

RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE IRELAND
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To Whom it may concern,

Please find attached the pack for the retraining class under racehorse to riding horse rules.

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 IRELAND
- RETRAINING CLASS

Wording for Schedule

Title: Retraining (within the confines of the show ring) Racehorse to Riding Horse

Open to thoroughbred horses that have started under rules on either the track or point to point but must not have:

- Won more than 3 classes in either retraining or novice classes under Racehorse to Riding Horse Ireland rules
- Won an open class under Racehorse to Riding Horse Ireland rules
- Won or been placed in the first three places or a championship such as the Royal Dublin Horse show, Balmoral, Hickstead or the Royal Windsor Horse show.

Passport and racing details to be made available for inspection on the day of the show.

Snaffle bits only to be used. No spurs allowed. Martingales acceptable.

Competitors must have attained their 15th birthday.

Proper show turnout is essential.

(where a show only holds a retraining class, open horses will be eligible to enter but must adhere to retraining rules of snaffle bit (snaffle mouthpiece on curb bit is not acceptable) and no spurs).

Format of the class

The judge does not ride in the retraining class.

The class will riding as a group in which horses will perform walk, and trot only on both reins. Each competitor will perform an individual show displaying a walk, trot, and canter (on the correct lead) as well as a gallop before returning to a halt (to be maintained for 5 seconds). The judge may ask relevant questions such as the horses age, how long it has been out of training etc, to gather background on the animal. (note to judge the association has only been running for 5 years and is only a guide.)

The competitor should walk away from the judge, and trot back towards the judge, then continue into a figure of 8 and canter on both reins on the correct lead. The competitor should extend into gallop along the long side and then return to halt and maintain for 5 seconds. Salute and return to the line up.

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

This horse is being judged on suitability of retraining from a racehorse to a riding horse and this is the first rung on the ladder, therefore the control, manners, rhythm of paces and suitability for retraining are the most important factors. Age and length out of training are of secondary importance to the way of going and retrainability.

The judge will score the various paces as they are performed, noting that the horse should be working at his own natural paces not rushing or sluggish. The judge is looking for the horse to be responsive to aids as well as for example, cantering on the correct lead.

As this is the first class on a learning curve the horse does not have to be perfectly on the bit nor be in exceptional show condition.

Judges should remember that this class is designed to encourage the leisure riders and happy hackers to compete and enjoy a day out with their ex racehorse, as well as being a stepping stone for the more professional riders with a novice ex racehorse.

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.

Tack

Plain leather Bridle – Single
- Micklem

Bits - Snaffle bits only allowed in this class

****In the event a competitor does not have the correct bit, if the judge permits them to compete then a deduction of 10 marks must be made from the total score on the score sheet****

Martingales are acceptable (running or standing if fitted properly)

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 **NOT** acceptable 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 **NOT** permitted in this class.

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

RACEHORSE TO RIDING HORSE IRELAND SCORE SHEET

RETRAINING CLASS

This is NOT primarily a show class but a retraining class, to show that the horse has settled into its new role as a riding animal and is accepting its training within the show ring surroundings.

The horse does not need to be in show condition as it may be a rescued animal or just off the track (very fit) and as this is the first class on the road to rehabilitation and retraining. Does the animal in your opinion have the manners and aptitude to make a suitable riding animal now or in the near future.

NAME/NUMBER OF HORSE:

AGE OF HORSE:

APPROX DATE OF LAST RACE:

HOW LONG OUT OF TRAINING:

SCORES TO REFLECT RHYTHM AND BALANCE THROUGHOUT PACES AND TRANSITIONS	MARKS OUT OF 10
WALK	
TROT	
CANTER	
GALLOP	
HALT – to be maintained for 5 seconds	
CONTROL	
OBEDIENCE	
MANNERS	
SUITABILITY FOR RETRAINING	
<u>JUDGE'S COMMENTS</u>	
No spurs permitted, Snaffle bits only (10 pts to be deducted if other bit is in use) Note contestants do not Canter/Gallop as a Group during this class – only in individual show	
GRAND TOTAL OUT OF 90	

DATE: _____

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

In the event of a tie, the highest overall mark awarded for Manners will be the deciding factor. If there is a tie in Manners then it is Judge's preference on the day

