style braiding of the mane or tail is optional.

**Ribbons** - must not be shown with ribbons in the mane, forelock or attached to the bridle.

**Shoes** - Horses must be plain shod without pads, bands, or any devices between hoof and shoe. The length of hooves must be 12.5cm without the shoe.

**Tails** - Tails should be natural. Tails must not be put in any device which alters their carriage. Switches are allowed. The fact that the horse's tail has once been set does not exclude participation in the Show Hack division.

### **4. DRESS REQUIREMENTS OF RIDERS**

Coats or blazer of any tweed, check, or solid colours, breeches or jodhpurs.  
English style riding shirt

**Boots** - Riding boots (long or short)

**Hat** - Hard hat or derby.

Gloves, Spurs of unrolled type and crops are optional.

### **5. CLASS ROUTINE**

**Entrance** – All divisions enter the arena at a trot moving in a counter clockwise direction or the right hand directions through the gate.

**Order of gaits** – Horses enter at a trot and will be asked to do a flat-footed walk and canter both ways of the arena. Horses are expected to stand quietly and back readily in the line-up

**6. BASIC GAITES AND COMMON FAULTS**

**Walk** –A four beat gait, straight, true and flat-footed is required.

**Trot** - A two-beat gait, straight and regular. The trot should be mannerly, cadenced and balanced. It is to be performed at medium speed, with a free-moving, ground covering stride, with the rider posting.

**Canter** - A three-beat gait, even, smooth, unhurried, correct and straight on both leads

**Setting** – Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. The horse should wear his head in a relaxed, natural manner.

**Transitions** - The horse must be obedient with smooth prompt transitions

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