

# **How to Show Model Horses**

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# Model Horse Showing

How do you show model horses?

# Getting Started

First you need a model horse.

There are a few different kinds of commercially available model horses.

Breyer, Peter Stone, Hartland, are the most common. There are also horses made of China, rubber or resin.



## **Leg tags**

Each horse gets a leg tag so the judge knows who owns the model. One side gets an exhibitor number, the other will have the horse's name and breed.

# Original Finish (OF)

- Original finish models are mass produced.
- They must be kept in their original factory condition to show as OF.
- They are readily available at toy, tack and online stores.



# Customized models (CM)

- Original models can be altered by painting, repositioning and adding real hair.
- CM models are one-of-a-kind.
- Many are portraits of real horses.



# Model Horse Show Classes

- Halter Classes
- Halters are not required but if used must be the right kind and fit well.
- Classes may be divided by breed, color, gender, age depicted, type, brand, finish and/or scale.
- Each horse may only be entered in one breed class.



# Performance classes



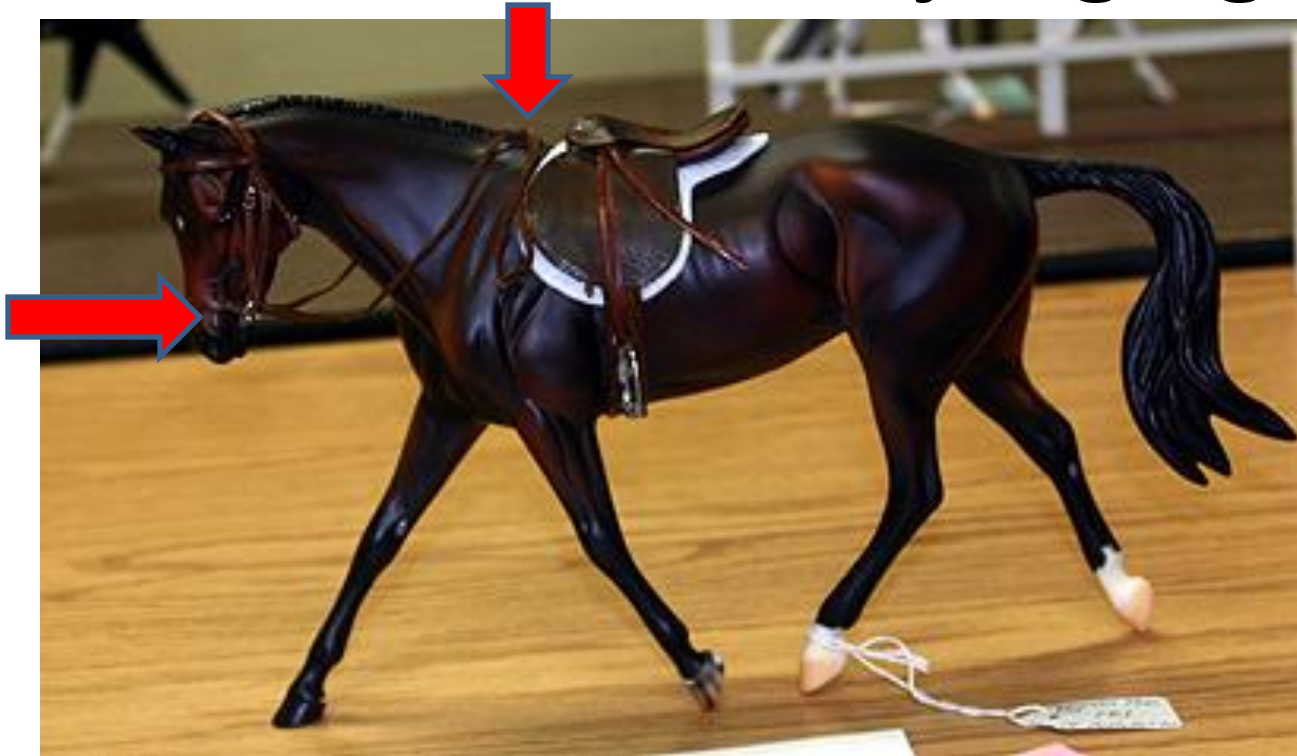
- Tack is required.
- Tack must fit properly and be appropriate for the event depicted.
- Backdrops and props may be added.
- Horses may enter several different performance classes.

# What are models judged on?

- Original finish models are judged on quality and condition.
- Scratches, dirt, breaks will count against a model.
- Factory flaws will also count against a model.
- Old models in good condition will do well.



# Performance class judging



- Tack must be proper for the event.
- Bits must be in the corners of the horses mouth.
- Rein placement , tack fit and placement is important.
- The idea is to make it look as real as possible.

# Getting the show on the table

- When the judge calls the class, everyone places their horse on the table.
- Respect other showers, don't move their models or crowd them.
- When the judge says "class closed" move away and let them work.



# Who wins?

- The judge will look at every entry.
- When they decide the winners they will place the ribbon by the horse.
- The judge will say, “the class is placed” and then everyone picks up their horses.



# Halter Championships



- When all the halter classes are judged, the first and second placed models are then judged against each other for the championship.

# Collectors Classes



- Collectors classes are judged as a group.
- The collections usually follow a theme such as color, mold, breed or how the models were acquired.



## Collector Class

Stablemates

# County Herd Class at the State Show



# Creative Scene



- Some classes are judged on the scenes, realistic or imaginary.

# Creative Scene



# Showmanship



# Explanation cards



- Write an explanation of what the horse is doing and place it by your entry.

Costume  
Class:  
Circus



# Performance: Trail



# Original Finish Quarter Horses



Costume  
Class:  
Native  
American



# Harness



# Western Games



# Western Riding



# Collectibility



Collectible models may be unrealistic colors

# Dressage



# Western parade



# Cross Country



# Teeny Weeny Class



# Arabian native costume



# Show jumping



# Customized



# Dressage (customized model)



# China



You may lay delicate models down to prevent them from getting broken.

# Customized

This model  
won champion.



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