

Hackney Division Specifications



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Important Points to Remember...



- All classes within the same section are not judged using the same criteria
- Criteria are listed in order of importance
- Example- Harness Division:
 - Open, Maiden, Novice: Quality, Performance Manners
 - Amateur to Drive: Manners, Quality, Performance
 - Amateur to Drive Championship: Manners, Presence, Quality, Conformation, Performance
- Check the class specs for your division to see what criteria you will be judged on.

Division Specifications

- Each division has specific specifications

**Roadster ponies are not Harness ponies in different equipment that go faster

**Harness ponies are not Roadster ponies

**Pleasure ponies are not Harness ponies in different equipment



Hackney and Harness Ponies- Gaits/Speed



- Hackneys who show evidence of lameness or broken wind **must be severely penalized.**
- Excessive speed is **undesirable.**
- Shown at “Park Trot” which is executed in a highly collected manner and “Show Your Pony” which designates the speed which shows the pony to its best advantage. “Drive On” is never used.
- Amateur, Ladies, Gentlemen, Owner, and Junior Exhibitor Ponies show at Park Trot only.

Attendants- New Rule HK107



- Ponies may be unchecked while lined up except in Ladies, Junior Exhibitor, Amateurs and Owners classes where ponies must remain checked, but checks may be adjusted. *(Exception: Pleasure ponies are to remain checked in the line up and may not be adjusted unless an additional workout is called, at which time, ponies remain in the line up may be adjusted or unchecked).* *Effective 4/1/10*
- In Ladies, Jr. Exhibitor, Amateurs and Owners Classes, attendant may stand an entry on its feet and thereafter shall remain at least two paces distant from the head.

Pleasure Driving Ponies



- Longtails and Cobtails shown together
- Shown at flat walk, pleasure trot and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait)
- Emphasis should be on ability to give a pleasurable drive while retaining a show attitude

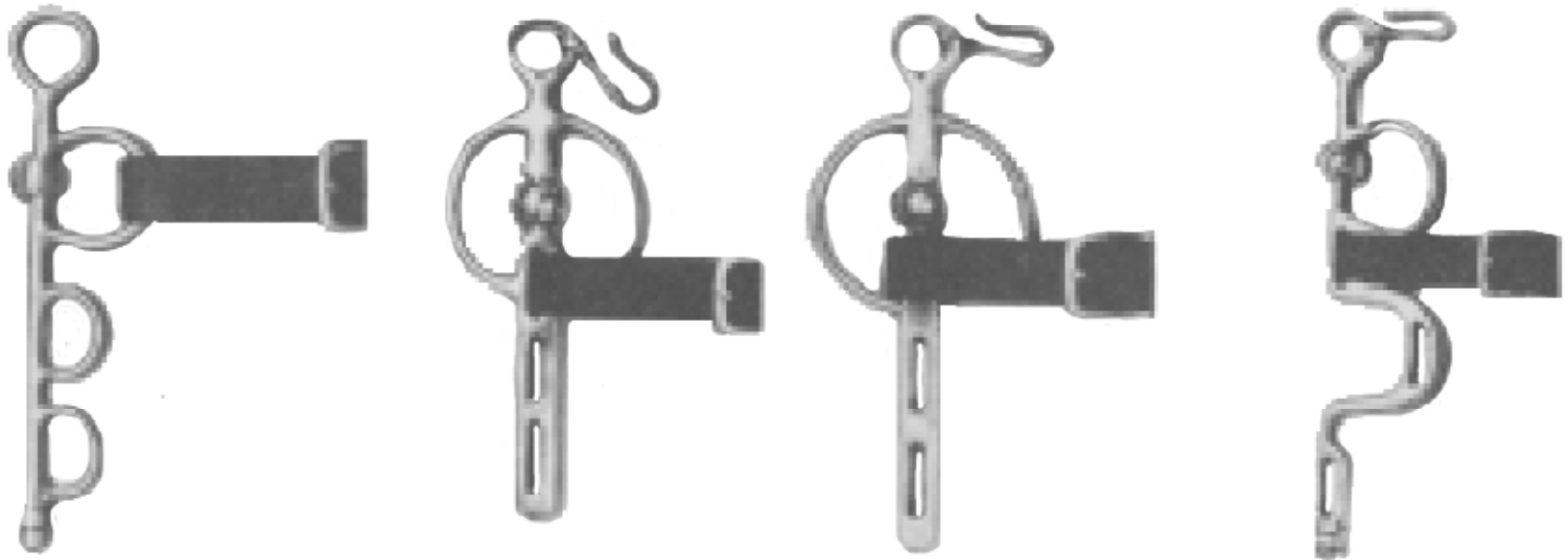


- **Imperative** that ponies stand quietly and back readily in the lineup
- Ponies cannot be held in the lineup. Attendant may stand entry on its feet then must stand at least 2 paces away.

