

SUBCHAPTER FR1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

FR101 Eligibility to Compete

1. Horses shown in this division must have been issued a membership certificate from International Friesian Show

Horse Association (IFSHA) confirming verification of Friesian heritage and identity with IFSHA or have an application applied for IFSHA recognition at the competition. Refer to FR101.2.

a. Horse Owners/lessees competing in Purebred & Part-Bred Friesian USEF licensed competitions must be members in good standing with the International Friesian Show Horse Association (IFSHA). In order to compete, horse owners/lessees must provide a copy of their IFSHA membership card and a copy of the horse's IFSHA membership certificate with entry form at the time of making entry prior to the competition, presenting to the competition office at the time of entry or by applying for their membership card and horse membership certificate at the competition but before the competition number will be released.

b. Individuals signing the USEF Entry Agreement (i.e. rider, driver, handler, agent of an owner, and trainer) for horses competing in the Friesian division must be members of IFSHA or pay to IFSHA a non-member fee for each competition in which competing. Horse owners/lessees must be members of IFSHA as required in FR101.1a.

Exception: When a parent/guardian is signing for a minor, they do not have to be IFSHA members or pay the

IFSHA non-member fee.

2. Any Friesian bred horse regardless of color, height and/or registry that can prove its Friesian heritage and identity is eligible to compete provided that the horse and the horse's owner/lessee are IFSHA members in good standing, and the horse has been issued an IFSHA membership certificate or application applied for through the competition office.

a. Horses and/or horse owners/lessees can make application for membership to IFSHA at a USEF licensed competition provided that the following items are given to the competition secretary prior to the release of the competition number.

1. IFSHA Membership application or membership card for horse owner/lessee

2. IFSHA Membership application for horse

3. Payment in full

4. Proof of Friesian Heritage, which shall include a copy of the horse's breed registry registration certificate.

5. Proof of Permanent Identification (IFSHA Equine Identity Record form must be completed if proof of identification does not appear on the horse's breed registration certificate) See FR101.3

b. The competition secretary will forward these forms directly to IFSHA during or within 10 calendar days of the competition. IFSHA membership forms for horse and horse owner/lessee can be located on

the IFSHA web site at www.friesianshowhorse.org under "Join IFSHA." A horse's Equine Identity Record form can be found in the

IFSHA "Forms Library" section.

c. IFSHA is responsible for notifying USEF if an IFSHA membership application for horse and/or owner taken at the competition is not in compliance.

3. All horses must have a permanent identification mechanism. Acceptable forms of identification are freeze marks, tattoos, brands, tongue codes or RFID micro chips that can be verified back to the horses breed registry certificate, or a certification of administration by a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. IFSHA and its assigns reserve the

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784 © USEF 2018 right to validate identification of a horse at any time, inclusive of DNA verification by mane or tail hair sampling.

4. All horses must be registered with a foreign or domestic registry that maintains proof of Friesian heritage through

DNA testing and record maintenance. IFSHA and its assigns reserve the right to validate the horse DNA at the horse owner's expense in the event that a protest or grievance has been filed with IFSHA and/or the USEF. PartBred

Friesians must have at least 50% pure Friesian blood.

5. Friesian Bred Horses are not considered mature until the age of six. A Junior Horse is one that is three to five years of age and a Senior Horse is six and older.

6. Purebred Friesians and Part-Bred Friesians cannot compete in the same classes.

7. Purebred Friesians and Part-Bred Friesians cannot be shown under saddle until they are three years old.

8. Purebred Friesians and Part-Bred Friesians cannot be shown in any driving class until they are three years old.

9. Substitution of a horse or horses may be made in classes where more than one horse represents an entry (i.e.

Four In Hand, Tandems). In such cases substitution of up to three horses in a Four In Hand or one horse in Tandem

Riding may be made. If a horse is sold or injured after the closing of entries exhibitor may post enter another horse in the same class (see GR911).

10. Horses must be serviceably sound and in good condition. Horses showing evidence of lameness will be excused from the ring. Eyesight; horse must possess one eye that is not visually impaired. One eye prosthetic or an eye that is damaged/impaired either by illness, injury, or due to birth defect is permissible in all performance classes. Exceptions;

In Hand, Western Trail, Hunter Hack, and Combination Drive, Ride, and Jump classes.

