



## **STEWARDSHIP AWARDS OF NORTH AMERICA**

### **SANA - CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & REGULATIONS**

March 3, 2016

Exhibitors must wear suitable, safe footwear, and proper helmets for all ridden or discipline classes. All classes require safe tack and equipment. Except where noted, entries will not be judged on grooming, tack or clothing, however, appropriate turnout, gear, and clothing are encouraged.

## **SANA CLASS DESCRIPTIONS In-Hand and Ridden**

### **-----SANA BREED CLASSES -----**

#### **IN-HAND (HALTER) CLASSES**

Entries are traveled before the judges so that lameness and quality of movement can be evaluated. Entries are judged on traditional breed type and movement, sex characteristics, balance, and structural correctness.

Entries to enter class as a group on the rail. Judge may ask for walk or trot as a group.

Individual judging - exhibitor will walk a straight line to the judge, poise entry for judge's review, and move away in a straight line at a trot when the judge indicates forming a triangle back to the judge, poising again briefly before judge indicates entry may join the back of the group line up.

Entries to be judged against respective breed standards, not against other entries. The judge will look for first virtues in traditional type and movement, and next for correct conformation. Judges may penalize any undesirable displays of temperament. Modern purebred "types" will not be considered desirable under SANA criteria and may be penalized. The objective is to recognize (and there by encourage the retention of) traditional breed traits above all else to pass on to the next generation, or in the case of geldings recognize individuals that exemplify the standard as an ambassador.

Breed classes are divided by age and sex wherever scheduling allows. Entries to be shown in a halter or bridle, and in the case of stallions, stallion tack is encouraged where considered traditional.

### **In-Hand NORTH AMERICAN-BRED**

Entrants must be conceived and born in North America. The purpose of this class is to recognize NA breeders who have bred good traditional examples of their respective breeds.

### **RIDDEN BREED CLASSES (English style riding is encouraged)**

The breed-discipline judge will judge the horse/pony entry ONLY, performing the required gaits - flat 4-beat walk, trot, 3 beat canter by group or individually, using the entrant's breed description as the standard. Judging should emphasize traditional breed type and traditional breed movement first, including smoothness of gait.

SANA's primary goal is to pin the horses/ponies most likely to pass on traditional traits to the next generation. The best-trained entry is not necessarily our winner, however the best type and movement entry must be able to perform well enough to be properly judged. English tack and attire are preferred, but not required.

### **YOUNGSTOCK / JUNIOR CLASSES (under 3 yrs)**

The objective is not to select the most mature individuals, but rather the best representatives of their age group. Judge may freely ask the age of any entrant. *Entries born in Oct, Nov, or Dec of the previous year may request special waivers to compete in their closest age group for SANA classes.*