

Showing guidelines....

Bridles...

Hunters wear a double bridle with plain noseband and brow band, a Pelham may also be worn but with two reins. Snaffles are usually used in 4 year old classes.

HACKS AND RIDING HORSES wear lighter weight bridles [double bridles preferable] with coloured or fancy brow bands, as do children's show ponies.

Novice show ponies are always expected to go in a snaffle whereas open show ponies a double bridle is required.

LEAD REIN AND FIRST RIDDEN PONIES a snaffle bridle is compulsory.

SHOW HUNTER AND WORKING HUNTER PONIES wear bridles similar to hunters but obviously of a size and weight to suit the pony.

MARTINGALES may be used in working hunter classes.

NATIVE BREEDS are shown in plain leather tack or white webbing halters for in hand welsh.

HUNTER FOALS are shown in plain leather head collars.

YOUNGSTOCK preferable to be shown snaffle bridles with bit.

COLOURED fancy or coloured brow bands.

Saddles.....

Saddles vary from class to class, but a good general purpose saddle can be used in most ridden classes. There are several types to choose from and unless you are going into showing seriously then I would advise you to keep to your gp saddle.

NUMNAHS are allowed in all classes except BEST TURNED OUT.

GIRTHS tend to be the colour of your pony but white tends to be the most popular.

The correct turnout for the rider.....

In mainstream hunter showing the rider should wear a well cut tweed coat, canary, fawn or buff breeches or jodhpurs and long boots. Women may wear a tweed or plain blue or black jacket, any form of leather or string glove, a collar and tie is usual with a plain leather cane and spurs completing the picture.

In childrens showpony classes navy jackets are worn, whereas for hunter ponies and working hunter ponies dress is the same as for adult showing except that children

should wear short jodhpur boots. SAFETY HATS TO CURRENT SAFETY STANDARDS ARE COMPULSARY IN ALL RIDDEN CLASSES.

In hand turnout guidelines....

In hand bridle with a bit or white webbing halter for welsh breeds. Most people show in their riding bridle especially if they have a ridden class soon after. The handler should be neat and tidy with good stout strong footwear suitable for running in, [the trotting section]. Any smart jacket, shirt, tie, some competitors also wear waistcoats. Gloves and showing canes finish the look. A hard hat is preferable for under 16 handlers.