



**Alberta Horse Improvement Program Association**

## **2006 ALBERTA HORSE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2006**

**Cow Palace, Olds, AB**

Alberta Arabian, Morgan, Appaloosa and Quarter Horse breeders in co-operation with the Ag-Industry Commercialization-Horse Programs of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AAFRD), have planned the Horse Improvement Program.

The basic principle is to identify superior animals within each breed with the major criteria for selection being form (conformation) as related to function (performance), with major emphasis on the athletic ability of the horse.

The objectives are to:

- ◆ improve the quality of Alberta-bred horses;
- ◆ identify and advertise superior horses and breeders in the province; and
- ◆ establish markets for Alberta-bred horses.

### **2006 Alberta Horse Improvement Committee**

Les Burwash, AAFRD Manager, Horse Programs .....(403) 948-8541  
Vern Baron, Morgan Representative .....(403) 782-3856  
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Chris Ullman, Appaloosa Representative .....(403) 350-6349  
Ann de St. Remy, Secretary/Treasurer... .....(403) 782-3856

### **Location**

The program will be held at the Cow Palace in Olds, Alberta.

### **Stabling**

Stabling is available upon request at a rate of \$30.00 per stall. Stalls will be available from 4 p.m. Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> until 8:00p.m. Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The stalls will be bedded when you arrive. Extra shavings will be available. Complete the stabling portion of the entry form to indicate stabling requirements. Stabling not requested by September 8, 2006 will not be guaranteed. If you are arriving before 4 p.m. on Friday, you will need to make arrangements directly with the Olds Agricultural Society's office (403) 556-3770.

### **Arena Time**

The Cow Palace will be available for riding the evening of Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The arena will also be open for riding from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., and at the lunch break on Saturday.

### **Wash Facilities**

Inside wash facilities are inside the Cow Palace and are free of charge.

### **Accommodation and Concession**

There are a limited number of plug-ins available on the Olds Agricultural Society grounds for \$5.00 per night. Camping on the in-field without power is free.

The O.R. Hedges Campground, operated by the Olds Lions Club, is opposite the Cow Palace. A campground is available that has sites with power and water for approximately \$20 per night, phone (403) 556-5900.

There are a number of hotels and motels in Olds contact information for some of them follow: Best Western Inn, 4520 – 46St. Phone (403) 556-5900; Siesta Motel, 5218 – 46 St., phone (403) 556-3376; The Sportsman Inn Motel, 5622 – 46 St., phone (403) 556-3315.

A concession booth in the Cow Palace will be open on Saturday.

### **Certification Procedure**

Three evaluators will assess the conformation of yearling and 2-year-old horse entries, separately, and an average score will be determined for all breeds except the Quarter Horse. For the Quarter Horse yearling and 2-year-old classes, three judges will come to a consensus score for each horse.

Conformation of the horses entered in the Performance Classes will be evaluated by the veterinarian immediately after the horse has performed the prescribed pattern. Movement, formerly scored by the veterinarian, will be scored separately by two Judges. This score will be assessed while the horse is either under saddle or being driven during the pattern or at the end of the performance pattern. Performance patterns will be evaluated by two Judges and an average score determined. The final score in the Performance classes will be based on a combination of performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

Horses achieving an evaluation score of 75 to 84 will be designated as a Classic Alberta Bred. Horses achieving an evaluation score of 85 or more will be designated as a Premium Alberta Bred. Horses can achieve Supreme Alberta Bred recognition by being classified as a Classic or Premium horse as a yearling and/or two-year-old plus a Premium classification in performance.

### **Evaluators/Officials**

Mr. Lyle Jackson–Cochrane, AB

Lyle has spent 30 years in the Quarter Horse industry as a trainer and 15 years as a judge. He holds judges cards for the NRCHA, AQHA, NRHA (FEI) and APHA. Lyle has as judged international shows in Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Czech Republic, Australia, United States, Canada and France. He has shown in almost every western discipline, specializing now in Reining and Working Cow Horse. At the International level winning International Championships, National championships. Multiple NRHA Bronze Trophies, and has had Reining Futurity, Derby and Maturity winners. Lyle currently sits on the Professional Horseman's committee for the American Quarter Horse Association and the Executive Board of Reining Canada.

Ms. Donna Kavanaugh – Calgary, AB

Donna is a lifelong horse person who has been showing horses since the age of 6. Her earlier years were spent showing Thoroughbreds & Warmbloods on the Open Hunter & Dressage circuit. Donna began training professionally in 1997 and is an active trainer, coach & exhibitor in Hunter, Jumper, Western Pleasure, Trail, Show Hack, Dressage, Country/English Pleasure, and Halter. Donna holds an AHA Judging card. Being a judge is an essential part of Donna's commitment to continued excellence as an equine professional.

