

Lunge Line 2 & Under Rules

This class is limited to horses 2 & under. The purpose of showing on a lunge line is to demonstrate that the horse has the movement, manners/expressions/attitude and conformation to become competitive under saddle. This class will reward:

1. Quality of movement
2. Manners/Expression/Attitude
3. Conformation suitable to future performance and the horse should be judged with its suitability as a future performer under saddle in mind. This class should define what it means to be a Western Pleasure or Hunter Under Saddle Prospect. Because these are young horses, they are not expected to demonstrate the behavior or quality of a finished show horse, but only the performance necessary for a reasonable presentation to the judge.

The class will consist of two parts:

1. A longeing demonstration lasting one and a half minutes (90 seconds). The exhibitor will be given a "start" signal and they will have 90 seconds to present the horse at all three gaits (walk, jog, lope) in both directions. At the end of the 90 seconds, the signal will be given to signify the end of the demonstration.
2. A conformation inspection. The conformation inspection will occur prior to the longeing demonstration. Each entry will be walked into the arena to the judge and pause for evaluation individually. They will then trot off straight and around a cone and take place on the wall inside the arena. All entries will be inspected in this fashion and the trot off will give the judge an opportunity to evaluate soundness.

Horses are to be shown in a halter. Either a regular or show type halter is acceptable. For the conformation inspection, a lead shank may be used and then exchanged for a longe line prior to the lunge line demonstration. The longe line may not exceed 30 feet in length with a snap attached to the halter. It is permissible to use a longe whip: however the exhibitor may not strike the horse with the whip at any time.

Score sheets will be used by the judges and they will use the BHF unified scoring system

An exhibitor may show two horses in the longe line class. The same exhibitor must show in both segments of the class. An additional handler may hold the first horse while the second horse is being exhibited; and an additional handler may hold the second horse while the first horse is being exhibited. Additional handlers must wear appropriate attire.

Proper English or western attire is required. See halter rules for more information.