



The Traditional Cob Registry

ONLINE STALLION GRADING

GUIDE TO MAKING THE STALLION GRADING ASSESSMENT VIDEO

Before recording the video choose a suitable location and make sure that the stallion and handler are well turned out (points will be lost for bad turn out and presentation). When recording the video make sure that your mobile is always in LANDSCAPE MODE (sideways). PRACTICE BEFORE RECORDING.

Record all three parts in one continuous recording

PART 1. BREED REPRESENTATION (max time one minute)

1. When you start recording the video make sure that the stallion is standing to attention (upright and proud) and as straight and square as possible and that you are facing the LEFT side of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet.
2. Hold the camera as still as possible and walk anti-clockwise (left) until you have circled the entire stallion and have returned to the LEFT side of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet (which should be at the place you started recording the video).

PART 2. CONFORMATION (max time two minutes)

NECK, SHOULDERS WITHERS, BACK, BODY, HINDQUARTERS AND LEGS

3. Still facing the LEFT side of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet have the handler push any mane from the left side of the neck to the right side of the neck so that the stallion's full top-line (from the top of the head to the tail) is clearly visible.
4. Walk around the front of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet until you are facing the RIGHT side of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet.
5. Still facing the RIGHT side of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet have the handler push any mane from the right side of the neck to the right side of the neck so that the stallion's full top-line (from the top of the head to the tail) is clearly visible.
6. Walk around to the back of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet. Make sure that the stallion is standing as straight as possible behind and have the handler pull the tail to one side so that the stallion's hindlegs are clearly visible.
7. Walk around to the front of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet. Make sure that the stallion is standing as straight as possible in front.

HEAD, EARS, EYES AND MOUTH

8. Walk from the front of the stallion towards the RIGHT side of the stallion's head and have the handler pull the forelock to the left so as that the entire right side of the head (from ears to muzzle) is clearly visible. Walk around the FRONT of the head to the LEFT side of the head and have the handler pull the forelock to the right so that the entire left side of the head (from ears to muzzle) is clearly visible.
9. Have the handler to pull the lips apart so as to allow the stallion's bite level to be assessed.

MANE AND TAIL HAIR AND LEG FEATHERING

10. Walk backwards and so that you are facing the LEFT side of the stallion at a distance of about 12 to 15 feet and circle the stallion once.
11. You can also ask the handler to pull out the leg feathering so as to show it off at its best.

PART 3. MOVEMENT (max time two minutes)

WALK AND TROT

12. Ask the handler to walk the stallion in a straight line away from you for at least 30 feet and then to turn the stallion and walk back towards you in a straight line. Do this again.
13. Ask the handler to trot the stallion in a straight line away from you for at least 40 feet and then to turn the stallion and trot back towards you in a straight line. Do this again.