

THE ELEGANCE OF PASO FINO COMPETITION DRESS CODE

TRADITION • PROFESSIONALISM • PRESENTATION

In Paso Fino competition, attire is more than clothing; it reflects the elegance, heritage, and professionalism of the breed.

Every division has specific dress requirements designed to maintain a polished appearance while keeping the horse the center of attention.

Across all divisions, exhibitors should focus on a conservative, tasteful, and well-fitted presentation.

CONSERVATIVE MEANS ELEGANT

The Paso Fino rulebook emphasizes conservative styling and discourages excessive decoration or flashy materials.

APPROPRIATE / CONSERVATIVE COLORS INCLUDE:

- Black
- Navy
- Brown
- Gray
- Burgundy
- Dark green
- Neutral tones



NOT Considered Conservative:

- Neon or extremely bright colors
- Reflective fabrics
- Heavy glitter or sequins
- Excessive rhinestones or “bling”
- Distracting shiny materials



The goal is to enhance the horse's presentation without overshadowing it.

Official Paso Fino Show Costume

Used In: Classic Fino · Bellas Formas · Equitation ·
Horsemanship · Paso Performance

The official Paso Fino show costume reflects the traditional elegance of the breed and should always appear refined and professional.

OFFICIAL CUSTOM

CLASSIC FINO • BELLAS FORMAS EQUITATION • HORSEMANSHIP



- Spanish-style hat
- Long-sleeved fitted jacket
- Full-length pants or jumpsuit
- Conservative styling and colors

PASO PERFORMANCE



Tasteful accents may be acceptable, but overall appearance should remain elegant and balanced.

NOT PERMITTED:

- Jeans
- Baseball caps
- Sneakers
- Glitter or reflective decoration



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ENGLISH / PLANTATION STYLE

Used In: Paso Pleasure • Country Pleasure • Trail Pleasure • Versatility • Driving

English and Plantation attire offer a more classic equestrian appearance while maintaining Paso Fino tradition.

COMMON ATTIRE INCLUDES:

- Tailored jackets or vests
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Breeches, jodhpurs, culottes, skirts, or full-length pants
- English riding boots or approved paddock boots

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Reflective accents should remain minimal
- Western footwear is not allowed in English divisions
- Clothing should remain polished and conservative

WESTERN, PASO COSTUME & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

WESTERN SHOW ATTIRE

Used In:

Western Pleasure • Trail • Country Pleasure • Paso Pleasure

Western attire should maintain a clean, professional Western appearance while avoiding excessive decoration.

STANDARD WESTERN ATTIRE:

- Western hat
- Western shirt
- Trousers or western pants
- Western boots
- Optional jacket or vest

EXCEPTIONS:

Chaps or chinks may be optional in some Paso Pleasure classes.

AVOID:

- Excessive rhinestones
- Heavy glitter
- Overly flashy designs
- Distracting reflective materials



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PASO COSTUME CLASS

The Paso Costume division celebrates the historical and cultural roots of the Paso Fino breed.

GUIDELINES:

- Attire should reflect Spanish or Latin American heritage
- Traditional styling is encouraged
- No specific country representation is required



International Equitation

International Equitation requires a simple, formal appearance.

STANDARD REQUIREMENTS:

- White or cream hat with black or white ribbon
- Black jacket
- Black trousers
- Black boots

Professionalism and simplicity are strongly emphasized in this division.



FOOTWEAR GUIDELINES

Laced or zipped paddock boots, lacers, or elastic-sided jodhpur boots are allowable when English tack is required as long as they have a rounded toe, are plain in color, have no fringes or tassels, and conform to the heel requirement.

Laced paddock boots are not allowed in classes calling for Western attire.

Allowed in Paso Pleasure if other than Western attire is worn.

APPROVED FOOTWEAR:

- English riding boots (with a rounded toe and distinguished heel)
- Paddock boots
- Jodhpur boots
- Western boots (western divisions only)



NOT ALLOWED:

- Sneakers
- Casual footwear
- Decorative western-style heels in English classes



HELMET & SAFETY RULES

ASTM/SEI-certified helmets are approved for competition use and may be worn instead of traditional hats where permitted.

HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR:

- Riders 12 years old and under
- Classes involving jumping



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Decorated or heavily embellished helmets may violate conservative appearance standards.

