

Presentation Class:

Compliance to PCQ Uniform & Saddlery Rules - Correct Uniform and Gear.

Cleanliness, Condition and Fit of Uniform & Gear

Cleanliness, Grooming and Presentation of Horse

Rider 25% points

Helmet – colour (black, brown, white, navy blue), correct fit of helmet on head, chin strap tight enough & neatly done up.

Hair – neatness - hair net if hair ear length

Shirt, etc – shirt (fit of shoulders, neatly buttoned, length of sleeve), neat tie and pin, jumper or vest (optional but can improve the presentation of rider with a neater look)

Jodhpurs, stockman-cut trousers in Club colours – correct colour & fit, slim fit style of trousers

Hands & gloves (gloves optional, but can improve presentation) clean hands – judge can ask for glove to be removed to check cleanliness of fingernails

Whip – pony club whip only. Max length 75cm, with flapper 50mm, and must be 20mm wide. No dressage whips or hacking canes.

Jewellery – stud or sleeper earrings, no visible necklace or bracelet, rings only under gloves

jodhpur clips – match boot colour

Leather gaiters – match boot colour, must be smooth leather on the outside. No suede chapettes.

Boots – boots correct type and size for rider, clean underneath

Spurs correct (no rowel spurs during formal classes), spur straps match boot colour

Overall detail and appeal (rider sits tall throughout, maintains correct rider position, stays attentive, and behaves appropriately during judging, not talking)

Saddlery 25% points

Bridle – headpiece & browband (fit around ears, browband correct size), cheek pieces, throat lash, noseband correct correctly fitted. Buckles, keepers & runners all done up. Cheek pieces buckled to approx same hole each side, about eye level.

Bit – particularly cleanliness & fit. Half cm on each side of mouth, and 1 or 2 wrinkles in corners of the horse's mouth.

Reins – attached to bit, with billets facing inwards, or buckles facing out, stitching in good condition, clip-on reins must be taped.

Appropriate length of reins – to hang, when held normally, no lower than top of stirrup.

Reins must be joined with a buckle. No split reins unjoined. Must be tied or taped.

Grass reins – 8 & Unders only at Gymkhanas. No baling twine.

Saddle – cleanliness (check seams, under skirt, under saddle flap). Fit & position on the horse.

Saddlecloth - positioned well on horse, even on each side, and front & back, of saddle

Stirrup bars correct. Bar clips may be up or down, but must be in working order. If bars are solid, stirrups must be breakaway, or toe-stopper. Same applies for fixed fenders, where the fender would not come off the stirrup bar. Excess stirrup leather should finish close to edge of saddle flap

All saddles must have at least 2 points of attachment, or else a girth and surcingle

Girth – essential that girth is clean, buckled to approx same hole each side

Stirrup - width 1cm space each side of rider's boot. If maximum size, breakaway stirrups are recommended. Oxbow stirrups – accepts 65 mm leather or width inside top of oxbow is 65 mm min.

Leather / synthetic and English / stock saddle – judged on cleanliness, condition and fit

Martingales – running or Irish. All reins must have ring stops. Breastplates allowed.

Overall detail and appeal (rider fits the saddle, stirrup leathers match saddle & colour, saddle and bridle match, browband in club colours, etc)

Horse 50% points (conformation does not count)

Correct Presentation

Coat – cleanliness, condition, grooming. When judging, cleanliness and grooming are top priority.

Horse's coat including mane and tail should be clean and scurf-free. When cleanliness and grooming all appear equal, then the following criteria to award points:-

Mane, forelock – mane plaits odd number, plus forelock plait makes even number, correct style of plaits (not dressage plaits) including forelock, plaits to be neat, even in size and spacing, stitched (extra effort and neatness) or banded, no ribbons in mane

Hogged/ shaved mane – clean, neat

Tail – plaited, or pulled, shaved. Tail plait tucked up completely, no loop hanging down. Reward is for effort. Tail can be squared off, red ribbon in tail can be used for a horse that might kick.

Feet – blacked or lacquered – but all the same, well trimmed or well shod, cleaned out

No boots or bandages on horse's legs are allowed during formal classes

Makeup should be subtly done. Glitter does not earn extra marks.

Overall detail and appeal (patterns on rump, trimmed and oiled chestnuts on horse's legs, oiled soles and frog, trimmed ears but not clipped out)