Dr. Roxanne (Roxy) Bell – Wetaskiwin, AB

Dr. Bell graduated from the Western School of Veterinary Medicine in 1975. She has been involved in equine research and is now has an active veterinary medicine practice with her husband David. D&R Veterinary Services Ltd. focuses on equines. Dr. Bell is very familiar with form-to-function evaluation programs as she is a sport horse breeder. She has served as an evaluator for the Horse Improvement Program on several other occasions.

Stock horse type Judge – TBA

### **STEWARD**

Ms. Joanne Wright, Olds, AB

### **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Jeremy Ullmann, Red Deer, AB

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Entry forms must be received by the Entry Secretary no later than September 8, 2006. Entries received after the closing date will be charged at \$10.00 late fee the day of the evaluation.

The entry form must include:

✓ the completed entry form

- ✓ a copy of the registration papers
- ✓ appropriate class entry fee. The cheque made payable to the Alberta Horse Improvement Program
- ✓ no post-dated cheques accepted
- ✓ stabling fee if required (\$30.00 per stall)

- ✓ one owner per entry form

**NOTE:**

- ✓ **The fee for evaluation of Arabians, Partbred Arabians, Morgans and Part Morgans is \$30.00.**
  - ✓ **The evaluation fee for current Members of the Appaloosa Horse Association of Alberta (AHAA) is \$30.00. The fee for non-AHAA members is \$50.00.**
  - ✓ **The evaluation fee for current Quarter Horse Breeders Group (AQHBG) is \$30.00. The fee for non-AQHBG is \$50.00.**
  - ✓ **The evaluation fee for Other Registered Light Horse and Pony Breeds is \$50.00**
  - ✓ **Telephone entries will not be accepted.**
  - ✓ **Exhibitors requiring stabling before 4 p.m. on Friday or overnight on Saturday must make arrangements directly with Olds Agricultural Society staff at (403) 556-3770, prior to arrival.**
2. All horses entered must have been foaled from a mare owned by an Alberta resident at the time of foaling. The Sire and Dam may have been born outside of Alberta. A lease is considered the same as ownership provided the lease agreement is recognized by the breed registry.
  3. All horses shown must be registered within the recognized breed or registry of the class entered. No cross-entering of classes i.e. Partbred Arabian and Partbred Morgan is allowed. Photocopies of registration papers must accompany the entry forms. Canadian registration papers must accompany entries for all horses registered in a Canadian registry.
  4. No horse shall be shown if it has been administered (in any manner) a forbidden substance. Forbidden substances include any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, local anaesthetic or masking agent which might affect the performance of a horse. Urine and/or blood tests may be conducted. Disciplinary action may include return of awards and suspension from future evaluations and nullification of any classification.
  5. Any horse artificially, improperly or unfairly prepared or shown in the judgement of the Steward will be disqualified. (Horses suspected of being gingered in the opinion of the Steward will be disqualified).
  6. Exhibitors must wear the correct number of the horse entered.
  7. The age of the horse will be that accepted by the respective breed association.
  8. The patterns for the performance tests are designed by breed representatives to demonstrate basic training and versatility of the young horse. Emphasis is on correct movements, horses will be discounted rather than disqualified for going off pattern.
  9. Performance classes may be entered each year the horse is in that age group.
  10. No entry fee will be refunded except on receipt of a veterinarian's Certificate, which is required and must be presented to the Evaluation Secretary no later than 8 p.m. Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. A \$10 fee will be deducted from any refund to cover processing expenses.
  11. Lameness will not be classified but will be evaluated.
  12. Participants riding more than one entry in a class must have a handler and tack for each horse.
  13. No whipping of horses is allowed in the show ring or the hitching ring.
  14. The term "breeder" on the entry form is defined as the person owning the mare at the time of foaling.
  15. All horses are to be shown in the order they appear in the program.
  16. Unruly horses will be excused at the discretion of the Committee and/or the Ring Master.
  17. For this evaluation, snaffle bits must be round, smooth and a minimum of 3/8" in diameter. No twisted wire mouth pieces, square mouth pieces or rubber bits are allowed. Rubber-covered bits are allowed.
  18. Class size is limited to 10 entries for Other Registered Light Horse and Pony Breed classes.
  19. The Committee reserves the right to decide any point not covered by the rules and to make corrections as necessary.
  20. You can designate your horse/pony as being for "For Sale" in the Day Program for \$5.00.
  21. The Canadian Morgan Horse Association, Alberta/NWT Zone will award the highest scoring Purebred Morgan yearling, 2-year-old and Performance Horse \$50.00 each. The Appaloosa Horse Association of Alberta has a Horse Improvement Program incentive. Contact Chris Ullmann for details at (403) 350-6349.
  22. Entries must be received by the Secretary no later than September 8, 2006.

