

PSL DIVISION

PURA SANGUE LUSITANO

These classes are open to horses that are registered with IALHA (or registration pending) whose lineage can be documented to trace back completely to the Portuguese studbook in both the dam and sire lines. Only horses with a "P" after the registration numbers on the IAHLA papers are qualified to be show in these classes. Horses who are in IALHA registration pending status must have their documents available at the show for review.

LUSITANO SPECIALTY HALTER CLASSES: Horses may be shown in any type of show halter with throatlatch, American or Portuguese style. Mares and Fillies may be shown with manes and tails shaved or braided according to their age, or with a free flowing mane and tail. Handlers may wear Traditional Portuguese attire or neat conservative attire as described in the rules for the open Andalusian halter classes. Horses will be asked to stand for judging and to walk and trot. The pattern of presentation will be at the discretion of the judge. Horses are judged on the quality of their gaits and the conformation factors that are important for breeding good riding horses.

Lusitano Conformation Classes: These classes are open only to horses that are registered with the IALHA (or registration pending), or who can show papers that show pure Portuguese lineage can be documented to trace back completely to the Portuguese studbook in both the dam and sire lines. Only horses with a "P" after the registration numbers on their IALHA papers are qualified to be shown in these classes. Horses that are in IALHA registration pending status must have their documents available at the show for review. These classes will be divided into Fillies 3 years and under; Colts 3 years and under; Mares 4 years and over; Saddle Mares; Stallions 4 and 5 years old in hand and under saddle, and Stallions 6 years and over in hand and under saddle.

Lusitano Saddle Mares: shall be shown under the same tack and attire and performance rules as the Stallion class rules listed below. The mares will be shown at the walk, trot and canter. The Saddle Mare Class is NOT also an in-hand class. Mares must be 3 years or older. Mares are to be judged on their suitability as riding horses and the quality of their gaits under saddle.

Lusitano Saddle geldings: shall be shown under the same tack and attire and performance rules as the Stallion class rules listed below. The gelding will be shown at the walk, trot and canter. The Saddle Gelding Class is NOT also an in-hand class. Geldings must be 3 years or older. Geldings are to be judged on their suitability as riding horses and the quality of their gaits under saddle.

Lusitano Stallion Specialty Class Rules:

A) Stallions will be presented first under saddle in a group on the rail, and then individually at the discretion of the judge. They will be expected to show the walk, trot and canter in both directions. They will then be stripped in the ring and presented in hand. The rider and the in-hand presenter may be two different people.

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B) The following types of tack and attire are allowed: Traditional Portuguese, Dressage/Hunt Seat or conservative Western Stock style. Tack and attire must match and not be a mix of styles, i.e. no dressage saddle with Portuguese attire. Horses must be shown in the appropriate bit for the tack style selected. No martingales, leg wraps or boots allowed. No Spanish tack/costume or Saddle Seat tack/costume allowed. Stallions may be shown with braided or unbraided manes and tails. No artificial training or performance devices may be used such as tongue ties or ear plugs, etc.

C) The in-hand presenter, if a different person than the rider, must wear either Traditional Portuguese attire or neat conservative attire as described in the open Andalusian Halter rules.

D) Horses will be shown in hand in a halter or bridle. The halter may be any commonly accepted show type with throat-latch, Portuguese or American style.

E) The pattern used when showing in hand will be at the discretion of the judge. Commonly the horses are stood up in a relaxed, natural manner and inspected by the judge.

F) Quality of gaits and conformation factors that are important for breeding good riding horses are key elements in the judging of this class. The judge has sole discretion in decisions pertaining to the above rules or any other issues that may arise pertaining to tack, attire, safety or performance.