

SHOWING RECOMMENDATIONS

Show Preparations for In-hand and Ridden Classes

Pony: The pony should be shampooed, or thoroughly groomed to look and feel absolutely clean. Mane and tail brushed out well with a soft brush. There should be no pulling, plaiting or trimming of mane, forelock and tail, nor the feather on the legs. Excessive hair under chin etc can be discreetly laid with a damp brush before going into the ring. Hoofs should only be oiled. Eye or other cosmetic make-up must not be applied under any circumstances. No false hair in mane, forelock or tail is allowed. Please note: White markings of any sort should not be disguised.

For the pony's welfare, ridden ponies for winter competitions or hunting may be clipped. Whiskers, ears and feather on the legs should be left untouched. No trimming permitted otherwise.

Recommended Turn Out for Handler and Pony

IN HAND CLASSES

HANDLER

Female: Well-cut skirt (tartan or otherwise) or trousers. Showing cane.

Male: Trousers or kilt with jacket, shirt and tie. Showing cane.

[Riding clothes with hard hat also smart, particularly on children.]

PONY

Stallion: Strong stallion bridle with white lead rope, chain or leather coupling under chin. Straight bar or snaffle bit or other suitable control bit. Roller with one side rein, usually on off-side correctly fitted.

Mares and stock over three years: Show bridle with brass buckles or good quality brass-mounted headcollar with snaffle bit attached by bit straps. White cotton lead rope and rope halters may also be used.

Youngstock: Show bridle with light straight bar bit (nylon or vulcanite mouth piece) or white cotton rope halter.

Foals: Leather foal slip with white webbing lead rope or cotton rope halter with extra long lead rope.

RIDDEN CLASSES

Rider: Breeches and boots or jodhpurs and jodhpur boots. Tweed jackets with shirt and tie. Tweed jackets are preferable to black/navy. Current standard hats to be worn when mounted. Gloves and cane/whip.

(N.B. Certain ridden classes have rules on canes and whips.)

Pony: Immaculate tack. Double bridle, pelham or suitable snaffle. On a novice pony a suitable snaffle bit should be used. Well-fitting saddle.