

## **WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE**

**SHW112.17 To offer working hunter under saddle in any division, a show must also offer at least one of the following over fence classes: hunter hack, equitation over fences, working hunter, and/or jumping. Working hunter under saddle is to be held immediately following the over fence classes. Management has the option to keep or remove jumps from the ring.**

**SHW312.6** Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are prohibited in pleasure driving, hunter under saddle, **working hunter under saddle** and boots of any description except outdoors during inclement weather, in hunter hack, and working hunter. The use of slip on (easy care) horse boots or related footwear are not considered as protective boots and are permissible to be worn in all classes.

**SHW605.WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE. The purpose of this class is to exemplify a horse doing its job in the hunting field and to promote correct natural appearance and forward movement in all gaits. Horses should be shown with active, working, and energetic ground-covering gaits at the walk, trot, and canter. The gaits should be comparable to a horse performing a working hunter course. Excessive slowness at the walk, trot, and/or canter must be penalized. Working hunter under saddle horses should exhibit a natural self-carriage, correct uphill balance, and the fluid forward movement that is desirable for working hunters and which allows horses to build strength and coordination for performing correctly over fences.**

**SHW605.1 For the horse to be eligible to be shown in the working hunter under saddle class, it must be shown in a minimum of one over fence class (hunter hack, equitation over fences, working hunter, and/or jumping) in any division at that show.**

**SHW605.2 Horses may not be shown in hunter under saddle and working hunter under saddle at the same show.**

**SHW605.3 To offer working hunter under saddle in any division, a show must also offer at least one of the following over fence classes: hunter hack, equitation over fences, working hunter, and/or jumping. Working hunter under saddle is to be held immediately following the over fence classes.**

**Management has the option to keep or remove jumps from the ring.**

**SHW606.Horses to be:**

**SHW606.1 shown under saddle, not to jump in this class. Horses are required, however, to be entered in at least one over fence class in any division**

**at the same show. Eligible over fence classes are hunter hack, equitation over fences, working hunter, or jumping.**

SHW606.2 shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses should back easily and stand quietly.

SHW606.3 reversed to the inside away from the rail.

SHW606.4 At the judge's discretion, horses may be asked to change to canter from the flat-footed walk or trot. They may also be asked to lengthen their stride at the walk, trot or canter, one or both ways of the ring. An extension is an obvious lengthening of the stride with a slight increase of pace while exerting less effort and appears smooth to ride.

SHW606.5 At the option of the judge, all or just the top 12 horses may be required to hand gallop, one or both ways of the ring. Never more than 12 horses to hand gallop at one time. At the hand gallop, the judge may ask the group to halt and stand quietly on a free rein (loosened rein).

SHW607. Faults scored according to severity:

Quick, short or vertical strides

Being on the wrong lead

Breaking gait

Excessive speed at any gait

Excessive slowness in any gait, loss of forward momentum

Failure to take the appropriate gait when called for

Head carried too high

Head carried too low (such that poll is below the withers)

Overflexing or straining neck in head carriage so the nose is carried behind the vertical

Excessive nosing out Failure to maintain light contact with horse's mouth

Stumbling If a horse appears sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired

Consistently showing too far off the rail

SHW608. Faults which will be cause for disqualification:

Head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical excessively and consistently while the horse is in motion, or otherwise showing the appearance of intimidation.

SHW803.7 Level 1, progressive working hunter, **working hunter under saddle** and boxing points do not count toward the all-around trophy.

SHW805 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.

Working Hunter Under Saddle to be added to Category V