Acceptable Half Cheeks



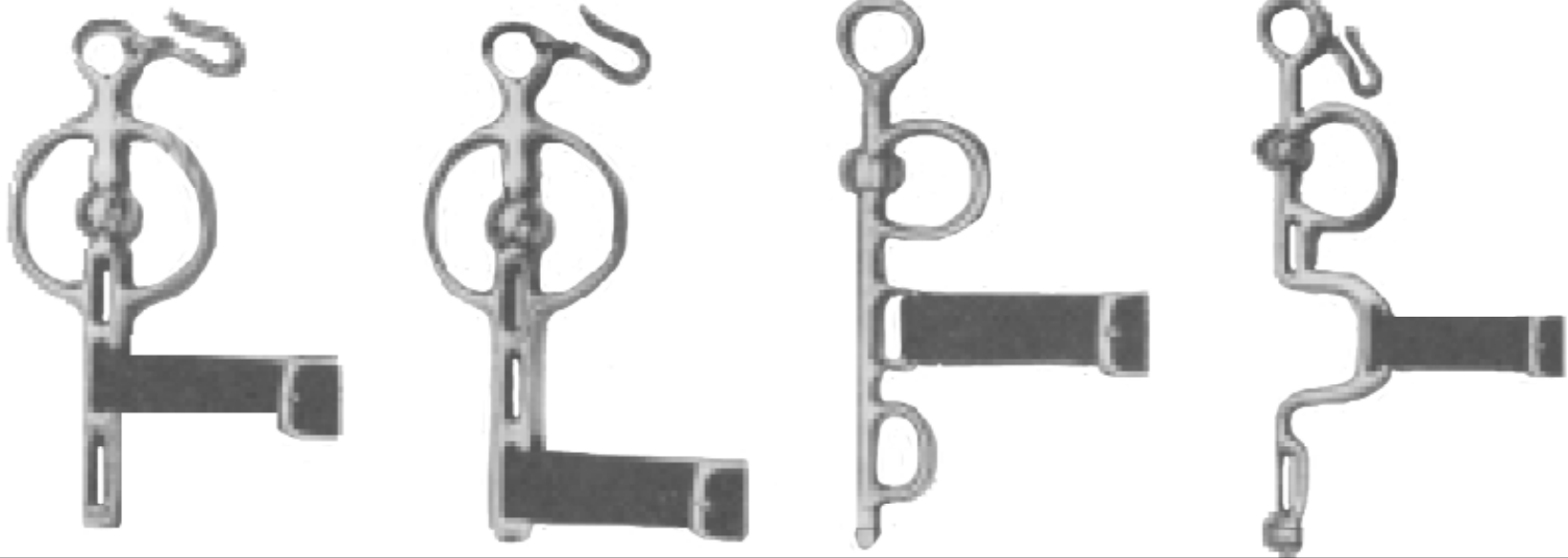
- “To be driven in the half cheek”- reins should be around the post or through the top slot, provided top slot is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way inside the ring



Unacceptable Half Cheeks



- Not permitted in Junior Exhibitor, Amateur, Owners, Amateur-Owners, Ladies and Gentlemen's Classes.
- If not properly bitted in the half cheek the entry **must be severely penalized.**



Hackney Pony Country Pleasure- New division effective 4/1/10 (HK112.13)



- May be less showy than Hackney or Harness Pleasure Pony, but should still be typical of the breed.
- Open to Jr. Exhibitors and Amateurs only
- Longtails and Cobtails shown together
- Must be plain shod
- Shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot, and road trot.
- Must halt on the rail both directions
- Judged on suitability, manners, performance, quality, and conformation

HACKNEY ROADSTER PONIES



- Roadster Ponies Under Saddle and to Wagon are restricted to ponies 54" and under.



Roadster Showing Procedures



- Enter the ring clockwise at the jog-trot, then show at the road gait. Must show animation, brilliance, and presence.
- Ponies should turn counterclockwise at the jog-trot, show at the road gait and then trot at speed (must show speed and go in form)
- Improper cadence, hesitation of the hock's action, or ponies that rack or run on the turns **shall be penalized**.
- Should be light mouthed, capable of being taken up at any time and show willingness to stand when being judged.

Roadster Line Up



- No attendant is permitted, driver may uncheck pony and head it when left in center ring during workouts.
- In Junior Exhibitor, Ladies, or Amateur classes one attendant is permitted to head the pony but must not touch the entry except for safety reasons. During a workout attendant may uncheck and hold entry, but must recheck and move away when workout is over.



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- Exhibitor entitled to request only one time-out per class.
 - Protective headgear is required for all Junior Exhibitor and AHHS Youth Medallion roadster pony classes.

HACKNEY HORSES

- The height of the Hackney Horse shall be over 14.2 hands.
- Horses are to be serviceably sound. Horses showing evidence of lameness or broken wind **must be severely penalized.**





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- Horses must appear to have a short tail and a tightly braided mane.
 - Overchecks are not permitted
 - Excessive speed is undesirable
 - Entries in various classes are judged some of the following qualifications: Manners, Presence, Quality, Substance, Conformation, Soundness, Appointments, Performance, Uniformity. See **HK123** for specific classes.

PLEASURE HACKNEY HORSES



- This section emphasizes **manners**. Must have tractable temperament and a generous, cadenced, lofty way of going.
- Must have pure gaits (4-beat flat footed walk; high stepping, reaching, forward, balanced trot that's not rushed; and a pure, 3-beat canter that's not rushed or overly collected).
- Mane can be long and natural, pulled, short, braided, or roached. Tail is long and natural (does not exclude docked or nicked tails if done prior to prohibiting dock/nicked tails.)
- Natural tail set is encouraged and artificial hair/tail caps are discouraged.
- Specific specs are listed in HK126