**The SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Saturday, September 16, 2006  
8:30 a.m.**

Breaks to be announced

**CONFORMATION EVALUATION OF YEARLING  
AND TWO-YEAR-OLD HORSES**

- CLASS 1** QUARTER HORSE: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 2** PONY BREEDS: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 3** APPALOOSA: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 4** OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREEDS: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 5** MORGAN: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 6** PARTBRED MORGAN: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 7** ARABIAN: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 8** PARTBRED ARABIAN: YEARLINGS
- CLASS 9** PONY BREEDS: 2-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 10** QUARTER HORSE: 2-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 11** APPALOOSA: 2-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 12** OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREEDS: 2-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 13** MORGAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 14** PARTBRED MORGAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 15** ARABIAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 16** PARTBRED ARABIAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS

**PERFORMANCE AND CONFORMATION  
EVALUATIONS OF 3-, 4-, AND 5-YEAR-OLDS**

**NOTE:**

- ✓ All performance evaluations using Pattern 3 (driving) will be done first.
- ✓ Horses perform their Pattern then untack/unharness and proceed to the veterinarian for conformation evaluation.

- CLASS 17** PONY BREEDS: 3, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 18** QUARTER HORSE: 3-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 19** APPALOOSA: 3-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 20** ARABIAN: 3-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 21** MORGAN: 3, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 22** PARTBRED MORGAN: 3, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 23** OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREEDS:  
3, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 24** PARTBRED ARABIAN: 3, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 25** ARABIAN: 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 26** QUARTER HORSE: 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS
- CLASS 27** APPALOOSA: 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS

**APPALOOSA CLASSES**

**CLASS 3 -APPALOOSA: YEARLINGS**

This class is for fillies, colts and geldings that meet the registration requirements in the general rules, born in Alberta during 2005 and owned by an Albertan at the time of foaling. Horses will be individually evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

**CLASS 11 - APPALOOSA: TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies, colts and geldings that meet the registration requirements in the general rules, born in Alberta during 2004 and owned by an Albertan at the time of foaling. Horses will be evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

**CLASS 19 - APPALOOSA: PERFORMANCE 3 -YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies, colts and geldings that meet the registration requirements in the general rules, born in Alberta during 2003 and owned by an Albertan at the time of foaling. Each entry will be individually at halter by the veterinarian and perform the assigned pattern scored by two performance Judges, consisting of simple exercises that are consistent with the training of a young horse. Horses are to be shown in an appropriate bit or bosal. No tie downs or martingales are allowed. Horses cannot be shown with a dropped noseband. Appointments do not count. The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

**PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1**

**CLASS 27 - APPALOOSA: PERFORMANCE, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for mares, geldings and stallions born in Alberta between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002 and owned by an Albertan at the time of foaling. Each entry will be individually at halter by the veterinarian and perform the assigned pattern scored by two performance Judges, consisting of simple exercises that are consistent with the training of a young horse. Horses are to be shown in an appropriate bit or bosal. No tie downs or martingales are allowed. Horses cannot be shown with a dropped noseband. Appointments do not count. The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

**PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 2**

## **ARABIAN AND PART-BRED ARABIAN CLASSES**

Canadian registration papers must be used when horses are registered in the Canadian registry.

### **CLASS 7 - ARABIAN: YEARLINGS**

This class is for fillies, geldings and stallions born in Alberta during 2005 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Horses will be individually evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

### **CLASS 15 - ARABIAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies, geldings and stallions born in Alberta during 2004 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Horses will be individually evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

### **CLASS 20 - ARABIAN: PERFORMANCE, 3-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies, geldings and stallions born in Alberta during 2003 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Each entry will be individually at halter by the veterinarian and perform the assigned pattern scored by two performance Judges. The horse may be ridden English or Western in an appropriate bit or bosal. The pattern consists of using three gaits, lead changes, lengthened trot and backing; all simple exercises that are consistent with the training of a young horse. Appointments do not count. The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

#### ***PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1***

### **CLASS 25 - ARABIAN: PERFORMANCE, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for mares, geldings and stallions born in Alberta between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Each entry will be individually at halter by the veterinarian and perform the assigned pattern scored by two performance Judges. Horses may be ridden English or Western with an appropriate bit or bosal. The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

#### ***PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 2***

### **CLASS 8 - PARTBRED ARABIAN: YEARLINGS**

This class is for fillies and geldings born in Alberta during 2005 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Horses will be individually evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

### **CLASS 14 - PARTBRED ARABIAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies and geldings born in Alberta during 2004 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Horses will be individually evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

