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STANDARD BRED STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Through breeding the perfect racehorse, the characteristics of the breed has altered somewhat with the strong American influence introduced into our breeding program. This has enabled the breed to produce faster times and better performances on the track.

All halter horses should be judged according to the characteristics required of its breed. E.g. A racing proposition, suitable for performance on the racetrack.

The Standardbred can range from 14 hands to over 16 hands in height. Body types will vary between stocky and athletic. Colours range from black, bay, chestnut, grey and broken colours. Individuals should not be differentiated by height or colour as these are not detrimental features of the breed to perform

The Standardbred should have a neat but strong head with a bright eye, which are well spaced. Have a good depth and width of chest, a deep and powerful line of shoulder with a well-covered and strong wither running nice and evenly into the neck. The body should be evenly balanced, stand over a good amount of ground with a good length of back. The hindquarter should be well muscled and in proportion to the shoulder. They should stand wide through the chest and the legs should be straight, with a good knee and fetlock. Feet should be well sized in comparison to the legs and evenly balanced.

Movement should be even and balanced but ground covering through the walk and trot. Strong movement from the shoulder and equally robust drive from behind is a desired trait. A good strong even length of stride with no wasted action is preferred. All movement should be straight and clean. Front legs should move through cleanly with no flicking inwards or paddling as these are detrimental to being tractable around a racetrack.

RIDDEN STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

The judging of the breed under saddle should be as that of any Open Hack class.

Intermediate Classification is for all horses coming out of the Walk/Trot ring or any horse in the first year's competing at canter level. These classes are designed for the horses in the process of mastering the gaits, transitions and outlines of an Open Hack. It is expected some of the horses will be quite green but we encourage people to move their horses into this class to gain experience. Horses may be at different levels of education but we encourage you to reward the horses that are capable of displaying even and correct gaits and transitions with a consistent outline.

The Open horse must carry itself correctly in all gaits and must not travel behind the bit. Workouts should include a lengthening at the trot and canter and an in hand gallop can be asked for if desired for the Hunter Hacks. Horses competing at this level are expected to work without faults. Correct gaits are paramount throughout the workouts.

The ridden horse should display qualities of a show horse and work forward with flare, exuberance but softness and obedience to the rider at all times. The pacing gait is not desirable at either of these levels.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Judging of a Best Presented class should be on both horse and handler. Horses must be presented with a healthy clean coat, tail and mane with all the finer details of presentation covered. Plaits must be neat and braided or pulled tails. Colts and stallions maybe left unplaited. Ears can be neatened, inner ear hair and all sensory facial hairs **must not be removed or trimmed.**

Female handlers can be dressed in either pants or a skirt with a matching or co-ordinate jacket or waistcoat. A suitable undergarment (blouse, shirt etc) should be worn. Stocks are optional but under no circumstances are see through garments or exposed midriiffs or cleavages acceptable. Males can be presented in pants, shirt, tie, waistcoat or jacket. Alternatively English ridden attire can be also worn. Hats, gloves and whips/canes are compulsory in a Best Presented class. Footwear should be clean.

Bridles should be of a good quality, clean and good fit. All buckles should be clean and shiny, with straps in keepers. Bits should be clean and brow bands to match the handler's outfit. The overall image should be picture perfect with horse and handler color co-ordinates complimenting each other in every detail.

Turnout classes should again have the rider and horse presented as a picture. A good quality and clean saddle and bridle along with the rider dressed in jacket, vest, stock or tie, light colored jodhpurs or breeches, approved helmet and gloves. Boots must be clean.

WHISKER REMOVAL RULING

Any competitor who presents a Standardbred to any class with be rejected entry to the ring if this ruling has been breached. It will be a condition of entry provided on the program that will be signed by the exhibitor that you will abide by any SPPHAWA ruling. No refunds will apply if entry to compete is denied.

