

Show Ring Savvy - Answers:

1. In the hunter ring, the course identifies a line in 72feet. How many horse strides should be taken between these two jumps?

Correct answer is 5 strides. This of course is a rule of thumb. This makes an assumption the stride is based on a 12 foot stride.

2. When entering the hunter ring you are being judged from:
from the time the horse enters the ring to the time the horse leaves the ring. Sometimes, however, judges can be lenient with younger, green classes and may 'forgive' a young horse if they play during the opening circle.

3. The following items are permitted in the hunter ring:
martingale, riding crop and full cheek bit are permitted.
Brushing boots are NOT permitted in the hunter ring unless show management approves it.

4. Choose the following items which are NOT allowed in the hunter ring.
Drop noseband is NOT permitted.

5. The judge rewards horses for jumping well and in good form. Rate these penalties from worst score to best score:

Worst - Elimination - falling off during the round

Next Worse - breaking to a trot while on course

Next Worse - keeping the wrong lead around the corner of the ring

Next Worse - adding a stride in a line of fences