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STANDBRED STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Through breeding the perfect racehorse, the characteristics of the breed has altered somewhat with the breed becoming more refined and elegant over the years due to 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.

A Standardbred should have a well-proportioned body, have a good depth and width of chest, a deep and powerful line of shoulder with an equally proportioned and well-muscled hindquarter and can range from 14 hands to over 16 hands in height. Colors range from black, bay, chestnut, grey and broken colors. The Standardbred should have a neat but strong head with a bright eye, which are well spaced. Body types will vary between stocky and athletic. They should stand wide through the chest and the legs should be straight (not base narrow) and with a good knee and fetlock, as without straight legs racing & soundness would be difficult. The Standardbred should stand over a good amount of ground, with a good length of back. The back should be well muscled with a well-covered and strong wither running nice and evenly into the neck.

The Standardbred should have a well-balanced but ground covering trot, with strong movement from the shoulder and equally robust drive from behind, as this is where the power comes from. All movement should be straight and clean. A good strong even length of stride with no wasted action is preferred and the hind legs should track up strongly. Horses should carry a well-rounded outline throughout the workout.

RIDDEN STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Walk/Trot Ridden

Walk\trot is the opening phase for horses to begin their saddle career to adjust to working with other horses. All horses should be ridden in a snaffle bridle.

Workouts should consist of walk and trot only with the option of halt and rein-back. A true lengthen at the trot is not preferred however a change in variance by asking for working trot and a more forward (strong) trot is advised. The ideal is looking for a horse that can display soft and balanced paces whilst holding a neat frame, not below the bridle. The horse should be soft, willing and show suppleness in readiness to begin the transition into canter for future.

Intermediate Ridden

Intermediate horses have advanced from the Walk\trot ring so it is expected some of the horses may still be quite green. This section is here for the paces and transitions to be improved and controlled.

Whilst horses may be at different levels of education, we encourage horses that are capable of displaying even and correct gates and transitions with a consistent outline. Pacing is not desirable but may be evident slightly in downward transitions.

Open Ridden

Open horses have been graded into this section by the Showing Committee. Horses are eligible to wear pelham\double bridles.

The Open horse must carry itself correctly in all gaits, must not travel behind or above the bridle. Workouts can include a lengthening at the trot and canter, an in-hand gallop can be asked for in the hunter class. Horses competing at this level are expected to be capable of simple changes or changes through the walk. Correct gaits are paramount through workouts, pacing is not desirable and should be marked down.

Overall, in every section the ridden Standardbred should display saddle horse qualities and work forward with flare, exuberance but softness and obedience to the rider at all times.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

LED HORSE PRESENTATION:

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. Hats, gloves and whips/canes are compulsory in a Best Presented class. Bridles should be of a good quality, clean and good fit. All buckles should be clean and shiny, with straps in keepers. The overall image should be picture perfect with horse and handler complimenting each other.

All horses must be presented in a show bridle with reins or lead with the exception of Junior Fillies or Geldings under the age of 3, who may use a Show Halter. Regular Halters are not permitted. Plating is optional for Colts/Stallions, Juniors or any Sporthorse discipline that does not require plaiting of horses. Mares and geldings must have plaited/hog manes with tails plaited, shaved or pulled. Partbreds must be plaited or banded. Colts/Stallions over 2yrs of age must be bitted and handler carry a whip at all times. *No junior is permitted to ride, handle or be responsible for the care of a Colt\Stallion.* Whips are not to be used in handler classes and must not exceed 120cm.

HANDLER PRESENTATION:

Handlers must be dressed in suitable attire to run and handle a horse. No see-through or revealing clothing to be worn. Preferably suits, pants or skirt, shirt/blouse, a suitable dress or ridden attire with a hat and gloves. Fully covered shoes must be worn, jeans and joggers are not permitted.

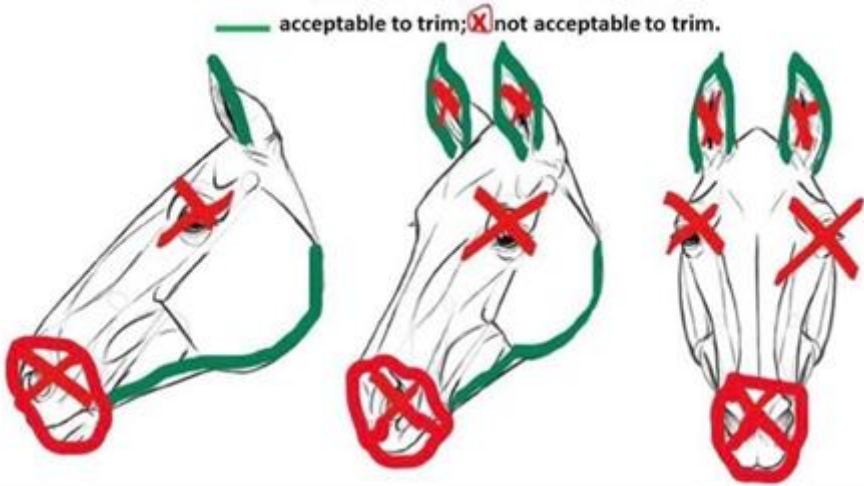
RIDDEN PRESENTATION:

Horse presentation is that of Led horses with the exception that all horses must be plaited. Jacket, stock/tie, vest, breeches, boots, gloves should be clean and color coordinated to match horse. Helmets must comply with current guidelines. Junior riders are not permitted to use long boots in their rider classes. Whips must not exceed 75cm. Number holders are optional but preferred. Bitless bridles are not accepted.

Please see pages 18-20 of our [Track to Hack Show](#) Guide for all handler and rider presentation guidelines.

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 bythe exhibitor that you will adibe by any SPPHAWA ruling. No refunds will apply if entry to compete is denied.



HARNESS STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

HARNESS: (Rules according to Carriage Driving Society for Standardbreds)

Race Cart Classes - Horses must be presented in a race sulky only with plaited manes, tails left free and no quarter markers. The gear required is bridle fitted with standard block blinkers or Carriage driving blinkers, crupper, racing saddle (tie down or quick hitch acceptable) driving reins, breast plate. Dress code is the same as Led classes with the exception of skirts/dresses and definitely no racing colors or helmets. If a handler is required they too must be dressed suitably. **Junior drivers must wear an approved helmet, be assisted by a handler and they must also be suitably attired.**

Carriage Classes - Horses must be presented in a carriage only. General Carriage Driving rules apply.