### **CLASS 22 - PARTBRED ARABIAN: PERFORMANCE, 3-, 4- AND 5-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies and geldings born in Alberta between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2003 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Each entry will be individually at halter by the veterinarian and perform the assigned pattern scored by two performance Judges. Horses may be ridden English or Western, with an appropriate bit or bosal. The pattern consists of using three gaits, lead changes, lengthened trot and backing; all simple exercises that are consistent with the training of a young horse. Appointments do not count. The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

#### ***PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1***

## **MORGAN AND PARTBRED MORGAN CLASSES**

### **CLASS 5- MORGAN: YEARLINGS**

This class is for fillies, geldings and stallions born in Alberta during 2005 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Horses will be individually evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

### **CLASS 13 - MORGAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies, geldings and stallions born in Alberta during 2004 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Horses will be individually evaluated at halter by three evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

### **CLASS 21 -MORGAN: PERFORMANCE, 3, 4 & 5-YEAR OLDS**

This class is for fillies, geldings and stallions born in Alberta between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2003 and owned by an Albertan at time of foaling. Each entry will be individually at halter by the veterinarian and perform the assigned pattern scored by two performance Judges. Horses may be ridden English or Western, with an appropriate bit or bosal. The pattern consists of using three gaits, lead changes, lengthened trot and backing; all simple exercises that are consistent with training of a young horse. Appointments do not count. The horse may be driven in a two-wheel cart or bike. The pattern consists of walking, trotting, stops and backup. These are consistent with training the young horse.

The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%). **PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1 (saddle) OR NUMBER 3 (driving)-Please declare your choice on the entry form**

**CLASS 6 – PARTBRED MORGAN: YEARLINGS**

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**CLASS 14 – PARTBRED MORGAN: 2-YEAR-OLDS**

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**CLASS 22 –PARTBRED MORGAN: PERFORMANCE, 3, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS**

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**PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1 (saddle) OR NUMBER 3 (driving)-Please declare your choice on the entry form**

**OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREED CLASSES**

**CLASS 4 –OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREEDS: YEARLINGS**

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**CLASS 12 –OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREEDS: 2-YEAR-OLDS**

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evaluators. Horses must be trained to walk and trot in a straight line to and away from the evaluators and be handled as necessary. Each horse's score will be an average of the three evaluator's scores.

**CLASS 23 –OTHER LIGHT HORSE BREEDS: PERFORMANCE, 3, 4 & 5-YEAR OLDS**

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**PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1 (saddle) OR NUMBER 3 (driving)-Please declare your choice on the entry form**

**PONY BREED CLASSES**

**CLASS 2 –PONY BREEDS: YEARLINGS**

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**CLASS 9 –PONY BREEDS: 2-YEAR-OLDS**

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**CLASS 17 –PONY BREEDS: PERFORMANCE, 3, 4 & 5-YEAR OLDS**

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The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

**PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1 (saddle) OR NUMBER 3 (driving)-Please declare your choice on the entry form**

## **QUARTER HORSE CLASSES**

### **CLASS 1 –QUARTER HORSE: YEARLINGS**

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### **CLASS 10 - QUARTER HORSE: 2-YEAR-OLDS**

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### **CLASS 18 - QUARTER HORSE: PERFORMANCE 3 - YEAR-OLDS**

This class is for fillies, colts and geldings that meet the registration requirements in the general rules, born in Alberta during 2003 and owned by an Albertan at the time of foaling. Each entry will be individually at halter by the veterinarian and perform the assigned pattern scored by two performance Judges, consisting of simple exercises that are consistent with the training of a young horse. Horses are to be shown in an appropriate bit or bosal. No tie downs or martingales are allowed. Horses cannot be shown with a dropped noseband. Appointments do not count. The final score will be based on performance (75%) and conformation (25%).

**PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 1**

### **CLASS 26 - QUARTER HORSE: PERFORMANCE, 4 & 5-YEAR-OLDS**

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**PERFORMANCE PATTERN-NUMBER 2**

**Sponsorships for the Alberta Horse Improvement Program are vital and are greatly appreciated.**

**The Alberta Horse Improvement Program Association wished to thank the 2005  
“Friends of Horse Improvement” and the Sponsoring Organizations**

Alberta Morgan Horse Association  
Alberta Quarter Horse Breeders Group  
Calgary Arabian Horse Association  
Canadian Morgan Horse Association - Alberta/NWT Zone  
Equine and Acreage Essentials, Olds, AB  
Kathy Padgham, *Avonroy Morgans*, Leduc, AB  
Strathcona Arabian Horse Association  
Vern Baron & Ann de St. Remy, *Canabar Farm*, Lacombe, AB

