

2018 Grand Championship Class Descriptions

Championships

There are no fees for championship classes for current CFTA members. Nonmembers may compete in a championship class by paying a \$25 membership fee. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to let the entry booth know which championship class you are entering once you have qualified. If you want to compete in a particular championship, make sure you compete in a class that rolls up to that championship. **Champions & Reserve Champions will receive a special award.**

To make sure one horse doesn't win it all (not fun if you are everyone else), horses may only compete in one performance championship except as noted under Grand Champion Junior Rider. A horse, may compete in both model and performance championship classes as well as compete for the versatility grand championship.

Grand Champion Junior Model (Class 2)

Top 5 from these classes may compete in this championship:

- 1a. MFT Model Weanlings and Yearlings
- 1b. MFT Model 2 Year Olds

Grand Champion Senior Model (Class 5)

Top 5 from these classes may compete in this championship:

- 3. MFT Mares - 3 Years & Older
- 4. MFT Stallions & Geldings - 3 Years & Older

Grand Champion Versatility Horse

This championship is open to horses of any breed and is awarded to the Horse earning the most points throughout the day in versatility classes. To be eligible, a horse must place in a minimum of three of the classes listed below. The top five horses will receive championship ribbons prior to the start of the championship classes. (Fox Trotters may compete for this award as well as in a performance championship class.)

- Any Model Class: Classes 1, 3 or 4
- 6. Any Breed Showmanship
- 7. Any Breed, Any Age In Hand Trail
- 8. Any Breed Open Trail Pleasure
- 9. Any Breed Western Pleasure
- 11. Any Breed Equitation
- 27. Any Breed English Pleasure
- 28. Any Breed Country Pleasure

Points are based on the number of horses in each class:

1 horse: 1st = 1 point

2 horses: 1st = 2 points, 2nd = 1 point

3 horses: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point

4 horses: 1st = 4 pts, 2nd = 3 pts, 3rd = 2 pts, 4th = 1 pt

5 horses: 1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 4 pts, 3rd = 3 pts, 4th = 2 pts, 5th = 1 pt

Grand Champion Junior Rider (Class 29)

Riders 17 and under may compete for this award if they rode a horse that placed 1st through 5th in either:

- 20. MFT Youth Fox Trot – 17 and under
- 20a. and 20b. if class 20 is split

A horse that qualifies for this class may be shown in one other performance championship class if it qualifies.

Grand Champion Two Gait Horse (Class 30)

This championship is meant for Horse and Rider teams that have not won a previous CFTA Grand Championship in Performance. It is also for amateur or open riders that are riding a young (2 or 3 year old) or novice horse. Horses placing 1st thru 5th in the following classes may compete for this championship award:

- 12. MFT Novice Amateur Rider
- 14. MFT Amateur Owned & Trained
- 16. MFT Novice Horse
- 17. Cal Bred
- 18. MFT Amateur Fox Trot - 4 Years & Older
- 23. MFT Novice Horse & Rider
- 24. MFT Open Fox Trot - 2 & 3 Year Olds

Grand Champion 2-Gait Senior Horse (Class 31)

This is the grand championship for 2-gait senior horses, which have placed 1st thru 5th in the classes below. All horses 4 years & older, including previous CFTA Grand Champion Performance winners, either open or amateur, may compete for this recognition.

- 10. MFT Vintage (Senior) Riders 50 & Older
- 11. Equitation
- 13. MFT Open Fox Trot - Open Ladies
- 21. MFT Open Fox Trot - Open Gentlemen
- 22. MFT Open Fox Trot - 4 Years and Older
- 25. MFT Owner to Ride

Plus top 5 horses of 14, 17 & 18 who have won a previous CFTA Grand Championship in performance

Grand Champion 3-Gait Senior Horse (Class 32)

The top 5 horses from our 3-gait class may compete for this coveted grand championship:

- 26. MFT Open Fox Trot – 4 Years & Older – Will Canter

Horses of Any Breed – At this time, our championship classes are for fox trotters only, except for the versatility championship which is based on points. **Horses of any breed are welcome to compete for the title of Grand Champion Versatility Horse.**