

RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE IRELAND
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To Whom it may concern,

Please find attached the pack for the unraced thoroughbred class.

Please ensure that judges and ring stewards are provided with this pack prior to the commencement of the class and that they are provided with adequate score sheets for the number of entries you have had.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS PACK TO THE SENDER.

If you have any queries in relation to any part of this pack please contact Julie Morris, or other representative.

Yours sincerely

Racehorse to Riding Horse Ireland
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RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE – **UNRACED THOROUGHBREDS**

Wording for Schedule

Title: Unraced Thoroughbreds

Open to thoroughbred horses that have either been officially named or unnamed this is a hunter style class to display walk, trot, canter, gallop and halt.

Passport (Weatherbys if IRE or GB, or other racing relevant authority if from any other location) details to be made available for inspection on the day of the show.

Competitors must have attained their 15th birthday.

Proper show turnout is essential.

Format of the class

The class will be run as a hunter style class with competitors riding as a group in which horses will perform halt, walk, trot, canter, and gallop. An individual show may be performed by the competitor or the Riding Judge may ride, whichever is judge's preference. Halt must be held for 5 seconds.

Horses will be called into a line up by Judges on preference or as instructed.

If horses are to be ridden by the Riding Judge during this time Non-riding Judge to score each horse individually on its paces. Riding Judge to provide a score on control and ride of each horse immediately after it is ridden.

If the competitor is performing an individual show the judge will score the various paces as they are performed. The judge is looking for the horse to be responsive to aids as well as for example, cantering on the correct lead.

Ring Steward should total each sheet as the scoring is completed.

Conformation is not taken into account by Racehorse to Riding Horse Ireland as a horse can race and win at the highest level with conformation issues. In addition blemishes such as scars, splints, curbs, and stringhalt are to be ignored.

Scores attained on the score sheet determine the winner and other placings. Score sheets to be made available to competitors after the class and must be returned to the show office (unless the competition forms part of a league and in which case score sheets will be available when the league concludes). **THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL!**

Points to Note

Racehorse to Riding horse Ireland judges horses on the level of training, control, obedience and manners first and foremost.

However the judge may use their discretion should a horse misbehave and the judge feels that it is out of context for the animal, for example that there is an unusual distraction outside of the ring.

The judge is looking for a horse in his/her opinion he/she would be happy to take out to any event and feel safe to ride.

The horse should be relaxed, responsive and balanced in his paces, canter on the correct lead.

Return from the gallop to a halt without a battle. Holds a halt for 5 seconds.

In other words the horse is judged on suitability as a good riding horse.

Tack

Plain leather Bridle – snaffle

- Double
- Micklem

Bits

- Snaffle
- Weymouth
- Pelham
- No Gags or Myler combination bits allowed

Running martingales are acceptable – no standing martingales

Nosebands plain / Grackle / drop / flash

Saddles for showing may be reasonably straight to show the horse off but so long as the saddle is fitted and does not obstruct the action of the horse it is acceptable (jumping, general purpose, and dressage are all acceptable, as is side saddle (however the competitor must have an astride saddle available for the judge to ride the horse)).

Games, polo, racing, or treeless saddles are unacceptable and competitors will be refused entry to the class and forfeit their entry fee.

Turnout

Horses

Manes to be plaited
Tails to be plaited or pulled
Heels to be trimmed
Remedial Shoes are permitted if required.

Riders

Tweed, Navy or Black Jackets are acceptable

Cream, Beige or Canary Jodphurs/breeches

Velvet hats or skull caps with black, navy or brown velvet covers are acceptable
Hats **must** have a three point harness in the interest of safety – no exceptions are permitted.

Shirt and tie or hunting stock

Long boots or short boots with gaiters or chaps

Gloves

Hairnet where appropriate

Canes or riding whips of standard length may be carried – schooling whips are not permitted

Spurs are permitted in this class. They must be of smooth metal, the shank must point to the rear which must be no more than 3.5 cms long wand without rowels. The end must be blunt and incapable of wounding a horse. If the shank is curved the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards.

Anyone seen to abuse a horse with spurs will be eliminated and immediately asked to leave the ring.