11. The use of, or application of, to or into any horse (other than legal levels of allowed medications) any foreign or caustic substance, such as ginger, mustard, pepper, or abrasives which would alter or influence a horse's natural carriage, movement or behavior, is prohibited.

12. The injecting of any foreign substance into a horse's tail, ears, the cutting of tail ligaments, soring or maiming of feet, or any such practice which would alter or influence a horse's natural carriage, movement or behavior, is prohibited.

13. Horses must be shown without artificial appliances (see GR802.2). Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance.

This includes but is not limited to tongue ties and/or mouth ties (see GR802.2). Gag bits of any type are prohibited in any discipline/section. Action produced by artificial methods shall be penalized. The use of any devices or aides that alter the natural movement of the horse (such as chains, shackles, rubber bands) are strictly prohibited at any competition. Any animal with prohibited equipment must be disqualified from further competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. Nasal strips are prohibited.

a. Half cup blinkers are permitted during warm up and are not considered an artificial appliance.

14. Judges may penalize contestants who do not conform to rules regarding appointments, tack and attire. Exception:

Refer to appropriate division rules for Dressage, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Junior Exhibitor Equitation and Western classes.

15. Abusive Treatment: Excessive use of whip or other abusive equipment on a horse, inside or outside the arena is forbidden, constitutes a violation under Chapter 7, and renders the offender subject to penalty. The show committee must bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition (See GR839) .

a. Judges must excuse from the ring any horse shown In Hand that possesses a whip mark or welt on any portion of the horse. The judge(s) finding of fact with respect to the presence or absence of a whip mark (welt) evident during a class shall be final.

b. A whip mark or welt shall be defined as an inflammation of skin resulting in a swelling, and in extreme cases, a laceration or abrasion.

16. Stallions may be exhibited by individuals in any class/discipline. Exception: Stallions are prohibited in Showmanship,

Walk/Trot Equitation and Lead Line classes.

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17. For protective headgear requirements and information please see GR801.2 through GR801.7.

18. The use of color changing products on purebred Friesians and Part-Bred Friesians in order to change the natural color variations such as brown or white on the mane, tail, head, body and/or legs/hooves shall result in elimination from the class.

19. The use of black or clear hoof polish is permissible.

20. Braiding exceptions should refer to each discipline section.

21. Purebreds should be shown in their natural splendor with full mane, tail and feathering.

22. Part-Breds should be shown in their natural splendor with full mane and tail. Part-Breds leg hair may be clipped from the back of the coronary line to the upper cannon bone.

23. In accordance with European standards, the Friesian horse is not required to be show clipped in order to be shown. Judges are not to penalize an unclipped horse. If a bridle path is clipped, it is recommended that it not exceed a maximum of two inches. No bridle path is preferred. The addition of supplemental hair in manes, tails or feathers shall be cause for disqualification from the class. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17

24. The use of glitter or other such exterior body products while showing is prohibited (Exception: Costume Classes).

25. The showing of Purebred and Part-Bred Friesians in the same class is not permitted. An exception to this rule can only be granted by IFSHA Board of Directors on a case by case basis. If such approval is granted, Purebred Friesians and Part-Bred Friesians shown in the same class must be judged and awarded separately just as if the class was conducted separately.

a. Exception: In Equitation and Showmanship Purebred and Part-bred horses may be judged in the same class.

SUBCHAPTER FR-2 IN HAND

FR105 Purebred Friesian

1. Purebred Friesians should be black, sun fading is permissible. Mares and geldings that are overall colored as chestnut or brown are permissible, though not desirable, and shall be penalized accordingly. Stallions that are overall colored as chestnut or brown shall be severely penalized. A small star on the forehead and obvious injury spots due to blanket or equipment rubs are permissible.

2. Height; the desired height for a mature purebred Friesian will range between 15.1 (equal to 155 cm)—17.3 (equal to

180 cm) hands. Deviation from the desired height shall not be penalized.

3. Horse should display feathering that is age appropriate. Lack of feathering shall not be penalized.

FR106 Part-Bred Friesian

1. No color preferences are given, nor should deviation from Purebred color standards be penalized. Part-Bred Friesians may come in various colors. Obvious injury spots due to blanket or equipment rubs are possible.

2. The overall presentation conformation should be correct and appealing to the judge.
3. Height; the mature Part-Bred Friesian may vary without penalty.
4. Feathering is not required; lack of feathering should not be penalized.

