

2023 Central Mass Horse Show Series Class & Division Specs

4-H Division (4H) – Open to all 4-H members. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Horse/Rider combination must do fitting and showmanship in order to qualify for the 4-H discount offered.

Beginner Walk Trot (BWT) – Open to riders 11 years of age and under who are competing in walk trot classes for the first time. Riders will be asked to walk and trot in both directions of the ring. Diagonals will be considered, may be asked to halt/reverse etc. May cross enter into additional walk trot classes/divisions, may **not** cross enter into any walk trot canter classes/divisions.

Beginner WTC (BG) – Open to riders of any age who are competing in canter classes for the first or second year. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter and may be asked to perform additional tasks such as halt, reverse etc.

Children's Equitation (CE) – Open to riders 17 and under at a walk, trot and canter. Riders may show horses or ponies. Fence height 2'3". Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2'3", at any show, CMHSS or otherwise. Equitation to be judged on the rider over fences and on the flat.

English Adult (EA) – Open to riders 18 and older in English tack. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. *May be combined with Stock Seat Adult if not enough entries in either division*

Green Horse Hunter (GHH) – Open to horses or ponies in their first or second year of showing at the canter. To be shown hunter at a walk, trot and canter. Fence height is 18". Horses may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2', at any show, CMHSS or otherwise. . **Not to be ridden by green riders (including Lead Line!) and not to have won more than 2 blues in prior years**

Green Horse Open (GHO) - Open to horses or ponies in their first or second year of showing at the canter. May be shown English or western at the walk, trot and canter. **Not to be ridden by green riders (including Lead Line!) and not to have won more than 2 blues in prior years**

Green Horse Open Walk Trot (GHWT) - Open to horses or ponies in their first or second year of showing and who have never shown at the canter. May be shown English or western at the walk and trot. **Not to be ridden by green riders (including Lead Line!) and not to have won more than 2 blues in prior years**

Lead Line (LL) – Open to riders 7 years of age and under who have never shown walk trot. May change horses throughout the season. Rider to be led at the walk and trot in all classes and must remain on a lead line at all times when mounted!

Long Stirrup (ML) – Open to riders 13 and older who have never competed over fences exceeding 18”. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 18”, at any show, CMHSS or otherwise. To be shown at the walk, trot, canter and over a course not to exceed 8 fences, not to exceed 18”.

Off the Track Thoroughbred (OTTB) – Open to any thoroughbred that has raced at least once. To be shown at the walk trot and canter. Judged on performance and soundness.

Open Cross rails (OX) - Open to all riders, on horses or ponies, fences 18”. Judged on performance and soundness. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 18”, at any show, CMHSS or otherwise.

Open Hunter (OH) – Open to hunter riders on horses or ponies. To be shown at the walk trot and canter. Judged on performance and soundness.

Open Hunter Over Fences (OP1) – Open to all riders, on horses or ponies, fences 2’2’3”. Judged on performance and soundness. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2’3”, at any show, CMHSS or otherwise.

Open Hunter Over Fences (OP2) – Open to all riders, on horses or ponies, fences 2’6”2’9”. Judged on performance and soundness. Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2’9”, at any show, CMHSS or otherwise.

Open Junior (OJ) – Open to riders under 18, open to all seats, to be shown at the walk, trot and canter.

Pre-Children's Equitation (PCE) – Open to riders 17 and under. Riders may show horses or ponies. Fence height 2'0". Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2', at any show, CMHSS or otherwise. To be judged on the rider's seat, hands, the performance of the horse and suitability of the horse and rider over fences or on the flat.

Pre-Children's Hunter (PCH) – Open to riders 17 and under. Riders may show horses or ponies. Fence height 2'0". Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2', at any show, CMHSS or otherwise. Judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability.

Senior Horse (SH) – Open to horses or ponies who are 16 years or older. To be shown at the walk trot and canter. Judged on performance and soundness. Eligible for the Fielder's Choice Trophy at the year end banquet. Specific details can be found on the Year End Rules page.