## EVALUATION SYSTEM

Each horse is scored out of a maximum of 20 points for each of five categories - front limbs, hind limbs, head, neck, body and balance, athletic movement and type. Scores of 18, 19, and 20 are considered excellent, and reflect correctness or excellence. These scores tell the breeder he is approaching the ideal. Scores of 15, 16, and 17 are considered good, and reflect that little is wrong, however there is considerable room for improvement. Scores of 12, 13, and 14 are considered fair, and reflect that faults are present that will not greatly affect usefulness, but will greatly reduce value. Scores of 9, 10, and 11 are considered poor and reflect serious faults that affect the horse's usefulness, soundness and marketability. This allows evaluators to give credit where credit is due and be critical when warranted. For example, if a horse has exceptional type, but very small feet, the horse may be scored 19 or 20 for type and 9 or 10 for front limbs. If a horse scores less than 10 in any category, the horse cannot be classified.

## CATEGORIES

### Front Limbs - 20 Points

Evaluators appraise the front feet, front legs, knees and shoulder from the front and side at the walk, trot and halt. Horses score 18, 19 or 20 for moving and standing particularly straight, for having exceptional bone, short cannon bones, long forearm, long sloping shoulder, etc. Horses score less than 15, 16 or 17 for minor conformation faults which do not nominally lead to unsoundness. Horses would score 12, 13 or 14 where faults exist that may not greatly affect soundness, but may limit performance. Horses would score 9, 10 or 11 for major conformation faults which affect soundness and performance (evaluator's judgement). Comments are appropriate.

Examples:

MINOR FAULTS	MAJOR FAULTS
Toe in or out	Contracted heels
Winging or paddling	Excessively upright pastern
Upright pastern	Excessively fine bone
Straight shoulder	Calf knees
Base narrow	Offset knees
Base wide	Excessively tied-in behind
Small feet	Base narrow, toe out
Slight calf knees	Excessively small feet
Slight offset knees	Club foot, side bones

### Hind Limbs - 20 Points

Evaluators appraise the hind feet, hind legs, hocks, gaskin and hip from the side and back at the walk, trot and halt. Horses may score 18, 19 or 20 for moving or standing particularly straight or for having exceptional bone, muscle or form to function. Horses score 15, 16 or 17 for minor conformation faults which would not normally lead to unsoundness or limit performance. Horses score 12, 13 or 14 for conformation faults that may not affect soundness, but may limit performance. Horses score 9, 10 or 11 for major conformation faults that affect soundness and performance (evaluator's opinion). Brief comments are appropriate.

Examples:

MINOR FAULTS	MAJOR FAULTS
Slightly coon-footed	Coon-footed
Camped behind	Sickle-hocked
Cow hocks	Post-legged
Bandy-legged	Cow hocks
Slightly sickle hocked	
Slightly post-legged	
Lack of muscle	
Toe in or out	
Rope walking	
Small feet	

### Head, Neck, Body and Balance - 20 Points each

Evaluators appraise head, neck, body and balance when standing and moving. Balance is relative to body proportions. Horses score 18, 19 or 20 for exceptional characteristics and balance. Horses score 15, 16 or 17 for minor conformation faults or unsightliness (e.g. long head, roman nose, pig eyes, ewe neck, thick throatlatch, cresty, thick neck, short neck, improper angulations, long back, shallow girth, goose rump, high tail-set). Horses score 12, 13 or 14 when conformation faults become more exaggerated thus limiting performance. Horses score 9, 10 or 11 if, in the opinion of the evaluator, the horse has a combination of faults that would make the horse potentially unusable, being excessively out of proportion, downhill or overreaching.

### Athletic Movement - 20 Points

Evaluators appraise athletic movement primarily on the profile at the walk and especially at the trot. The horse that meets the standard for movement will be well balanced, coordinated and will travel naturally in an easy rhythmic manner. The athletic horse should have a long stride while driving off the hind quarters and showing rhythm and lightness. Horses would score 18, 19 or 20 for exceptional free, easy movements and long stride. Horses would score 15, 16 or 17 for movement that is shorter strided, moves on the forehand or is not fluid. Horses would score 12, 13 or 14 for being short strided, lack drive from the hind quarters, heavy on the forehand and lack rhythm. Horses would score 9, 10 or 11 for interfering due to over reaching or excessive short choppy stride, out of balance or heavy on the forehand. Four basic components of athletic movement scored will be length of stride, lightness, rhythm and impulsion.

