

# Working Hunter



## What is working hunter?

A Working Hunter competition is designed to test the versatility and aptitude for traditional hunting (i.e. it's strong, powerful and can actually jump). These classes are judged over three phases; jumping, flatwork and conformation. All three phases will take place in the top arena, each rider completing their jumping round then performing their show before they leave the arena.

Pony and rider should be going forward in a well-balanced rhythmical canter, meeting each fence without breaking strides. Ponies should prick their ears and be seen to attack their fence.

The class is scored as follows; In the first phase each fence is marked out of 10 and a way of going mark out of 20, awarded at the end of the jumping.

The second (flat) phase is broken into manners, performance, movement, conformation (all ten marks each) and type (five marks)

A simple show piece could include;

Walk away from the judge, trot back, commence a figure of 8 in trot. On the second half of the figure of 8, pick up canter. Come back to trot across the diagonal and pick up canter on the other lead. Showing some extension in canter is optional. Come back to trot, walk and halt. Salute and thank your judge.

Some useful information and videos can be found here;

<http://theshowingregister.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/WH-Sheet.pdf>

<https://youtu.be/7hhXMh2VCog>

<https://youtu.be/U7UZsmUMIEk>