

# Hunter and Equitation

Hunter and Equitation are English riding competitions in which riders and their horses are judged on their style and skill. In Hunter, the horse is the focus and is judged on ride-ability (how obedient the horse is), movement and jumping style. In Equitation, the rider is the focus and generally is asked to perform more complex maneuvers; she is judged on effectiveness and style (proper position of body while riding). At The Palm Beach Classic we will be running our main Hunter and Equitation classes on Saturday in the Covered Arena.

## **Our judges will be provided with judging guidelines as follows:**

**For Hunters:** First, horse and rider combinations will be judged on performance (correct diagonals, 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 jump.

**For Equitation:** First, horse and rider combinations will be judged on performance (correct diagonals, 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).

### **Low Child/Adult Hunter 2'-2'3"**

Classes 102-104

Open to junior and amateur participants. Over fences shall consist of 6-10 fences not exceeding 2'3" in height. U/S to be shown at walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Horse and rider combination shall not jump higher than 2'6" the weekend of show.

### **Low Child/Adult Equitation 2'-2'3"**

Classes 105-107

Open to junior and amateur participants. Over fences shall consist of 6-10 fences not exceeding 2'3" in height. U/S to be shown at walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Horse and rider combination shall not jump higher than 2'6" the weekend of show.

### **Child/Adult Hunter 2'6"**

Classes 108-110

Open to junior and amateur participants. Over fences shall consist of 6-10 fences not exceeding 2'6" in height. U/S to be shown at walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Horse and rider combination shall not jump higher than 2'9" weekend of show.

### **Child/Adult Equitation 2'6"**

Classes 111-113

Open to junior and amateur participants. Over fences shall consist of 6-10 fences not exceeding 2'6" in height. U/S to be shown at walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Horse and rider combination shall not jump higher than 2'9" weekend of show.

### **Bareback Equitation - Hunter Hack 18"**

Class 116

Open to all participants. This Bareback Equitation class will be run in a "hunter hack" style, meaning, participants will show without saddle and be asked to show at walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Riders will also be asked to jump a line of two jumps not to exceed 18" in height. To be judged on performance and riders equitation.

### **Lead Line**

Class 117-118

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 119-120

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 off the Lead OR Special Walk-Trot (not both).

### **Special Walk Trot**

Classes 122-124 (10 & Under)

Classes 125-127 (11-17)

Classes will be by age groups. Rider will be asked to walk and trot both directions of the ring, and trot over one ground pole showing a two point and a halter after the pole. Diagonal errors will not be penalized. Riders may only cross enter into Walk off the Lead.

### **Walk Trot**

Classes 128-130 (10 & Under)  
Classes 131-133 (11-17)  
Classes 134-136 (18 & Over)

Open to junior and amateur participants. Classes will be by age groups. Rider will be asked to walk and trot both directions of the ring, and jump one cross rail (12"-18") showing a halt after the jump. Horse and rider combination may only cross enter into the Cross Rail division.

### **Cross Rail**

Classes 137-139 (10 & Under)  
Classes 140-142 (11-17)  
Classes 143-145 (18 & Over)

Open to junior and amateur participants. Over fences shall consist of 4 fences not exceeding 12" in height. Trotting on course will not be penalized- cantering is optional. U/S to be shown at walk and trot both directions of the ring. Horse and rider combination may only cross enter into Walk Trot OR Short Stirrup (not both).

### **Walk Trot Bareback Equitation**

Class 146

Open to all riders who are not showing higher than 18" in the same show weekend. Participants to ride without saddle at walk and trot in both directions of ring. To be judged on performance and riders equitation.

### **Short Stirrup**

Classes 147-149

Open to junior and amateur participants 14 years of age and younger. Over fences shall consist of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Simple changes will not be penalized. U/S to be shown at walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Horse and rider combination may only cross enter into Crossrail.

### **Long Stirrup**

Classes 150-152

Open to junior and amateur participants 15 years of age and older. Over fences shall consist of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Simple changes will not be penalized. U/S to be shown at walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Horse and rider combination may only cross enter into Crossrail.