

In Hand Performance Evaluation (AKA Sporthorse/Hunter In Hand)

Sporthorse or Hunter In Hand is essentially a halter class for the performance horse. An exhibitor is allowed to show more than one horse in a class. The horse is judged individually on a triangle, with 60% for movement, 30 % for conformation, and 10% for temperament.

Judging:

The horse enters individually and is set up for inspection at “A” in an open position, with all 4 legs visible to the judges. When the judge signals that he/she is done, begin walking the first (smaller) triangle on the outside perimeter. Walk from “A” to “B” then to “C” and back to “A”.

Once the smaller triangle is completed and back at “A”, commence to trot your horse around the perimeter of the larger one. Perform a collected trot from “A” to “D”, then extend the trot to (E), back to collected trot to turn and finish at “A”. Once you finish the course, exit the ring.

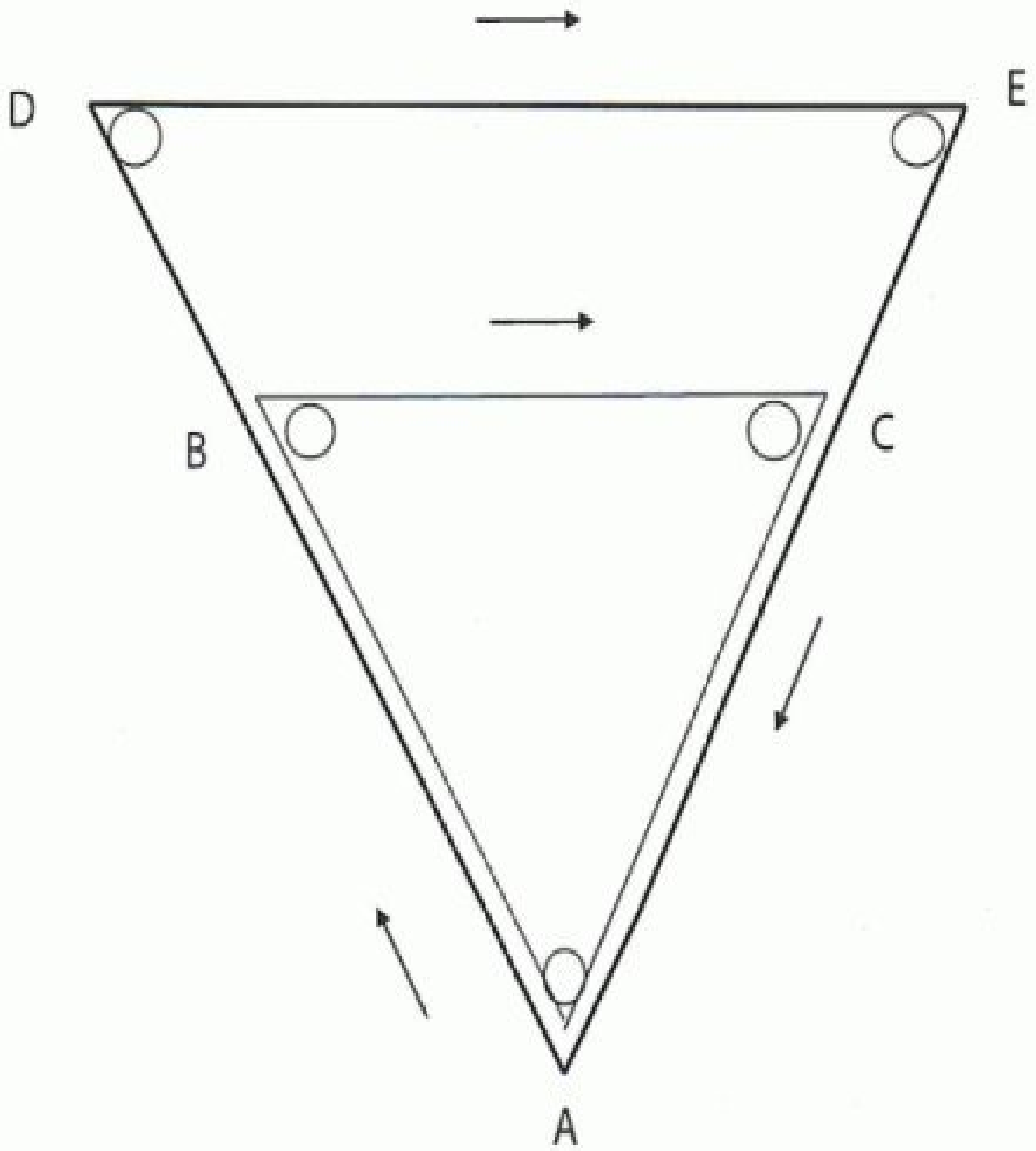
Disqualification for off course.

Requirements and Attire:

Horses that are three or older must be exhibited in an English bridle, in a snaffle bit. No decorations and especially no silver is allowed.

For horses two and younger, a plain leather halter and lead is mandatory. The chain can be either over the nose or under the chin, but not in the mouth. The handler may carry a crop, bat, or dressage whip, this is optional.

The handler must wear a conservative shirt with a collar, such as a polo shirt or dress shirt, in white or other solid color. A vest, tie and gloves can be worn, but are all optional. Pants must be loose dress pants, such as chinos, that allow room to run the course. Jeans are not allowed. Belts cannot have any silver. Shoes must be running shoes, or paddock boots.



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