FR107 General.

1. All horses must be in compliance with Subchapter FR-1 General Qualifications and the following:

a. There shall be separate In Hand classes for Purebred and Part-Bred Friesian horses.

b. Horses should model with front legs square. Rear legs should be positioned either square or with one perpendicular to the ground and the other placed slightly behind to give a clear view of the hocks.

c. Part-Bred Friesians shall not be penalized for colors other than black.

d. Purebred and Part-Bred Friesian horses shall abide by the following guidelines for clipping:

1. Horses may be clipped over their muzzle, jaw, cheek bones and ears. They may only have guard hairs clipped around their eyes. Horses may have a maximum of a 2 inch bridle path clipped. Manes and tails shall not be clipped with the exception of banging the tail.

2. At no time shall the full feathers be clipped with the exception of clipping a small amount of pastern hair for the prevention of scratches. Clipping for the prevention of scratches shall not be penalized.

3. For Part-bred horses only, leg hair may be clipped from the back of the coronary line to the upper cannon bone.

4. In accordance with European standards, the Friesian horse is not required to be show clipped in order to be shown. Judges are not to penalize an unclipped horse. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17

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e. Specialty In Hand classes do not qualify for Championships.

f. Judges must excuse from the ring any horse or exhibitor who is unruly or may threaten or endanger others.

g. The braiding of manes is optional for In Hand, Specialty In Hand, Baroque classes, Dressage, and Sport Horse

In Hand classes and shall not be penalized.

h. Bandages of any kind are prohibited.

i. In classes with foals shown with their dams, each foal must have its own handler. At no time shall foals be allowed loose in the class.

j. Handlers & Whip Runners: Two people are allowed per horse. One must be a handler, the other as whip runner.

Each person may carry a whip (and/or the whip runner may carry one standard lunge whip). At no time may whips have any additional equipment attached to them (i.e. plastic bags, etc.). Use of bags and cans inside the arena is prohibited, and shall result in immediate dismissal from the arena. Treats are permissible in the arena.

In amateur classes, the handler must be an amateur.

k. Horses under the age of two must be shown in only in-hand classes with the exception of liberty classes.

FR108 Tack

1. All horses 2 and over may be shown in a suitable headstall with throatlatch or a bridle appropriate to the discipline they are competing in at the discretion of the handler.
2. All horses under 2 may not be shown in a bridle but must be shown in a suitable headstall with throatlatch.
3. A split or single chain lead may be used instead of a rein or in addition to reins; however a lead shank is required if reins are placed over the horse's neck and the handler must hold the shank.
4. Gag and twisted bits of any type are prohibited.

FR109 Attire

Attire at all levels of competition shall consist of the following: Pants, slacks or a jumpsuit. Denim other than white is not allowed. A polo or collared shirt with a tie, kerchief, bolo tie, brooch or pin. Appropriate sport shoes or boots are required. Sweaters, vests and coats are optional. Tuxedos may be worn for evening classes only. Farm logos of any kind are prohibited on attire or equipment.

FR110 Judging Criteria for In Hand and Specialty In Hand Classes.

Conformation & Movement: Refer to General Qualification Rules. Entries shall be judged 40% on conformation (presence, quality, type) and 60% on movement (natural to the horse). Artificial movement is to be severely penalized.

Genetic and/ or non-cosmetic structural defects are discouraged from In Hand and shall be severely penalized.

FR111 Class Specifications for In Hand and Specialty In Hand classes

1. IN HAND ON THE RAIL, Weanling Filly, Weanling Colt, Colt at 1 Year, Filly at 1 Year, Colt at 2 Years, Filly at 2

Years, Gelding, Mare, Stallion, Junior Horse, and Senior Horse classes will be judged 60% on movement and 40% on conformation.

2. AMATEUR, AMATEUR OWNER, MASTERS and JUNIOR EXHIBITOR classes. Horses will be judged 50% on movement, 40% on conformation and, 10% on manners.

3. GET OF SIRE or PRODUCE OF DAM classes. Horses will be judged 60% on reproductive likeness and 40% on conformation.

FR112 Presentation for In Hand Classes

1. In Hand Classes on the Rail - Entries shall enter single file counterclockwise at the trot. The entries will line up on the far rail in single file, nose to tail. Horses shall be presented individually to the judge for inspection. Handlers shall follow the judge's direction to present horses in both directions at the walk and trot. After individual

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© USEF 2018 791 presentation, each entry will return to line on the far rail for final presentation/judging.

