MRC SHOWING SHOW CRIB SHEET

This crib sheet has been prepared as a guide to how you show your horse or pony in hand

Trousers – White legged horse, trousers should be dark coloured Dark legged horse, trousers should be light coloured

Hats – Riding hat worn at handlers discretion. Other hats can be flat caps, Trilby's, Bowler's, Patley.

Footwear - Jodphur boots

Skirts - worn with sensible shoes.

Shirts - plain and worn with plain/patterned tie.

Waistcoats, riding jacket or tweeds.

No jewellery

Hair – presented neat and if longer than shoulder length should be tied up.

Bridles – bridle (without reins), snaffle bit, with lead rope/rein.

Browbands - of a solid colour/sharks tooth/showing browband/single colour stones.

Traditional horses – to be turned out according to breed regulations, ie Flowing manes, tails and feathers.

British Natives – all to be left natural except Shires, Thoroughbreds and Suffolk Punches which can be turned out with traditional plaits.

Showing your horse or pony in Ridden classes

You should start with a halt in front of the judge - and they should tell you to move off. If you're going to miss any element of the required show, you must tell the judge.

Required show: Walk, Trot and Canter required on both reins. To finish a nice square halt and salute the judge. Riding club horse should jump at some point during the show

Childs pony will only be walking and trot.

TIPS

Try to walk in on a longer rein, judges will still be watching. Gather your horse up when everyone is entered.

Don't be frightened to turn a circle but keep your eye on other people.

Give other people space you can't show your horse off if you are too close to others.

Respect others space and make sure you are aware of the colour of ribbons in a horse's tail. If you're horse kicks a red ribbon and a few warnings, go a long way. A green ribbon is for a young/inexperienced horse.