**General Showing Guidelines – Ridden**

**Before the Show**

* Get horse/pony as clean as possible
* Prepare an individual show (including walk, trot and canter on both reins and a figure of eight/change of rein, gallop down the long side)
* Practise before going in the ring
* Practise getting your horse to stand still and square

**At the Show/In the Class**

* The ring steward will let you in the ring.
* As a group walk, trot then canter on one rein.
* As a group you will normally then come back to trot, change rein, and canter on as a group again.
* Then back to walk and either will be told to line up any order or pulled in in initial places.
* One by one the judge will ask you to bring you horse forward. You may be asked questions such as how old the horse is, breed and what you do with him.
* Whilst the judge is asking questions get your horse to be standing square – this is where the judge will have a good look at it
* When they’ve seen enough they will ask you to start your individual show
* When everyone’s been judged individually you may then be asked to walk around the ring again while the judge makes his mind up.
* Then the judge will pull you in in the order of placing, i.e. the first competitor gets pulled in first.
* Sample Individual Show - walk out of line and normally will face right, stand up in front of judge, (say good morning!) When judge is ready, walk away. I normally walk for a few paces, then into trot (as if on the long side) then continue (as if around a school) down the next long side, canter right in corner, half circle, trot across diagonal, then canter left half circle, extend along the back (or front) depending which way you are facing.  
  Halt, salute, back into line.



**What to Wear**

**Horse**

* Snaffle Bridle or Double Bridle (depending on class)
* No boots/bandages
* numnah's are permitted but must be fitted and blend in to saddle i.e. black or brown Plaited/trimmed if required (depends on breed/class)

**Rider**

* Beige/Canary Yellow Jodhpurs
* Tweed jacket for mountain and moorland ridden and black or blue for horses
* Shirt and tie
* Velvet hat (or velvet hat silk)
* Long hair tied back
* Long Riding Boots (jodhpur boots & clips for children)
* Show cane (optional)
* Brown gloves (optional)

**Please note each judge will judge slightly differently, so please use this as a guideline only.**