2. Desired movement for Purebred and Part-bred Friesian horses:

The walk shall be relaxed, forward and balanced while over striding from the hindquarters.

a. Horses showing on the rail at the trot shall exhibit good impulsion and power from the hindquarters at the trot.

b. The trot shall show good suspension, while being balanced with even cadence in the stride.

c. Movement may either be long and low, or a more animated higher stride. Neither movement shall be penalized over the other.

FR133 Friesian Country English Pleasure Class Specifications

1. OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLIONS, MARES, GELDINGS. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. It is mandatory that horses be asked to halt on the rail, stand quietly, back, and walk

off on a loose rein at least one direction of the ring. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, type, quality and conformation, in that order. It is imperative that the horse give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride. A quiet, responsive mouth is paramount. High action and extreme speed must be penalized.

2. JUNIOR HORSE (three to five years of age). To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. It is mandatory that horses be asked to halt on the rail, stand quietly, back, and walk off on a loose rein at least one direction of the ring. To be shown in a light, show type bridle; either single curb or single snaffle, curb and snaffle or pelham bit. To be judged on attitude, manners, quality, type and performance, in that order. It is imperative that the horse give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride. A quiet, responsive mouth is paramount. High action and extreme speed must be penalized.

3. AMATEUR, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AMATEUR OWNER, ADULT AMATEUR, JUNIOR OWNER, LADIES, GENTLEMEN,

MASTERS.

To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. It is mandatory that horses be asked to halt on the rail, stand quietly, back, and walk off on a loose rein at least one direction of the ring. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, type, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider. It is

imperative that the horse give the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride. A quiet, responsive mouth is paramount. High action and extreme speed must be penalized.

SUBCHAPTER FR-6 ENGLISH PLEASURE—HUNT SEAT

FR134 General

1. All horses must adhere to rules in Subchapter FR1—General Qualifications.
2. Exhibitors shall enter at a trot in a counterclockwise direction. All horses shall be worked at all gaits (walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop) both ways of the ring. Horses entered in Junior Exhibitor Classes shall not be asked to hand gallop.
3. At the judge's discretion horses may be asked to extend any gait except in Junior Horse, Amateur Owner, and Junior Exhibitor classes.
4. In the lineup, horses must stand quietly and may be asked to back individually or as a group.
5. Light hand contact must be maintained.

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FR135 Tack

1. Bridle shall be Hunter Show type; either snaffle, Pelham, or Kimberwicke bit is acceptable. Full bridles of Hunter type are acceptable (curb and snaffle); however, excessive length of curb shall be penalized. Bridles intended for use specific to other disciplines (i.e. Dressage, Saddle Seat, Western Pleasure etc.) are not permitted. Browbands or cavessons other than Hunter type are not permitted. Saddle Seat style colored browbands/cavessons and/ or figure eight nosebands, drop or flash nosebands are not permitted. Martingales of any type, draw reins, artificial appliances, boots, and bandages are prohibited. Bit converter straps may only be used by Junior Exhibitors.

Hunting style breastplates are allowed, although there may be no martingale or draw rein type attachments used with the breastplate. A judge at his/her own discretion may penalize a horse with non-conventional types of bits or nosebands.

2. English Hunt, close contact, all-purpose, or sidesaddles are permitted.
3. Manes and tails may be braided, and braiding is encouraged, however unbraided manes and tails are not to be penalized.

FR136 Attire

1. Riders should wear coats of a traditional Hunt style. Coats should be of a conservative color (such as black, navy, or other dark customary colors) and of a material appropriate for area and season. Traditional light colored breeches or jodhpurs with black or brown boots should be worn. Gloves are optional. Traditional Hunt caps or safety helmets are to be worn. ASTM-SEI approved safety helmets may be worn by Junior riders and are recommended for all riders.

2. Unrowelled spurs, whips and/or crops are optional.
3. Shadbellys and top hats are not allowed. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17

FR137 Qualifying Gaits

1. Horses shall be shown at the walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop both ways of the arena. No more than 8 horses shall be asked to hand gallop at one time. Horses shown in Junior Exhibitor classes shall not be asked to hand gallop.
2. The horse should move freely forward with even, ground covering strides. The horse should exhibit a comfortable, balanced, consistent way of going while maintaining a frame suitable for a hunter.
3. Excessive speed at any gait will be severely penalized.

