

LADIES SIDE SADDLE



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ARABIAN LADIES SIDE SADDLE

The Arabian Ladies Side Saddle class is one of elegance and finesse which is evidenced in this unique class. Ladies are riding aside in proper attire for the style of tack used on the horse. The grace and beauty of this class enhances the attire and accents used on the horse.

A lady's horse will be the epitome of manners and will be obedient to the lady's every desire. Beautiful, elegant, smooth-gaited, mannered, obedient horses that want to please will do very well as a lady's side saddle horse.

Conduct

- Competitors enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction at the trot or jog-trot.
- When entries warrant, it is recommended that side saddle classes be divided into English or Western.
- Safety is of the utmost importance in tack and attire, judges should penalize exhibitors not conforming to good safety practices.
- It is suggested that horses line up head-to-tail the length of ring.
- Horses should back readily if requested by the judge and stand quietly.

Tack.

- Bridle: Appropriate to style of attire.
- Martingales or tie downs are prohibited.
- Saddle: Appropriate side saddle, to style of attire.

Attire.

- English (Hunter, English Show Hack, or Saddle Seat), Western or Period. If a shirt is worn as part of Western attire, it must be long sleeved. Jackets are allowed as part of any style attire. Skirt, divided skirt or apron, hat, and boots are required. Period attire is acceptable and encouraged to be researched as to the authenticity of the entire costume. Hat and boots required.
- Spur, whip or crop optional, at the exhibitor's discretion.
- Competitors must be penalized for incomplete appointments but not necessarily disqualified.

Qualifying Gaits.

- A good ground-covering walk, a comfortable trot or jog-trot, and easy flowing canter or lope is desirable.
- The side saddle horse should give the distinct impression that it is a comfortable mount to ride.
- Transitions from one gait to another should be smooth and effortless. Riders may sit or post to the trot.

Classes.

Classes may be offered as follows:

- a. ENGLISH (Hunter, English Show Hack, Dressage, or Saddle Seat)
- b. WESTERN/ENGLISH (Hunter, English Show hack, Dressage, Western or Saddle Seat)
- c. WESTERN (Western)

Arabian Ladies Side Saddle Class Specifications.

OPEN, AMATEUR. To be shown both directions at the walk, trot or jog-trot, canter or lope. Horses should back readily if requested by the judge and stand quietly. To be judged 85% on manners, performance, suitability, quality and conformation; 15% on appropriate side saddle attire. Manners and suitability of purpose shall be emphasized. (Suitability refers to the horse being suitable as a sidesaddle mount.)

NOTE: The International Side Saddle Association is a good reference for further information on correct side saddle attire and equipment.

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