### Type - 20 Points

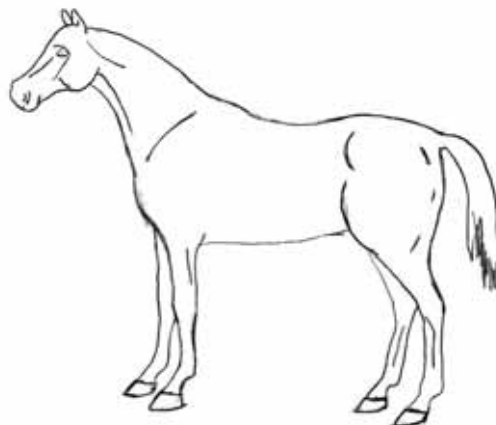
Evaluators appraise type on the basis of overall eye appeal, characteristics and breed standards while standing. Horses score 18, 19 or 20 for refinements, presence, fitness, ideal size, athletic appearance. Horses score 15, 16 or 17 for lack of refinement, fitness and type. Horses score 12, 13 or 14 for coarseness, a poor eye or poor turnout or for being too large or too small and off type, etc. Evaluators may score type at 9, 10 or 11 if, in their opinion, it has no useful athletic function or marketability.

### Score Sheet for Halter Evaluations

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

ID/Colour: \_\_\_\_\_

Trait	Score	Athletic Movement	
1. Front Limbs (20)		Stride	_____
2. Hind Limbs (20)			_____
3. Head, Neck, Body and Balance (20)		Rhythm	_____
4. Athletic Movement (20)		Lightness	_____
5. Type (20)			_____
<b>TOTAL</b>		Impulsion	_____



Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERFORMANCE CLASS EVALUATION

The objective of the performance patterns in the Horse Improvement Program is to evaluate athletic ability, temperament and trainability of the young horse. The patterns are made up of simple manoeuvres consistent with basic training of young horses in each breed. This includes such manoeuvres as walk, trot, canter, change of leads, change of direction, moving off the leg, halting and backing.

A horse should excel if it remains under control, moves in a light, relaxed, rhythmic style and executes the transitions correctly and quietly. The horse should appear to be a willing participant who enjoys the activity.

It should be emphasized that the Horse Improvement Program tries to identify horses that have potential to excel in a wide range of performances. Training for specialized activities such as pleasure, trail, reining, park horse, dressage, jumping etc. is not part of the evaluation.

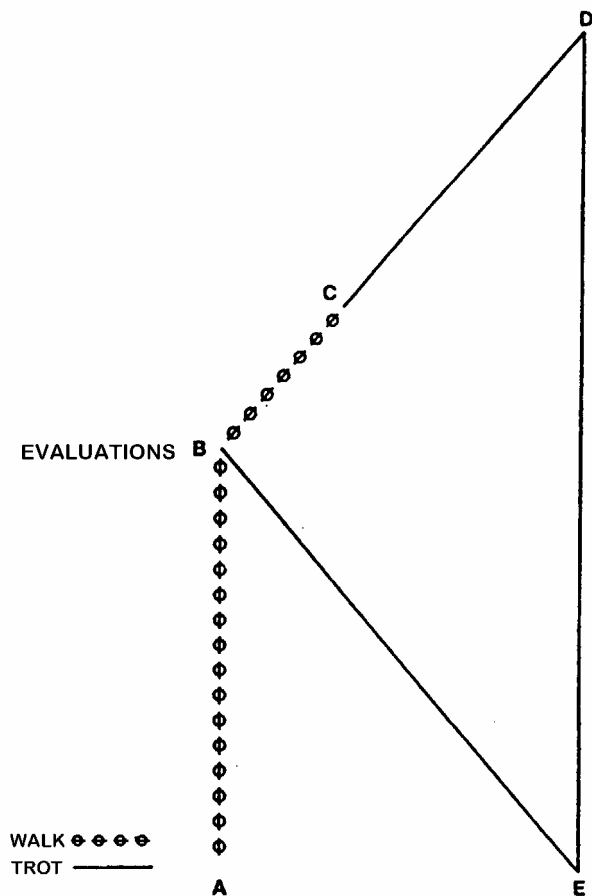
Each Performance Pattern is divided into elements, each having a maximum score of 10 pt. These elements do not necessarily match the numbers for the written description of each Performance Pattern. Each Performance Pattern is scored by 2 Judges. These Judges also assign a value to Movement that is carried over to the Halter evaluation Score Sheet. The Halter evaluation is conducted by the Veterinarian