Short Stirrup Equitation (SSE) – Open to riders 12 years and under who have never competed over fences exceeding 18". May not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 18". To be shown at the walk, trot, canter and over a course not to exceed 8 fences, not to exceed 18". Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 18", at any show, CMHSS or otherwise. To be judged on the rider's seat, hands, the performance of the horse and suitability of the horse and rider over fences or on the flat.

Short Stirrup Hunter (SSH) - Open to riders 12 years and under who have never competed over fences exceeding 18". To be shown over a course not to exceed 8 fences, not to exceed 18". Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 18", at any show, CMHSS or otherwise. Judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability.

Stock Seat Adult (SSA) - Open to riders 18 and older in Western tack. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. *May be combined with English Adult if not enough entries in either division*

Stock Seat Walk Trot (SSWT) – Open to any age walk trot rider showing western who have never shown in a canter class. Riders will be asked to walk and trot in both directions of the ring and can be asked to perform additional tasks such as halt, reverse etc.

Trot Poles (TP) – Open to all walk trot riders of all ages. May not enter any other over fences class or have shown in any fence class that exceeds trot poles. Each course will consist of 1 round of 4 fences. ****Green Horses may NOT enter Trot Poles****

Walk Trot 11+Under Equitation (WTE) – Open to hunt riders 11 years and under who have never shown in a canter class. May not enter any class requiring a canter. Riders will be asked to walk and trot in both directions of the ring in the flat class. Each course will consist of 1 round of 4 fences. To be judged on position and ability to control their mount.

Walk Trot 11+Under Hunter (WTH) - Open to hunt riders 11 and under who have never shown in a canter class. May not enter any class requiring a canter. Riders will be asked to walk and trot in both directions of the ring in the flat class. Each course will consist of 1 round of 4 fences. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount, and suitability.

Walk Trot 11+Under Open (WTO) - Open to all riders 11 and under who have never shown in a canter class. Riders will be asked to walk and trot in both directions. May not enter any class requiring a canter.

Walk Trot 12+ (WTS) - Open to all riders 12 and over who have never shown in a canter class. Riders will be asked to walk and trot in both directions. May not enter any class requiring a canter.

18" CrossRail Jumpers (JX) – Open to all riders, on horses or ponies, fences 18". Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 18". Riders may cross enter into any other height within the Jumpers divisions, may not cross enter heights in any Hunter/Equitation Divisions.

2'-2'3" Jumpers (J1) – Open to all riders, on horses or ponies, fences 2'-2' 3" Riders may cross enter into any other height within the Jumpers divisions, may not cross enter heights in any Hunter/Equitation Divisions.

2'6"-2'9" Jumpers (J2) - Open to all riders, on horses or ponies, fences 2'6"-2'9" Riders may cross enter into any other height within the Jumpers divisions, may not cross enter heights in any Hunter/Equitation Divisions.

Class Specifications:

1. Equitation classes to be judged on the rider's seat, hands, the performance of the horse and suitability of the horse and rider over fences or on the flat.
2. Pleasure classes will be judged on manners, performance, suitability.
3. Discipline Rail classes will be judged on both horse and rider, as they execute specific gaits, transitions and movements as requested by the judge.
4. Hunter Under Saddle will be judged on the horse's quality of movement and manners during the class.
5. Command will be judged on the execution of specific gaits on the NOW. The judge AND ring steward will record the back numbers as the riders are called off the rail into the center of the ring. The judge's decision is final in the event of a dispute. The judge will call a command and all riders must perform that command to remain in contention. Failure to perform the command will result in the rider being eliminated from the competition and making their way to the center of the ring while the class continues. The last rider that has performed all of the commands correctly will be the winner of the class. If available, multiple Arena Judges will assist with the elimination.
6. Model Horse is open to horses or ponies of any age, to be shown in hand.
7. In any over fence classes (excluding Jumpers classes) the rider may NOT show in any class, CMHSS or otherwise, exceeding the specified height. If any rider cross enters into any additional classes, the rider will be disqualified from the division and will forfeit all day/division and year end points.