

Halter and Western

The Palm Beach Classic features three types of western riding competition: Pleasure, Horsemanship and Equitation. In Pleasure the focus of the judging is on the horse where ideally the horse is to appear to be a “pleasure” to ride, very comfortable, very responsive and very smooth. Horsemanship requires the horse and rider team to perform a more complex series of maneuvers where they are judged on both style and skill. In horsemanship, riders will ride a posted pattern, one at a time. And finally, in Equitation the focus of the judging is on the style and effectiveness of the rider.

Halter classes will be offered in the morning. Halter is an unmounted competition where horses are judged on their conformation, obedience and movement in order to determine superior breeding stock and suitability for their discipline.

Our judges will be provided judging guidelines as follows:

For Pleasure: First, horse and rider combinations will be judged on performance (maintaining position on rail, correct leads, transitions etc). Secondly, the combination will be judged on suitability and manners (appropriateness and willingness of the horse). Finally, the horse will be judged on quality of movement and way of going.

For Equitation and Horsemanship: First, horse and rider combinations will be judged on performance (maintaining position on rail, leads, transitions etc). Secondly, the combination will be judged on manners and effectiveness of rider. Finally, the rider will be judged on his or her equitation (position).

Grooming

Class 201

To be shown in hand. To be judged on: grooming details and condition. Horses should be of proper weight, properly cleaned and clipped. Will be asked to talk jog/trot. While in line up, horses should be mannerly and stand quietly for Judge’s inspection

Halter Classes

Classes 202-207

To be shown in hand. To be judged on way of going, soundness, conformation, manners, and proper weight. Horses should be groomed to breed specifications. Will be asked to walk, jog/trot and line up. Handlers should be properly attired. Horses are to be shown in a lead shank of adequate length and strength.

Hunter in Hand

Class 208

To be shown in hand in a bridle with the exhibitor in proper English attire. To be judged on conformation, soundness and way of going. Horses under 2 years of age may be shown in halter.

Showmanship Classes

Classes 210-213

To be judged on handler's ability to exhibit the horse to the best advantage. Handlers will be required to demonstrate proper showmanship and safety. May be asked to answer questions asked by the judge.

Grand and Reserve Classes

Classes 209-214

For riders who have placed 1st in any of the Halter and/or Showmanship classes are automatically entered in this class for each respective category. 1st place winner earns the Champion title, 2nd place earns Reserve.

Cowboy and Cowgirl Lead Line

Classes 215-216

Open to riders 7 years and under. Rider may be asked simple questions about the horse or tack. Handler to be professionally attired. Riders may only cross enter into Walk off the Lead.

Walk off The Lead

Classes 217-218

Open to riders 12 years and under. Riders to show at walk only in both directions of the arena. Rider may be asked simple questions about the horse or tack. Handler may stand in the center of the ring for assistance. Riders may only cross enter into Walk Jog.

Walk Jog

Classes 219-221 (10 & Under)

Classes 222-224 (11-17)

Classes 225-227 (18 & Up)

Classes will be by age groups. Riders will be asked to walk and jog both ways of the ring. Horse and rider combinations may only cross enter into Novice Rider or Novice Horse.

Bareback Equitation Walk Jog

Class 228

This class is open to all junior and amateur riders. Riders will ride without a saddle and be asked to walk and jog both directions of the ring and to be judged on equitation. Riders may not ride in any cantering classes other than the novice classes in same show weekend.

Novice Rider

Classes 229-231 (10 & Under)

Classes 232-234 (11-17)

Classes 235-237 (18 & Up)

These classes are for exhibitors in their first year of loping. Riders will be asked to walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. Riders will not be asked to lope for an extended period of time. Horsemanship may include a backup. Exhibitor may stay in this division for the whole year. Exhibitors may only cross enter into Walk Jog.

Novice Horse

Classes 238-240

These classes are for horses in their first year of loping. Riders will be asked to walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. Riders will not be asked to lope for an extended period of time. Horsemanship may include a backup. Exhibitor may stay in this division for the whole year. Exhibitors may only cross enter into Walk Jog.

Youth

Classes 241-243

These classes are open to exhibitors who are 17 years old and younger. Riders will be asked to walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. Horsemanship may include a backup and/or pivot. Exhibitors may cross enter into Open division.

Adult

Classes 244-246

These classes are open to amateur exhibitors who are 18 years old and older. Riders will be asked to walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. Horsemanship may include a backup and/or pivot. Exhibitors may cross enter into Open division.

Bareback Equitation

Class 247

These classes are open to all riders. Riders will ride without a saddle and be asked to walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring and to be judged on equitation.

Open

Classes 248-250

These classes are open to all riders. Riders will be asked to walk, jog and lope both directions of the ring. Horsemanship may include a backup and/or pivot. Exhibitors may cross enter into Youth and Adult divisions.