### HALTER PATTERN

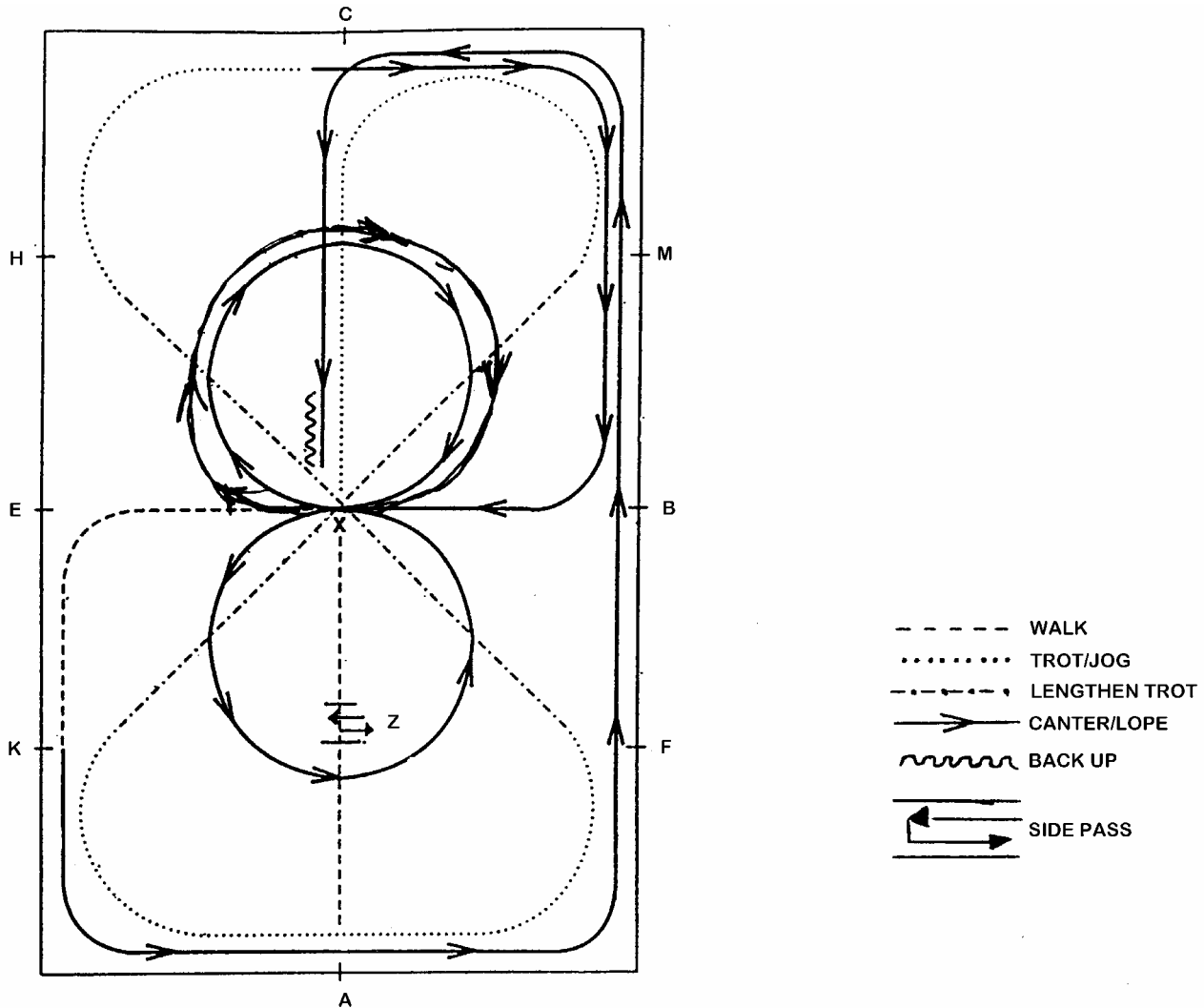
1. Start at A, walk to B
2. Walk, B C
3. Trot, C D
4. Strong rhythmic trot, D E
5. Trot, E B
6. At B, stand horse squarely for inspection

#### NOTE:

1. A B C, Horses are to walk at a normal walk without stopping at B
2. D to E, Horses are to be shown at a strong rhythmic trot allowing for free forward movement. It is recommended that horses be shown without a chain, thereby allowing the horses to move forward naturally
3. Handlers are not allowed to hand place horse's legs
4. Stand horses naturally with equal weight on all four feet.
5. It is important that your horse exhibit a strong, rhythmic trot when asked. This trot should clearly exhibit a lengthening of stride. Make sure you practice with your horse wearing the halter or headstall that it will wear in the class.



