

The Showing REGISTER

HOW TO PERFORM A WINNING SHOW!

Home preparation

- Assess your horses/pony's level of training and create a show that he will find easy. You can always make it more elaborate as his training improves
- Decide which are his best paces and use a show that displays them to their best
- Always try and extend or gallop on the rein he finds easiest
- The more transitions the harder the show. Finish your show with 5/6 strides of walk before halting & saluting. Your final halt should be at least 10ft away from the judge and sideways on
- Novice's often need more time to settle so try a show where you trot for longer before asking for canter
- Practice your show at home but only practice parts of it so that the horse does not learn to anticipate

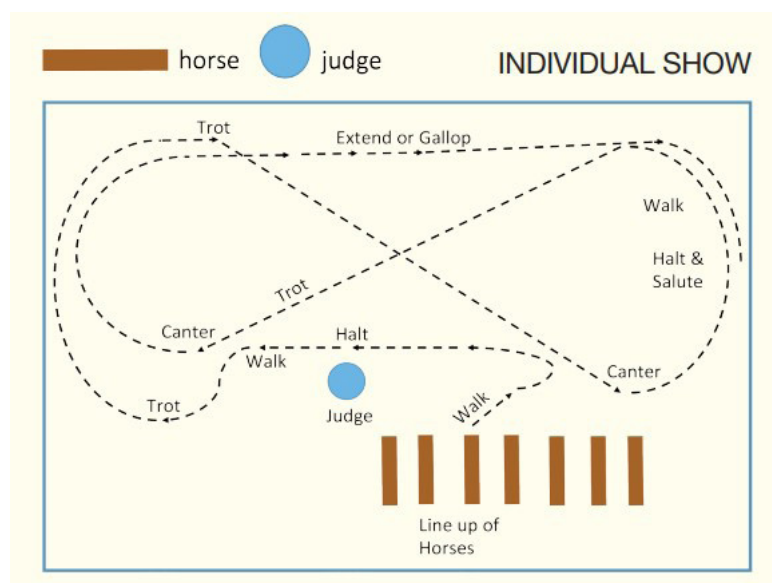
At the show

Go to the ring before your class starts, look at the size, where the judge is lining up the horses, is it flat/spooky etc? Imagine you are in the line up and ride your show in your head and how your horse might react to the ring for example the size, spooky objects, unlevel ground. Check if the judge 1. Is allowing you to go behind the line or do a show in front of the line. 2. Asking for a walk away & trot back at the start.

Use all of the space available, do not make your show small. If you halt by the edge of the ring it will help keep your horse straight. Consider what mood your horse is in, have a couple of shows prepared to suit him that day. Remember to breath, smile & enjoy it!

What the Judge looks for

Use of all the space, a good consistent rhythm, smooth transitions, forward going paces, with the horses head on the vertical not behind (i.e over bent). The horse should be looking forward not at the ground.



A simple show done well is better than an average complicated show.

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