

Crabbet Showing Rules

Crabbet showing rules have been designed with the welfare of the horses in mind as well as being aimed at an accurate and objective assessment of the horse. Horses can still be shown well and correct preparation in conditioning and training is essential. Then you and your horse can enjoy the experience.

Rules for In Hand Crabbet Classes

1. To qualify for entry into these classes the horse must be registered with the Arab Horse Society and the horse entered have 75% or more Crabbet and Old English bloodlines. The exhibitor must send a copy of a letter (issue of this letter is free) from Alexia Ross of the Crabbet Organisation confirming Crabbet status to the show organisers with the entry form. If horses are eligible for special awards for Arabians of 100% Old English or Crabbet Stud Bloodlines, this will also be stated in the letter.
2. Crabbet Related classes can be run separately for Pure Bred or Part Bred Arabians with one Crabbet qualifying parent as in point 1. Exhibitors should have a letter from Alexia Ross of the Crabbet Organisation confirming Crabbet Related status to show organisers with the entry form.
3. All horses forward **MUST** be shown in a natural manner. The pose must be natural, i.e. one fore leg slightly behind the other and one hind leg slightly behind the other. The head should be held with the neck showing natural arch and curve of throat line, so that the neck is not uncomfortably stretched or raised. The horse should be trained to stand sensibly in this position with expression of interest in the handler. A frozen pose is unacceptable.
4. Any unnatural posing, flicking with a whip or circling when being run out, will result, at the Judge's discretion, in the horse being judged as though no presentation or display had been possible and therefore penalized accordingly.
5. We recommend that judges of our classes also penalise uncontrolled or bad behaviour by the horse as temperament and trainability is essential in a ridden breed.
6. Whips must be no more than the length of a cane i.e. 65 cm. Halters can be modern as long as they are comfortable for the horse.

Rules for Ridden Crabbet Classes

1. To qualify for entry into these classes the horse must be registered with the Arab Horse Society and the horse entered have 75% or more Crabbet and Old English bloodlines. The exhibitor must send a copy of a letter (issue of this letter is free) from Alexia Ross of the Crabbet Organisation confirming Crabbet or Crabbet Related status to the show organisers with the entry form. If horses are eligible for special awards for Arabians of 100% Old English or Crabbet Stud Bloodlines, this will also be stated in the letter.
2. Ridden classes will be the same as other Arabian Ridden Classes i.e. the horse will be ridden by the judge and may be expected to do a show.

NOTE – THE CRABBET ORGANISATION PREFERS ONE JUDGE, NOT A SEPARATE CONFORMATION JUDGE.

Rules for the Crabbet National Championships

1. Exhibitors for the Crabbet National Championships must enter on the AHS National Show Schedule Entry Form AFTER they have qualified but not before.
2. Exhibitors must be members of the Crabbet Organisation.
3. Qualifications for the National Crabbet In-Hand Championships are as follows:
 - All horses that have previously qualified for the Crabbet National Championships up to the end of June 2016 qualify for the Crabbet National Championship.
 - First and Second Prize Winners In-Hand at the Crabbet Shows of 2014 and 2015.
 - First and second In-hand prize winners at the Welsh Crabbet Show, 2013, 2014 and 2015 and 1st and 2nd prize winners at the Equifest Crabbet Show 2014 and 2015.
 - First and second prize winners in In Hand Crabbet Classes up to the end of 2015.
 - All horses who attended any of the UK Crabbet Conventions also qualify.
4. Late qualifiers can enter up to the end of June 2016 by contacting Linda Nicholson at the Arab Horse Society office. All entries will be checked by the Crabbet Organisation and it would therefore be helpful if you advise Pauline Atkinson at pauline.atkinson8@gmail.com at the same time, stating the name of your horse and where and when you qualified.
5. All horses forward MUST be shown in a natural manner as for other Crabbet Classes. The pose must be natural, i.e. one fore leg slightly behind the other and one hind leg slightly behind the other. The head should be held with the neck showing natural arch and curve of throat line, so that the neck is not uncomfortably stretched or raised. The horse should be trained to stand sensibly in this position with expression of interest in the handler. A frozen pose is unacceptable.
6. Any unnatural posing, flicking with a whip or circling when being run out, will result, at the Judge's discretion, in the horse being judged as though no presentation or display had been possible and therefore penalized accordingly.
7. Whips must be no more than the length of a cane 65 cm. Halters can be modern as long as they are comfortable for the horse.

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