## PERFORMANCE PATTERN – NUMBER 1

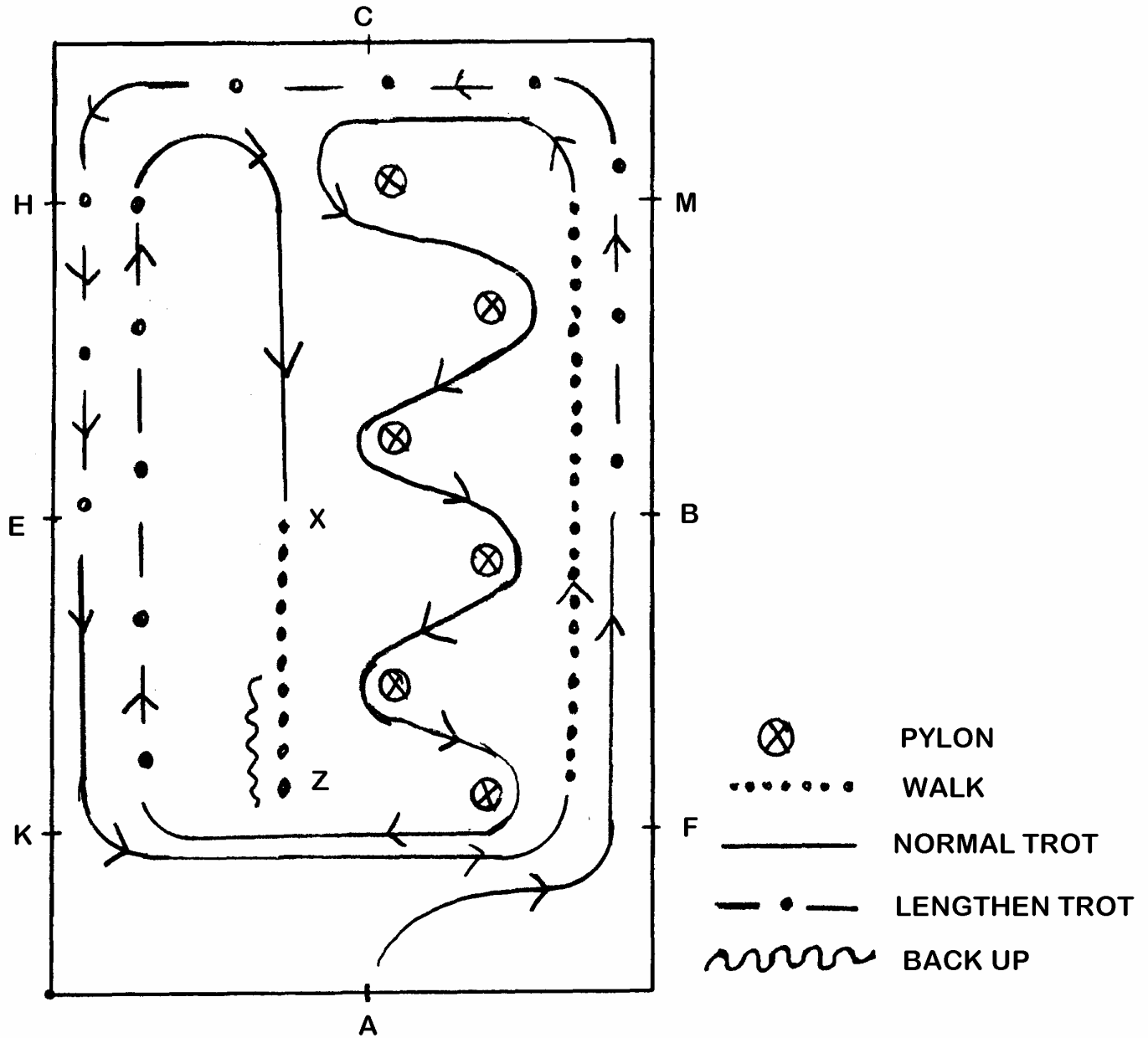


1. Enter at A, walk A to Z
2. At Z stop, hesitate, side pass right 3 strides, hesitate
3. Side pass left 3 strides
4. Walk Z to X
5. At X, normal trot (jog), X C M
6. At M, change rein. M X K, lengthen trot (jog)
7. At K, normal trot (jog), K A F
8. At F, change rein, F X H, lengthen trot (jog)
9. At H, normal trot, H C
10. At C, canter (lope), right lead, C M B X
11. At X, circle to right (15 metre diameter), return to X, change lead at X, circle left (15 metre diameter), return to X, change lead, circle right to X
12. At X, walk, X E K
13. At K, canter (lope), left lead, K A F B M C X
14. At X, stop, hesitate, rein back 5 steps, stop and settle horse
15. At the trot (jog), leave arena
16. All horses must return for the award presentation

**NOTE: Simple lead or flying lead changes are acceptable. Flying lead changes will not necessarily be awarded any more points than simple lead changes. The key is to do the lead change well.**



PERFORMANCE PATTERN – NUMBER 3



1. Enter at A and normal trot to B
2. At B, lengthened trot M C H E
3. At E, normal trot, K A F
4. At F, walk, F B M
5. At M, normal trot serpentine through pylons, M B F K
6. At K, lengthened trot to H
7. At H, normal trot H X
8. At X, stop, allow horse to settle, walk to Z
9. At Z, stop, allow horse to settle, back 5 steps, stop, allow horse to settle
10. At walk, leave arena
11. All horses must return for the awards presentation (may be hitched or unhitched)