

Horsemanship judging includes:

- Control of the contestant's mount and the way she handles any situation which may occur.
- Balance of the ability to sit properly in the saddle.
- Positions, positioning of hands and feet.
- Knowledge and execution of leads, backing and sliding stops.
- Mount and dismount. "Queen Mounts" are acceptable, however not required, and should only be done if they are done properly.
- Horsemanship interview: knowledge, ability to answer questions, delivery, and grammar.
- Tack: proper fit, cleanliness, and knowledge of purpose. All tack should be clean and in good working order - any safety issues with tack will be grounds for disqualification.
- Contestants will be allowed to use spurs, or other aids, if used properly during the horsemanship phase of the completion. Tack which is standard for the contestant's horse (i.e., tie-downs) will be allowed.
- **Queens run:** Smile, salute, speed, and control.
- **Flag run:** Carry flag horseback, smile, speed, and control.