

## **Description of other Classes & Sections**

### **Paces and Manners**

Sometimes judged as two separate classes. The animal is to have polite manners, accepting of the bridle, show suppleness and flexibility through the body while moving freely forward with graceful flowing paces. As with the other classes an animal may be requested to give an individual workout. To be tested in both directions. Should be able to move up to a strong pace and come through the transitions without resistance.

### **Riding Classes**

A rider with elegant relaxed deportment that looks part of the horse, able to influence the horse's way of going with very little effort. A steady hand, an elasticised contact through the reins, maintaining a straight line from elbow to the bit, and independent seat, a long leg position, showing no signs of gripping up or nagging with the heels, a good focus, even distribution of weight on the horse and a relaxed body moving in unison with the horse.

### **Lead Rein Classes**

Ponies should be held by the handler in a relaxed manner, as the handler should only be a guide. The handler holds the rein in their left hand, so the right hand is free to assist the rider if necessary. The pony should be reliable enough to carry a small child safely, before the child is capable of riding on their own. Temperament of the pony is a prime prerequisite.

### **Working Hunter**

Working Hunters are required to demonstrate good jumping ability, strong paces including a good gallop. Be of good strong conformation showing good manners and be a comfortable ride over long distances.

### **Hunter Jumping**

An animal that can negotiate fences confidentially and safely at a strong on going, controlled pace, looking forward to and meeting his fences evenly. The hunter should snap up his front legs evenly and cleanly, bascule, or round his back over the top of the fence and trail cleanly out behind with his back legs.

Manners, kindness in the bridle and pleasure of the ride should be considered. Bad faults include leg dangling, jumping with a flat or hollow back, rushing his fences, or being erratic. The fence should be in the middle of the horse's jump; i.e. the horse should be at his highest point over the fence.

### **Breed Classes**

Every breed has their own individual characteristics. As long as the judge is familiar with the breed the principles of judging should be the same. Most Breed Societies will have their judging standard on their website.