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GUIDANCE FOR RIDERS / JUDGES / SHOW ORGANISERS

Below are some “general” class ideas – and what they are to be ideally judged on. Classes may be added / omitted as desired.

Ridden classes may be split into “show pleasure” and “recreational pleasure” depending on the market of riders expected at your show. Classes marked ** are for recreational pleasure only. Please note that only champions / reserves from SHOW pleasure classes will qualify for HOY, as at this stage recreational pleasure is not on offer at HOY. From 2015 / 2016 season only champions / reserves from shows affiliated with the society will count towards a HOY qualification.

Please also note that the champions from the pleasure rings do not go forward for Supreme Champion against the champions from the open rings.

- **Best groomed / presented** – Judged on cleanliness, well fitted gear and overall appearance of horse / rider. Horses do not have to compete in a dressage saddle, with matching gear, however this will affect the overall appearance. Please state on your show schedule if plaiting / jackets are required, to avoid confusion.
- **Best walk** – Judged on rhythm, regularity and “forwardness”. Can include long and/or loose rein.
- **Best trot** – Judged on rhythm, regularity and “forwardness”. May include a lengthening of gait and may be asked to work on a loose / long rein.
- **Best combination** – Judged on overall “picture” of horse and rider as a unit who are well matched and work in harmony.
- **Best paced** – Judged on paces overall – can include a lengthened trot.
- **Best mannered** – Judged on manners, free of tension and responsiveness to aids.
- **Most suitable for beginner rider** – Judged ideally on quietness, ease of ride and obedience of horse, reaction to aids, work on a long rein.
- **Most suitable for farm work/ Shepherds hack** – can include dragging an item, opening a gate, hopping on and off, carrying an item on the horse etc. **
- **Best low jump** – judged on style and rhythm. Set jump height to riders abilities – normally around 65 – 80cm.
- **Best rider** – judged on rider’s position, aids.
- **Best trick horse** – rider to show a “trick”. Could be e.g. a western trained horse showing western type manoeuvres **
- **Optional Inhand Classes** – classes could include Best Groomed / Presented, Best Mare, Best Gelding, Mannered, Paces, and Handler. All to be judged as per above – on manners / obedience / handling. Please note Inhand Champions are not counted towards HOY qualification.