

Midwest Gypsy Horse Association Class Descriptions

Halter: Judged on the conformation, movement and breed type of the horse. These classes may be breed specific, gender specific or color specific. All horses are shown to their breed standard. Horses may be shown in English or western tack. Handlers should match their horse as far as they may show in English clothes with their horse in English tack and so on.

All Gypsy stallions 3 years of age or older must be shown in a bridle. Stallions of any breed may only be shown by handler's ages 18 years and older.

Grand and Reserve Champion Halter: The two placing horses in each halter class are eligible to return to the grand and reserve halter class. Each judge will judge the class independently and placing will be announced 1, 2, and 3rd. Results will be combined to determine the overall grand and reserve champion. In the event of a tie, judge A will be designated as the tie breaker judge.

Gypsy In Hand Best Traditional Movement: Horses are shown in hand, each horse is individually shown at the walk and trot. Horses are judged on the movement. This is a Gypsy only class.

Open Suitability for Dressage: Horses are shown in hand, usually in a bridle or a plain halter. Horses will work individually on a triangle pattern, first walking, and then trotting. Then each horse will set up for inspection. The overall goal of this class is to determine which horses would be the most promising dressage prospects.

Showmanship: Shown in hand, each horse will work a pre posted pattern individually. Class is judged on the handlers ability to show, communicate and present the horse.

Special note to all western classes: In Gypsy shows all horses may be ridden in a smooth snaffle with two hands on the reins, regardless of age or training level. So at our show, the Midwest Gypsy Horse Association Gypsy and open show, all horses, regardless of age, level of training or breed may be ridden in a smooth mouthed snaffle with two hands on the reins. All horses may also be ridden one handed in a shank bit per riders discretion.

Jog in the Park: This is a walk/trot ridden class; all horses enter the arena together and ride both directions of the ring walk and trot. It is a class to show how your horse is turned out! Dresses, bling, costumes or clothes from any time period may be used. Horse's manners and way of going are also taken into account.

Please message us with any questions! Thanks!