FR138 English Pleasure - Hunt Seat Class Specifications

1. In OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLION, MARE, and GELDING classes, horses will be judged on performance, manners, type, quality, and conformation except as noted below.
2. In AMATEUR, AMATEUR OWNER, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, MASTERS and JUNIOR EXHIBITOR classes, horses will be judged on manners, performance, type, quality, and conformation.
3. In JUNIOR HORSE classes, horses will be judged on quality, type, performance, conformation, and manners. A

Junior horse is one that is 3, 4, or 5 years old. SUBCHAPTER FR-19 WESTERN PLEASURE

FR189 General

1. All horses must adhere to rules in Subchapter FR1—General Qualifications.
2. Exhibitors shall enter the ring at the jog trot in a counterclockwise direction. Horses are to be shown at a walk, jog trot and lope both ways of the ring.
3. At the judge's discretion, horses may be asked to extend any gait except in Junior Horse, Amateur, Amateur Owner and Junior Exhibitor classes.
4. Horses are to be reversed to the inside (away from the rail) and will not be asked to reverse at the lope.
5. In the lineup, horses must stand quietly and may be asked to back individually or as a group.
6. Light hand contact with the horse's mouth must be maintained at all gaits without undue restraint.
7. Only one hand may be used around the reins, and hands must not be changed. Two hands may be used when a

Junior Horse is being shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore.

8. A natural head position is desired. A vertical head carriage not to be penalized.

FR190 Tack

1. Any Western type headstall without noseband in conjunction with any standard Western bit shall be allowed.

2. Bits: A standard Western bit is one that has a shank with a maximum overall length of 8 1/2 inches. The mouthpiece

shall consist of a metal bar which is from 3/8 inch to 3/4 inch in diameter, varying from the straight bar to a full spade.

Jointed mouthpieces are permitted. Flat leather chinstrap, other than the buckle(s), which must be at least 1/2 inch in width. Any device made of wire, metal or rawhide used in conjunction with or as part of leather chinstrap is prohibited.

Curb chains are also allowed and must be at least 1/2 inch in width and lie flat against the jaw. Hackamore or snaffle bits (smooth mouth) will be permitted on Junior Horses. Mechanical Hackamores are prohibited. Junior

Horses are permitted to show in all other Western classes with a snaffle bit or hackamore and riders may use two hands. Once a Junior Horse is shown in a standard Western bit, it may not go back and be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore in the Western division. A hackamore includes a bosal rounded in shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible non-metallic core attached to a suitable headstall.

3. Split reins or closed reins with romal are equally acceptable. Only one hand may be used on reins and hands must not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a Trail Horse Class. When split reins are used and the ends fall on the side of the reining hand, one finger between the reins is permitted. When using Romal or if the split reins fall

on the opposite side of the reining hand, no finger is allowed in between the reins. Rider may hold romal or ends of split reins to keep them from swinging and to adjust the position of the reins provided they are held with at least 16 inches of rein between the hands. When a hackamore is used, attached reins may be of hair, rope or leather.

4. Martingales or tie downs are prohibited.

5. Entries shall be shown with a stock saddle; silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Sidesaddles are also permitted with proper attire.

6. Whips are not allowed other than with a sidesaddle.

FR191 Attire

1. Riders shall wear Western hat, long-sleeved shirt with any type collar, trousers or pants (one piece long sleeved equitation suit is acceptable provided it includes a collar). Chaps, shotgun chaps, or chinks, and boots are required. A

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810 © USEF 2018 vest, jacket, coat, and/or sweater may also be worn. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty. (See GR801)

2. Spurs are optional. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17

FR192 Qualifying Gaits

1. Horses are to be shown at a walk, jog trot and lope with light contact to the horse's mouth both ways of the ring.

FR193 Western Pleasure Class Specifications

1. WESTERN PLEASURE, OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLION, MARE and GELDING classes will be judged on performance, manners, type, quality and conformation, except as noted below.

2. In AMATEUR, AMATEUR OWNER, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, MASTERS and JUNIOR EXHIBITOR classes, horses will be judged on manners, performance, type, quality and conformation.

3. In JUNIOR HORSE (3, 4, and 5 years old) classes, horses will be judged on quality, type, performance, conformation and manners.