

## INSPECTION GUIDELINES

1. All exhibitors must first REGISTER their horse with AWS & the owner must be a current member. Submit all required forms with the Inspection Entry form & fees at least 15 days prior to Inspection or Rush fee applies.
2. The Inspection signup is between 7-9 a.m. depending the number of horses. The horses are shown in age order, weanlings first (stallions may go first if requested). Everyone is encouraged to arrive at sign-up and learn from the open, educational format. Expect to stay until after awards, approximately 2-3 pm.
3. The triangle is approximately 80 x 100 x 80 feet. The handler leads the horse on the perimeter of the triangle clockwise at the walk & trot as directed. Weanlings, Yearlings & 2 yr olds are **also** shown at liberty. The horse is presented at the triangle apex for conformation judging.
4. The Inspectors may excuse any unruly or unsafe horse, whose actions threaten to endanger exhibitors, volunteers, or officials.
5. A horse may be excused for unsoundness at the Inspectors discretion and encouraged to be re-inspected at a later time. Bloodlines/ history are provided only after scores are completed.
6. Braiding of the mane is optional, but encouraged for a better view/score of the neck.
7. Bridles are mandatory for two year olds and older. A bridle shall consist of any USEF dressage legal snaffle bit with a headstall and a throatlatch. Nosebands are optional. A split or single chain with a lead may be used in addition or instead of two reins.
8. Bandages or boots of any kind are forbidden during the inspection.
9. The handler and/or their assistant may each carry only one humane whip to use as an effective quiet aid (no snapping). Additional devices are not allowed (no bags).
10. Conservative attire is recommended for the handler. Attire should be neutral & contrast with the color of the horse, ie, handler wears beige or white, as most horses have color.
11. Questions are permitted and encouraged from exhibitors and/or spectators after the scoring of a horse. Bloodlines will also be asked at that time.



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AWS inspections are offered for the AWS registered, nominated or recorded horses and sport ponies throughout each year, coast to coast. See the latest Inspection calendar on the AWS website for Inspections in your area.

The horses and sport ponies may be any age, The score designations of Certified, Red Preferred, Blue Preferred or Supreme Horse or Pony will be stamped on the Certificate of Registration. These AWS designations are **only** awarded at the AWS Inspections.



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# American Warmblood Society –Performance Sporthorse Registry



## Walk - Correctness and Purity

Four even beats in length as well as height. Regular and Rhythmical with straight alignment in the fore and hind while in flight.

## Walk - Quality

Stepping forward from behind in a generous & athletic way. Creating a swinging momentum throughout the body (elastic & supple). Measurable in the overstride from the hind legs (taking in consideration the length of the back). Freely reaching forward through the shoulders down to the hooves showing articulation in all the joints resulting in a harmonious and balanced walk with a ground covering and marching tempo.

## Trot - Correctness and Purity

Two even beats in length as well as height. Regular and rhythmical with straight alignment in the fore and hind legs while in flight.

## Trot - Quality

Stepping clearly forward from behind with an uphill profile. Elastic with natural engagement, impulsion and showing good articulation of the joints. Freedom of the shoulders and haunches with balanced self-carriage. Suspension off the ground. Ideally should round and lengthen on the topline with cresting at the top of the poll. The head reflects the balanced self-carriage of the horse being nearly vertical.

## Frame, Loin, and Back -

A well-connected and strong and back. Harmonious proportions of the head and neck, mid-section, and hind. The topline smoothly connected, strongly muscled and uphill from the dock of the tail to the top of the poll. A deep heart girth (the distance around the body at the wither) with sufficient width between the legs. The frame should be rectangular in shape rather than square.

## Head, Neck and Wither -

The head and the neck should be in proportion to the body. The eyes large, and alert. The nostrils with good air capacity. The neck wedge shaped - the top side of the neck strongly muscled with a gradual and smooth rounding coming out of the wither to the top of the poll without any deviations. Supple in the poll (the highest part of the topline or skeletal structure). The bottom side of the neck refined with the attachment above the point of the shoulder rising in a concave arch into the throat-latch unrestricted. The neck is set moderately high into the shoulder. The wither is well defined with a gradual slope into the back with moderately good height.



## .Shoulder and Forelegs -

The shoulder and humerus should be long and sloping showing a 90° angle from the wither to the point of the shoulder and then to the elbow. The shoulder displaying prominent depth. Straight and strong forelegs, well muscled, with short cannon bones. The elbows should be loose, mobile, and level with the dimple of the stifle, All joints well chiseled and dry. The pasterns moderately sloping and flexible. The hooves strong, round and always in proportion to the body. Sufficient quantity of bone in proportion to the body.

## Hindquarters and Hind Legs -

Correct angulation capable of producing propulsion and energy indicated by a perfect triangle from the point of the hip to the point of the buttock inward to the stifle, then back to the hip. A strong, powerful, rounded croup, with a long muscular structure stretching into the gaskin. The hind limbs straight from the rear view. All joints should be well chiseled and dry. The pasterns moderately sloping and flexible. The hooves strong and round and always in proportion to the body. The bones in proportion to the body, strong, chiseled and dry.

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