

Quarter Pony Association Online Pleasure Driving Class

A. A pleasure driving pony should carry itself in a natural, balanced position with a relaxed head and neck. Its poll should be level with, or slightly above the level of the withers.

B. Maximum credit should be given to a pony that moves straight, with free movement, manners and a bright expression.

C. The pony shall be severely penalized if it carries its head behind the vertical, is over--flexed, excessively nosed out, the poll is below the withers or exhibits lack of control by exhibitor.

D. This class will be judged 80% on the pony's performance and suitability for ensuring a pleasurable drive, with a maximum of 20% on condition and conformation.

E. Ponies are to be shown hitched to a suitable two or four wheel vehicle, type is optional. Pony is to be shown at a flat-- footed walk, a slow trot, and an extended trot or working trot both ways of the ring. Pony should stand quietly and back readily. Manners and quality of the performance will be judged.

1. The ring steward will direct all reverses, which will be 'S' reverses.

F. Ponies should be barefoot or shod with light shoes.

G. Extreme speed, high action and breaking gait is to be penalized.

H. Set tails, gingering and extreme over--checking result in disqualification.

I. In Youth Pleasure Driving, an adult may accompany a child, but should not take the reins unless necessary to control the pony or to prevent an accident.

1. Adult Pleasure Driving should be offered if Youth Pleasure Driving is offered. Adult Pleasure Driving must be shown first, then Youth Pleasure Driving.

2. An adult (19 & Over) is required to accompany any driver 8 years old and under.

J. Tack. Type of harness is optional. A snaffle bit with overcheck or a snaffle bit or Liverpool bit with side checks will be considered proper. Bridles with blinkers or overchecks are optional. A spoon crupper is prohibited. All equipment is to be clean, neat and in sound condition. Running martingales are optional. Artificial appliances are not to be used.

K. Attire. Attire acceptable is our Standard, Western or English Attire. Also acceptable to standard Driving Attire. If Driving Attire is chosen, then attire should be suitable for the type of vehicle and harness used. If the exhibitor is a female attired in a short dress, a lap robe is required. A lap robe is not required if a female exhibitor is in a long dress.